

COMPOSTING AS A CO-CURRICULA
ACTIVITY FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS;THE
NIGERIAN EXPERIENCE

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OVERVIEW

- The paper describes an attempt to inculcate composting education as a co curricular activity in selected secondary schools in western nigeria.
- The programme aimed to raise the level of learners environmental awareness and also build team work,responsibility,reliability and group dynamics in learners.
- Ten secondary schools were targeted in oyo and osun states of western nigeria.
- The objectives,processes,perspectives and adaptive measures were discussed

Map of Africa



Map of Nigeria

LAND AREA –923,768,640
Sq.Kilometers.

POPULATION – 140,003,542

LOCATION –WESTERN AFRICA,
BORDERED BY THE NORTH ATLANTIC
OCEAN, BENIN AND CAMEROUN.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISIONS- 36
STATES AND 1 CAPITAL TERRITORY

TIME- GMT+1 HOUR

ADULT LITERACY-57.1PERCENT



AIM of THE PROGRAMME

- Develop environmentally friendly behaviors (recycling and composting) in young learners as a way of achieving environmental stability
- Provide an enjoyable framework and environment for young people to learn and practice composting
- Reduce the volume of compostable waste being incinerated.
- ***HOW? - Organize and inspire Secondary schools to start composting clubs and begin composting in schools***

Guide I adopted..

- **Little rotters** composting handbook(2nd edition).
Published by the national federation of groundwork trusts.(Dec.2004)
- Author. Nicola blight
- Ammendment. Sarah smith

Guide flow-chart

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

- NO of schools targeted-----10
- No of schools visited-----12
- No of schools currently with composting clubs-----4
- Total no of students registered in clubs-----117
(73males &45 females)

Challenges

external

- Funding
- No local recycling officer
- School administrators misconceptions
- Parental misconceptions

internal

- Concerns about hygiene(participants and the school environment)
- Teachers workloads
- Concerns about school and homework commitments
- Interest in other activities----music, athletics &drama etc