


STEP-5 File




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INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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SUBJ : **Report on the Validation Conducted in Normoh Community Forest, Kongba District, Gbarpolu County**

DATE : September 20, 2019

We are pleased to submit to management findings from the validation exercise conducted in Normoh Community Forest located in Kongba District, Gbarpolu County.

Attached is the report.

Best regards.

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1. Introduction/ Background

Accordingly, **Section 2.4 of the Community Rights Law of 2009 with Respect to Forest Lands** mandates that a Community Forest Land shall be identified, validated and recommended by the Forestry Development Authority for approval by the Community Forestry Management Body. This is followed by the nine steps, including the conduct of validation and subsequent demarcation exercises which a community must complete before acquiring full community forest status.

Having fulfilled the above requirements followed by the conduct of Socio-Economic Survey for Normoh Community Forest, the GIS & Remote Sensing Division was mandated by the Management of the Forestry Development Authority (FDA) to conduct validation exercises on the location, metes and bounds and the actual shape and size of the Community Forest. Predicated upon this, two technicians; Mentor Y. Sarvah and William D. Quayee (Inventory Officers) were mandated to conduct said validation exercise in Normoh Community Forest within a period of fourteen (14) days.

Objective

There are numerous reasons for the validation of Normoh Community Forest, they are as follow:

1. To get the actual shape and size of the Community Forest;
2. To get the actual location of the Community Forest;
3. To come out with the metes and bounds of the Community Forest area and
4. To establish if there exist any overlapped

2. Methodology

In order to successfully carry out this task, we arrived in Normoh Clan, Gbarpolu County and explain our mission to the community inhabitants. We were welcomed and accompanied by four persons (4) that were selected to take us at the various forest boundary areas and towns. And with the use of GPS maps 62s, we captured coordinates of those areas.

3. Findings

Below are findings from the validation exercise:

- ✓ Normoh Community Forest lies within Latitude (320018 876618) North of the Equator and Longitude (320018 848506) West of the Greenwich Meridian;
- ✓ It has a total area of 12,483 hectares / 30,846 acres and is located in Kongba District, Gbarpolu County. (See figures 1, 2, & 3).

- ✓ The Community Forest does not overlap with any FDA Concession, Protected or Proposed Protected areas. (See figures 1).

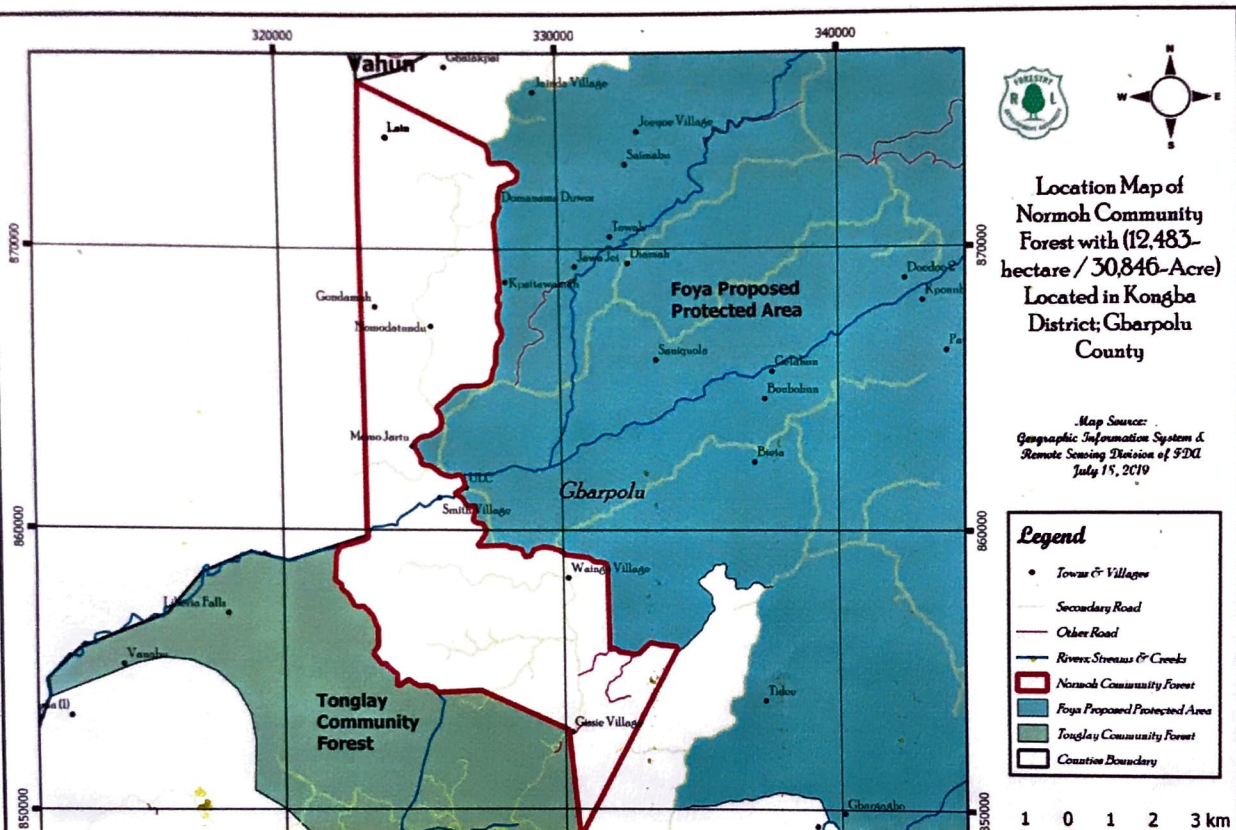
4. Conclusion

The objectives of the validation exercise of Normoh Community Forest were successfully achieved.

5. Recommendation

We recommend that:

The 12,483 hectares / 30,846 acres be approved and awarded for the Normoh Community Forest status.



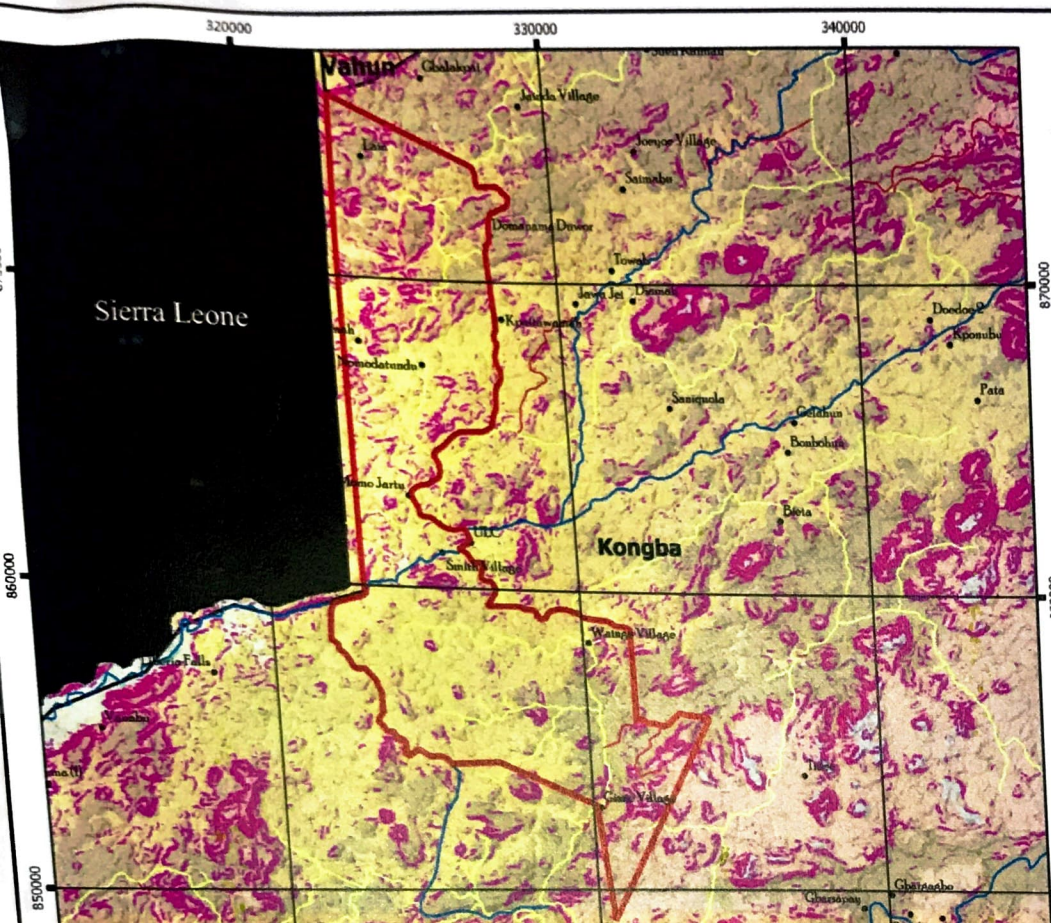
Location Map of Normoh Community Forest with (12,483-hectare / 30,846-Acre) Located in Kongba District; Gbarpolu County

Map Source: Geographic Information System & Remote Sensing Division of FDCI July 15, 2019

Legend

- Towns & Villages
- Secondary Road
- Other Road
- Rivers, Streams & Creeks
- ▭ Normoh Community Forest
- ▭ Foya Proposed Protected Area
- ▭ Tonglay Community Forest
- ▭ Country Boundary

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Relief & Hydrographic
Map of Normoh
Community Forest
Located in Kongba
District Gbarpolu
County

Legend

- Towns & Villages
- Rivers, Streams & Creeks
- Secondary Road
- Other Road
- ▭ Normoh Community Forest
- Slope > 30%

Map Source:
Geographic Information System &
Remote Sensing Division of FDI
July 18, 2019

