



## Legislative Forest Dialogue Krahn-Bassa Proposed Protected Area 18 November 2022



***“Support planning and implementation of Legislative Forest Dialogue on Krahn-Bassa Proposed Protected Area and ensure effective engagement with key stakeholders”.***

### FACILITATION REPORT

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## Background of the Assignment:

[The National Forest Reform Law \(NFRL 2006\)](#) commits Liberia to set aside 30% of its forest area for protection and sustainable management. [Liberia's 6.605 million hectares of forest \(NFI 2018\)](#) constitutes 42% of the Upper Guinea Forest Ecosystem and is home to many rare and endemic fauna and flora species including the charismatic critically endangered western chimpanzee (*Pan troglodytes verus*), African Forest elephant (*Loxodonta cyclotis*) and the endangered white-bellied and long tailed or black bellied pangolins (*Phataginus tricuspis*, *Phataginus tetradactyla*) and the Giant ground pangolin (*Smutsia gigantea*) among several other species. Illegal Wildlife Trade (IVT), bushmeat hunting and trade, shifting cultivation (slash and burn agriculture), illegal chainsaw logging and artisanal mining constitute major drivers to degradation.

In 2016, Liberia's 54<sup>th</sup> national legislature passed the [Wildlife Conservation and Protected Area Management Law \(WCPAML 2016\)](#) as one of many legal frameworks to foster the completion of Proposed Protected Areas Network based on Executive Proclamations creating National Forests in 1959. To date, only five (5) protected areas have been gazetted constituting only 14% of forests protected out of 11 proposed, with seven (7) undergoing gazettement activities.

The estimated 235,222 ha Krahn-Bassa Proposed Protected Area (KBPPA), located Rivercess, Sinoe, and Grand Gedeh counties in South-East Liberia, is one of many proposed protected areas (PPAs) undergoing gazettement activities in partnership with eighty (80) host communities who depend on the forest for various livelihood activities and are located within and along the fringes of the PPA.

To date, stakeholder engagement exercises utilizing rights-based tools such as [Free Prior and Informed Consent \(FPIC\)](#), Conservation Awareness and Education strategies, sustainable livelihood initiatives and Participatory Land Use Mapping consistent with the [Liberia Land Rights Act \(LRA 2018\)](#) are being utilized as part of consultation and participation safeguards with host communities to facilitate acceptance and ownership. The pre-gazettement and gazettement activities have been made possible with funding from the World Bank's Liberia Forest Sector Project (LFSP), the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund, the Great Ape Conservation Fund/US Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Rainforest Trust, through the Forestry Development Authority (FDA) and the Wild Chimpanzee Foundation (WCF) since September 2016.

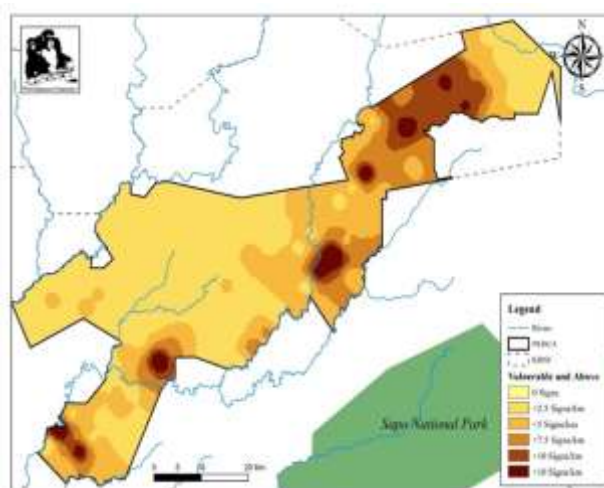


Figure 1: Krahn-Bassa Proposed Protected Area

To deal with the compendium of challenges associated with PPA gazettement and facilitate rapprochement between stakeholders, the FDA developed guidelines for Protected Area (PA) gazettement (**See Annex 1: PA gazettement guidelines**) which mandates, amongst other requirements, detailed, documented national and sub-national multi stakeholder engagement and consultation processes to foster awareness and education, build consensus around common recurrent themes and issues to facilitate a transparent process that achieves - *alignment of rural community developmental aspirations, land tenure, biodiversity conservation outcomes, and protection and management systems of Liberia's forest cover*. Consequently, in collaboration with the FDA and WCF, the Senate and House's Committees on Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries and Concession and Investment proposed a **Legislative Dialogue with stakeholders on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at D'Calabash Resort in Congo Town, Monrovia.**

To facilitate this process, the WCF hired two national consultants, Mr. Borwen L. Sayon and Ms. Toushi Itoka, to support the organization, coordination, and facilitation of the Legislative Dialogue. The consultants served under the direct supervision of Senator Dr. Tornonlah and primarily functioned in liaising with the FDA and legislative staff to shape the technical approach for the dialogue, its premise, objectives, technical sections, outcomes, and next steps. (**See Annex 2: Legislative Dialogue Agenda**).

This report documents the dialogue engagements throughout the assignment and the outcomes generated to support the next steps of the KBPPA gazettement.

### Objectives:

To achieve the deliverables set, the consultants worked with the Senate Committee, FDA and WCF to facilitate the development of technical objectives to guide the dialogue. The following is the set of objectives agreed for the legislative dialogue:

1. To create awareness on the Krahn-Bassa Proposed Protected Area (KBPPA) gazettement
2. To create a platform for stakeholders' consultation, participation, and input on the KBPPA gazettement
3. To develop a roadmap and build consensus on the next steps in the KBPPA gazettement

### Analysis of the Results:

No	Issues Raised	Priority ranking
1	Community Development Aspirations	Primary
2	Proposed Forest Governance and Management System	Primary
3	Benefit Sharing System	Primary
4	Ownership and relationship with FDA (distrust)	Primary
5	Participatory Land Use Mapping	Secondary
6	Land Tenure and Customary Rights in the National Forest	Secondary
7	Role of local County Authorities	Primary
8	Livelihood system (long term Programs versus Projects)	Primary
9	Awareness and Education (Strategy and roadmap)	Primary
10	Grievance Redress System (Alternative Dispute Resolution Mechanism)	Secondary
11	Opposition to the creation of the Protected Area	None

### Methodology:

The legislative dialogue was structured as follow:

- Presentation of the Technical Objectives
- Opening Statements from National Legislature, and International Donors
- Presentations from the FDA and Independent Research and Advisory Partners
- Information Session
- Plenary Discussion and Inputs to issues
- Synthesis and roadmap for the completion of the gazettement process
- Closing statements

### Proceedings:

The Legislative Dialogue commenced with Senator Tornonlah providing a background and overview of the engagement. He outlined Liberia's global and national commitments, which include setting aside



**Figure 2: Sen. Tornonlah of Senate Chair on Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries make**

a portion of its forest (30%) for conservation and sustainable management. He stressed the need for consideration of the many social issues and concerns of communities and stakeholders associated with gazettement of PPAs all around the world, including Liberia - with the Sapo National Park as a prime example of the need to ensure cooperation between all stakeholders for sustainable forest management. It is understanding the nuances of these issues, the potential benefits, the need to explore solutions around these issues and build consensus with stakeholders, which predicated the Legislature Dialogue – which aims to engage and educate, create a platform for respectful discussions, exchange of ideas, amplify critical issues,

explore sustainable solutions and most importantly, respect the principles of participation and consultation consistent with the Constitution of Liberia – which the National Legislature must ensure through oversight and accountability of the mandated institutions. He extended thanks to everyone for respecting the invitation and admonished stakeholders to participate, while asking for the organizers to listen and document the issues and views of participants.

For his part, Senator Numene T.H. Batekwa, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Concession and Investments emphasized the need to view the creation of Protected Areas through the lenses of investments. He stressed the imperative nature of stakeholder engagement through mutual respect of poor people perspective, and the need for consensus building with local communities, sectoral government partners, civil society actors, and private sector. Sen. Batekwa admonished that the discussions around the room must aim to raise the lives of the people by considering issues of land rights, developmental aspirations, participation in every form of management systems to be agreed in the future.



**Figure 3: Sen. Numene T.H. Batekwa speaking at the occasion**

Representative Johnson Gwaikolo buttressed previous statements made by his Senate colleagues by stressing the need for pragmatism in the gazettement processes, to ensure the benefits of the fringed communities are clear and fairly determined. He provided highlights of discussions at the just concluded COP27 and how in most of his engagement, Liberia's forest potential in global efforts to sequester carbon and reduce GHG emission – was strategic, hence the need to ensure forest protection and management – but to the benefit of local communities. He also provided update of Liberia's revised Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) and its commitments. The progression of discussions for Liberia to become a major player in the carbon market was unavoidable - something he alluded would create access to revenue for government and development for rural communities



**Figure 4: Rep. Johnson Gwaikolo making statement at the dialogue.**

Representatives of the USAID, European Union (EU), and British Embassy observed and expressed appreciation of the Legislative Dialogue, their respective institutional commitments to investment,



capacity enhancement and partnership with Liberia to sustainably manage and protect its natural assets (forest) while stressing the need for Legality, Transparency, Accountability, Equality and Fairness in the distribution, trade, management and utilization of forest resources and revenue to facility development and transition people out of poverty while safeguarding biodiversity.

Hon. Joseph J. Tally – FDA Deputy Managing Director for Operations spoke on behalf of the institution, expressing thanks to stakeholders for attending Legislative Dialogue as well as providing a detailed account of the gazettement process as a national forestry policy, the history and significance of the process and implications to the people of Liberia.

Hon. Tally's presentation was followed by Mr. Jerry Yonmah, Technical Manager for the Conservation Department at FDA, who provided the legal requirement and implications of the gazettement process of the KBPPA and the issues to consider. Mr. Yonmah's presentation was followed by Madam Evangeline Swope, Protected Area Manager of FDA, who gave an update of the KBPPA gazettement process. She outlined activities implemented to date as:

- The completion of Demographic survey and two Socio-economic surveys
- Wildlife and threat survey (using transect), Camera trapping and Biodiversity Rapid Assessment
- Data available also from nationwide chimpanzee and mammal survey (Tweh et al. 2014) and assessment for biodiversity conservation priority areas (Junker et al. 2015).
- Establishment of community Ecoguards program: 62 community members trained in May 2020 and March and October 2022; 8 community Ecoguards teams established with 32 permanent team members, including 11 women, patrolling since July 2020; at least 2 more teams to be formed in 2022/2023
- Exchange study tour to Grebo-Krahn National Park in October 2020
- Theatre awareness based on field research (done in 2020) conducted through radio drama and live performances, March-April 2021
- National information-sharing meeting in December 2020 and Regional and local awareness meetings in 2020 and 2021



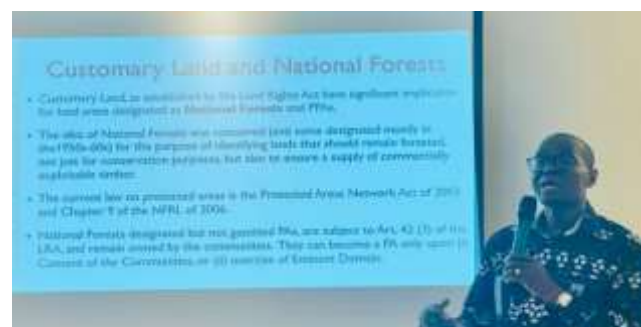
**Figure 5: Hon. Joseph J. Tally presents on the PPA gazettement protocol and implications**



**Figure 6: Mr. Jerry Yonmah presents on the legal requirements and Implications of the Gazettement process**



**Figure 7: Madam Evangeline Swope, PA Manager of FDA gave overview of KBPPA gazettement process**



**Figure 8: Cllr: Negbalee Warner of Heritage Partners and Associates makes a presentation on the legal requirement for PA gazettement**

The Legislative Dialogue Participants also benefited from a detailed and scholarly presentation by Cllr. Negbalee Warner, Managing Partners of Heritage Partners and Associates. He outlined the legal implications around the PA gazettement with special consideration to the implication of the communities' rights in the context of Customary Land and National Forest establishment.

### Plenary Discussions:

Following the presentations, the Dialogue transitioned to Plenary Discussion session to allow stakeholders to respond to issues and raise concerns and seek clarification. This session of the legislative dialogue was animated with the following key inputs from stakeholders:

#### 1) Senator Milton Teahjay – Sinoe County

- FDA and stakeholders should revisit the name - Kwa instead of Krahn-Bassa to facilitate ownership
- How is this KBPPA gazettement process different from what happened with Sapo National Park and its management?
- There is a need to clarify the socio-economic benefits from the local communities.
- How many direct and indirect jobs will be provided by KBPPA for communities - Not just park rangers
- There is a need for an independent verifier to have oversight and ensure fairness in accessing benefits from logging companies and PAs
- Road and infrastructure need to be developed so people can have access in and around the protected area.

#### 2) Senator Botoe Kanneh- Gbarpolu County

- FDA is undermining the forest they are supposed to protect. The institution must be sincere and work properly
- No benefits have come to the communities of the Gola Forest – how will KBPPA communities be different?
- Local communities depend on the forest for livelihood, what are the trade-offs?
- FDA rangers are not protecting the forest they are managing the checkpoints
- What is the difference between endangered and protected species- FDA needs to clarify?
- Boundary demarcation is very important for the communities to know the go and no-go areas



*Figure 9: Senator Botoe Kanneh of Gbarpolu provides perspective during the plenary discussions*

#### 3) Senator Wellington Gevon Smith – Rivercess County

- The forest communities cannot be the coolants of the world without clear benefits
- He is not opposing to the gazettement or to conservation, but how do the communities survive after the gazettement?
- He expressed lack of confidence in GOL existing governance and benefit system
- The area needs to have long term programs instead of short-term projects to avoid donor fatigue
- The benefit package needs to be OPEN- transparency is key for the communities to decide.



*Figure 10: Senator Wellington Gevon Smith provides input to the Plenary Discussion*

#### **4) Hon. Lee Nagbe Chea – Superintendent Sinoe County**

- FDA should change the name to Kwa to represent the ethnicities in the region
- There is a negative legacy of the gazettement process with Sapo
- FDA needs to be explicit about benefits for local communities
- There is a lack of access to revenue for forested communities
- Sustainable Livelihood actions is important
- FDA does not show the real picture of the challenges of the sector to its partners
- There needs to be an added value through job creation with this conservation process
- Lack of mobility for local authorities

#### **5) Senator Jeremiah Kountang – Nimba County**

- Climate change parliamentary dialogue opened his eyes to the threat that Climate change is having on the world.
- There needs to be points of convergence in the discussions for a win-win situation
- Tripartite agreement needs to be reached between government, local communities, and donors/NGOs
- Equity & Justice is key

#### **6) Representative Byron Zahnway- Rivercess County**

- Communities always get the short end of the stick when negotiating social benefits
- Lack of representation from legislative and local authorities in negotiations
- Alternatives of green bonds for zero emissions should directly target local communities
- Decentralization of benefit sharing- to come directly to local communities
- Chain-sawing damages the road so there should be a cut off point for logging companies to operate
- Alternative energy sources need to be explored to reduce charcoal burning

#### **7) Representative Alex Grant- Grand Gedeh County**

- Communities in Colombia live well from conservation agreements
- There needs to be a trickle-down effect of benefits to local communities
- Economic, social, and health benefits are important to local communities
- Livelihood should be in direct proportion to the ask for conservation

#### **8) Representative Meima Bridges Mensah- Bong County**

- Law makers should exercise legislative oversight on FDA and other agencies
- There needs to be better coordination with FDA and the local authorities
- Communities should have access to County Dev Fund

### **Synthesis and Roadmap:**

To maintain stakeholders' interests in the gazettement process, a synthesis of the list of future activities were identified to be collectively implemented in transparency to facilitate stakeholders' ownership of the KBPPA. The below table summarizes the next steps in the gazettement process based on priority:

#### **Next Steps:**

- 1) Develop a Co-management Structure
- 2) Develop a benefit sharing Mechanism
- 3) Develop a pragmatic sustainable livelihood system
- 4) Take into consideration Land Ownership issues
- 5) System for Grievance Redress
- 6) Develop a long-term financial mechanism for PA management

## **Moving Forward**

- 1) Rights- Communities and how they will be impacted by gazettelement
- 2) Benefits- Spell out how their lives will improve through gazettelement
- 3) Governance & management- local communities' roles and responsibilities
- 4) Strengthen engagement with local authorities

## **Conclusion:**

On behalf of the planners of the legislative dialogue, Sen. Tornonlah thanked the stakeholders for contributing to a healthy dialogue and stressed that all views had been documented for practical engagement with FDA, the communities and all stakeholders working in the KBPPA area. He stated that the legislative Dialogue is the first of many engagements and hoped in that in the coming 5-6 months, the KBPPA will be gazetted and that forest in the area can be properly managed to the benefit of communities. With these remarks, the Legislative Dialogue ended.

## **Recommendations/Observations:**

One apparent outcome of the dialogue was the competing interests of stakeholders in the process. Those interests vary from political to social, to economical to developmental and environmental. As a next step it would be important to capture key participants' interests and develop an engagement plan that speaks directly to their concerns.

It would also be important to identify 2 or 3 political champions from the proposed protected area in both the House and Senate to mobilize their colleagues and to work with local authorities and communities to move the process forward.



## Annex I: PA Gazettement Guidelines

### Forestry Development Authority Guidelines No.2-2022

#### Guidelines for Gazetteing Proposed Protected Areas in Liberia by the Forestry Development Authority

**WHEREAS**, the National Forestry Reform Law of 2006 establishes a transparent framework for the use, management, and protection of forest resources that balances the commercial, community, and conservation priorities of the Republic;

**WHEREAS**, Section 9.1 of the National Forestry Reform Law of 2006 and Section 5.2.1 of the National Wildlife Conservation and Protected Areas Management Law, 2012 (National Wildlife Law of 2012) authorize the Forestry Development Authority (FDA) to establish a Protected Forests Network to cover at least 30 percent of the existing forested areas of Liberia;

**WHEREAS**, Section 9.3 of the National Forestry Reform Law of 2006 and Section 5.4.1 of the National Wildlife Conservation and Protected Areas Management Law, 2012 layout the broad framework for the establishment and gazettelement of a Protected Area, thus creating the need for establishing detailed steps for establishing protected areas; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 19.1 of the National Forestry Reform Law of 2006 provides that the Authority may issue from time-to-time Regulations as well as standard agreements and procedural manuals, including guidelines and codes for the efficient implementation of this Law.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Forestry Development Authority does hereby issue these Guidelines as follows:

#### Section I: Background

Consistent with the statutory mandates given to the Forestry Development Authority (FDA) under the National Forestry Reform Law (NFRL) 9.1(a) and National Wildlife Law of 2012, it is required to include Proposed Protected Areas as part of the Protected Area Network. Since the passage of the NFRL, the FDA has gazetted three (3) of the Proposed Protected Areas. Experience from prior gazettelement has informed the need to establish a uniform process for gazetting other proposed protected areas. These Guidelines focus on the procedures for gazetting proposed protected areas.

#### Section II. Purpose

These Guidelines outline the steps<sup>1</sup> to be followed in gazetting Proposed Protected Areas as envisioned in the National Forestry Reform Law of 2006 and the National Wildlife Law of 2012.

#### Section III: Steps for Gazetteing Proposed Protected Areas in Liberia

The following steps shall be followed in order as presented during the gazettelement of identified proposed protected areas:

1. Selection of site or proposed protected area for gazettelement
2. Reconnaissance mission to the selected site or proposed protected area
3. A.  
Conduct feasibility study(ies), i.e., biophysical and socio-economic surveys to gather information on the identified area, including assessing biodiversity and forest resources, vegetation types, critical biodiversity areas and habitats, threats, environmental degradation, pollutants, cultural, and other resources on-site, human use of resources, as well as human settlements, population size, agricultural activities, and infrastructures.  
B.  
Compile and analyze feasibility study(ies), i.e., biophysical and socio-economic surveys, and decide the site's appropriateness for gazettelement. Clarify land tenure consistent with the Land Rights Act (LRA) of 2018 and identify/clarify concessions (or proposed concessions) overlaps.

<sup>1</sup> Generally, the steps are to be followed sequentially, however, where activities may be implemented simultaneously as the steps require.



- Based on clarifications of tenure and concession overlaps, provide suggestions for the protected area category consistent with the National Wildlife Law of 2012.
4. Application to conduct Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA)<sup>2</sup>.
  5. Meetings, awareness, training, and consultations (further consultations as necessary) with all stakeholders, including but not limited to consultations at the community, regional and national levels integrating the principles of Free, Prior, Informed Consent (FPIC)<sup>3</sup>.
  6. Participatory land-use mapping of the site covering the complete proposed boundary to identify land-use and potential conflicts along the proposed boundary line (it may lead to the adjustment of suggested boundaries).
  7. Community consultations for final approval of boundary and signed consent (consent about the creation of the protected area and the final boundary), demonstrating that the principles of Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC) have been integrated<sup>4</sup>.
  8. Develop a Protected Area Management Infrastructure(s), staffing, and financing plan; ensure the existence of provisional ranger's outposts and protected area headquarter.
  9. Participatory flagging and harmonization of the final approved boundary.
  10. Preparation of gazettelement package (incorporating information from feasibility study(ies), documentation of all consultations and meetings at community, regional and national levels, and reports from the participatory mapping and flagging) and a draft bill.
  11. Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA), approval and permitting by Environmental Protection Agency.
  12. National Consultation of the Gazettelement Package<sup>5</sup>.
  13. Public notice and 60 days for comments on the proposed gazettelement of the protected area (information on the type and size of the protected area must be included).
  14. FDA's Board of Directors' approval of the gazettelement package.
  15. Submission of the gazettelement package to the President's office.
  16. Approval by the President's office and submission of gazettelement package to the Legislature (along with a Bill for enacting the site as a Protected Area).
  17. Enactment by the Legislature and approval by the President.
  18. Printing into handbill.

#### Section IV: Effective Date

These Guidelines are effective upon signature by the Managing Director.

Issued on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of July A.D. 2022.

  
C Mike Doryen  
Managing Director

<sup>2</sup> ESIA activities continue with other activities until approval

<sup>3</sup> Consultations are not limited to those mentioned herein. Consultation may occur at every stage to ensure adequate consent and community buy-in.

<sup>4</sup> Consistent with the National FPIC Guidelines

<sup>5</sup> May take place during or after the sixty-day notice period.

**FDA BOARD RESOLUTION # 05/2022**  
**APPROVING THE GUIDELINES FOR GAZETTING PROPOSED**  
**PROTECTED AREAS BY THE FORESTRY DEVELOPMENT**  
**AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, Chapter 19 of the National Forestry Reform Law of Liberia authorizes the Forestry Development Authority (FDA) to issue regulations, manuals, and codes for the efficient management of Liberia forest resources;

WHEREAS the FDA management has developed consistent with FDA Regulation 101-07, Guidelines for Gazetting Proposed Protected Areas called the **Forestry Development Authority Guidelines No.2-2022** for approval by the Board of Directors of the Forestry Development Authority; and


WHEREAS, the FDA Board of Directors reviewed and deliberated on the Guidelines for Gazetting Proposed Protected Areas on July 28, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons above stated, it is hereby resolved by the Board of Directors:


1. That the Proposed Guidelines for Gazetting Proposed Protected Areas (**Forestry Development Authority Guidelines No.2-2022**) attached as Annex 1 to this board resolution is hereby approved, and the Management of the Forestry Development Authority is hereby authorized to take all actions to ensure its effectiveness and operability;

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto subscribed our names and affixed the Forestry Development Authority's seal on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July AD 2022 in the City of Monrovia, Montserrado County, Republic of Liberia.

SEAL

  
C. Mike Doryen  
Secretary

Approved:

  
Harrison S. Karnwea Sr.  
Chairman

## Annex 2: Legislative Dialogue Agenda



### Legislative Forest Dialogue Krahn-Bassa Proposed Protected Area D'Calabash, Congo Town Back Road, Monrovia 18 November 2022, 9am-3pm



Technical Objectives		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>To create awareness on the Krahn-Bassa Proposed Protected Area (KBPPA) gazettelement</i></li> <li><i>To create a platform for stakeholders' consultation, participation and input on the KBPPA gazettelement</i></li> <li><i>To develop a roadmap and build consensus on the next steps in the KBPPA gazettelement</i></li> </ol>		
Time	Activity	Responsible Individual/Entity
9.00-10:00am	Arrival, registration & breakfast	All
10:00-10:05am	Welcome remarks	Forestry Development Authority
10:05-10:15am	Opening Statement	Hon. Prince O.S. Tokpa- Chairman, House's Committee on Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
10:15-10:30am	Overview and purpose of the meeting	Sen. Dr. Jim W. Tornonlah Chairman, Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
10:30-11:00am	<b>Special remarks on national and international commitments and relevance of Krahn-Bassa Proposed Protected Area:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Sen. Numene T.H. Batekwa</b>- Chairman, Senate Committee on Concessions &amp; Investment</li> <li><b>Hon. Clarence Massaquoi</b> – Chairman, House's Committee on Concessions &amp; Investment</li> <li><b>Hon. Harrison S. Karnwea</b>- Chairman, Board of Directors, Forestry Development Authority</li> <li><b>Hon. Jim Wright</b>- Mission Director, USAID</li> <li><b>H.E. Laurent Delahousse</b>,- Ambassador, European Union</li> <li><b>Kate Thomson</b>, Chargée d'Affaires, British Embassy Monrovia</li> </ol>	
11:00-11:10am	Group Photo	



11:10-11:25am	Why the gazettement process (history and relevance to the state & its people)	Hon. Joseph J. Tally Deputy Managing Director for Operations Forestry Development Authority
<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Responsible Individual/Entity</b>
11:25am-12:00pm	The Legal Requirements & Implications of the Gazettement process of the KBPPA – Issues to Consider	Mr. Jerry Yonmah, Technical Manager Conservation, Forestry Development Authority  The Liberia Land Authority  Cllr. Negbalee Warner Managing Partner Heritage Partners and Associate –HPA
12:00–12:30pm	The Gazettement Experience (The Gola Forest & Grebo-Krahn Stories)	Michael F. Garbo Executive Director Society for the Conservation of Nature of Liberia
12:30–1:00pm	Overview of progress on KBPPA gazettement activities and benefits for local communities	Mrs. Evangeline Swope Protected Area Manager, Forestry Development Authority
1:00-1:30pm	<i>Lunch</i>	
1:30-2:15pm	Plenary Discussion  Reaction: key issues to consider in KBPPA gazettement process	<i>Facilitator: Borwen L. Sayon, Consultant</i>
	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
2:15-2:30pm	Synthesis and roadmap for completion of pre-gazettement activities (Recommendation & way-forward)	<i>Facilitators: Borwen L. Sayon and Toushi Itoka, Consultants</i>
2:30-2:50pm	Closing Statements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Civil Society Organizations</li> <li>b. Wild Chimpanzee Foundation</li> <li>c. Partners (Conservation Works Activity, IDH – The Sustainable Trade Initiative)</li> <li>d. Counties &amp; local authorities</li> <li>e. Forestry Development Authority</li> <li>f. House’s committee members</li> <li>g. Senate’s committee members</li> </ul>	
2:50-2:55pm	Vote of Thanks	Sen. Dr. Jim W. Tornonlah Chairman, Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
2:55pm -3:00pm	Closing prayer & end of program	

**MC: Dyrus Zinnah**

**Facilitators: Ms. Toushi Itoka, Mr. Borwen L. Sayon**

### Annex 3: Attendance :



**Attendance Legislative Forest Dialogue Krahn-Bassa Propose Protected Area**  
18 November 2022, D'Calabash Hotel, 9am -3pm

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## Annex 4: KBPPA Factsheet

### Key facts Krahn-Bassa Proposed Protected Area (KBPPA) **Potential future name: Kwa National Park**

**Location:** Grand Gedeh, Sinoe and Rivercess Counties

**Status of land:** KBPPA is entirely located inside the Krahn-Bassa National Forest and thus is recognized as government land by the Liberia Land Authority.

**Initial size surveyed:** 290,167 ha

**Proposed size after feasibility study for pre-gazettement:** 235,222 ha (further reduction expected after participatory land use mapping)

**Proposed status:** National Park

#### **Feasibility studies completed:**

- Demographic survey
- 2 Socio-economic surveys
- Wildlife and threat survey (using transect)
- Camera trapping
- Biodiversity Rapid Assessment

Data available also from nationwide chimpanzee and mammal survey (Tweh et al. 2014) and assessment for biodiversity conservation priority areas (Junker et al. 2015).

#### **Major outcomes:**

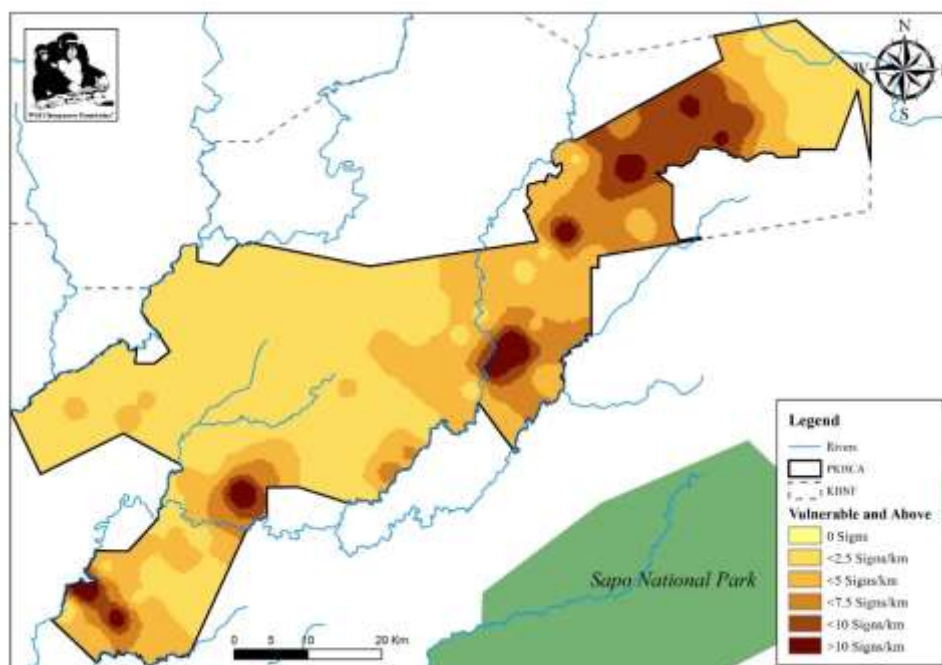
- Previous surveys and LFSP feasibility study confirm **KBPPA's outstanding biodiversity value** (priority hotspot within a hotspot)
- Surveys indicate that many more species (including many more new species to science and first country records yet to be discovered)



4 key species recorded in KBPPA from top left to bottom right: *Holaspis guentheri* - flying lizard, 1<sup>st</sup> country record for Liberia, *Phrynobatrachus* nov. sp. – one of two frog species new to science discovered at KBPPA, *Didelotia gracillima* nov. sp. – one of four tree species new to science discovered; forest elephants captured on camera traps in KBPPA.

### Major outcomes continued:

- Second largest population of critically endangered western chimpanzee in Liberia
- High density of critically endangered forest elephants
- Small overlap with towns/villages
- Low level of human activity (except hunting)
- Area highly suitable for the creation of protected area



*Density of threatened mammal species in KBPPA (listed as threatened on IUCN Red List, such as western chimpanzees, forest elephants, pygmy hippos etc.)*

### Pre-gazettement activities completed so far and ongoing, fully based on the principles of Free Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC):

- Establishment of community ecoguard program: 62 community members trained in May 2020 and March and October 2022; 8 community ecoguard teams established with 32 permanent team members, including 11 women, patrolling since July 2020; at least 2 more teams to be formed in 2022/2023
- 84 beekeepers trained and supervised by Universal Outreach Foundation/Liberia Pure Honey since June 2020
- Exchange study tour to Grebo-Krahn National Park in October 2020
- Theater awareness based on field research (done in 2020) conducted through radio drama and live performances, March-April 2021
- National information-sharing meeting in December 2020
- Regional and local awareness meetings in 2020 and 2021
- Participatory land use mapping with local communities
- Ecotourism development: training community tourist guides from local communities at Sapo National Park in December 2020 and December 2021
- Examples infrastructure development (construction of 5 hand pump water wells, school rehabilitation, MTN network)
- Livelihood assessments and development of agricultural activities





**Community ecoguards at KBPPA, on forest patrol (left) and conducting awareness with local communities (right).**



**Some of the 84 trained beekeepers at KBPPA with their beehives**



**Eddie Theater Production performing for community members near KBPPA**



**National multi-stakeholder information-sharing meeting held about the KBPPA gazettment in Monrovia in December 2020**



***Community members displaying their land use maps created in the participatory land use mapping meetings at KBPPA***



***Hand pump water well-constructed in Kolatree in 2022, one of 5 to being constructed around KBPPA***



***Participants in the professional tourist guide training conducted at Sapo National Park with 3 community members from KBPPA***



**Opportunities for Liberia and FDA:**

- Significant and immediate support for GoL's Pro-Poor Agenda for Prosperity & Development
- If maximum area of KBPPA protected (after community consultation), a big step will be achieved towards establishment of PA network (aiming at protecting 30% of Liberian forests)
- Major biodiversity hotspot preserved for future generations, not only providing ecosystem services for local communities, but also providing opportunities for hosting researchers and tourists; donors committed to establish international research site at KBPPA
- Funding for additional employment, livelihood projects, more infrastructure development and some activities of future national Park already secured for next 4 years
- Gazettement of KBPPA will open more opportunities for economic development and funding (for example Millennium Challenge Corporation, REDD+/Carbon credit market)

**Specific opportunities for growth and development:**

- 1) Employment & capacity building (e.g. community ecoguards, FDA auxiliaries, rangers, internship programs)
- 2) Livelihood support (e.g. agricultural projects, beekeeping)
- 3) Research
- 4) Ecotourism
- 5) Infrastructure development
- 6) Education & Awareness
- 7) Payment for ecosystem services, REDD+ (Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation)

**Final statement:** Krahn-Bassa Proposed Protected Area (PPA) is unique in Liberia and in the world. Surveys showed an enormous wealth in biodiversity, which promises many more discoveries. Within Liberia, Krahn-Bassa PPA is one of the last large forest areas giving home to key threatened and rare key species, such as the critically endangered western chimpanzees and forest elephants, and the endangered pygmy hippopotamus. There is very high potential for Krahn-Bassa PPA to become a key area for ecotourism and research. There is now significant funding available for the support of all aspects of the pre-gazettement and for immediate benefits for and involvement of local communities.

The FDA is being supported by a team of national and international NGOs with expertise in different fields, ensuring that FPIC principles are being followed and the benefits for local communities are at the center of activities: Wild Chimpanzee Foundation (WCF – lead partner), Conservation Works Activity/USAID (through the consortium partners in Development and Fauna & Flora International), IDH- The Sustainable Trade Initiative, Sustainable Development Institute, Universal Outreach Foundation, Eddie Theater Production).