

PUBLIC NOTICE No. 26 OF 1982

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THE FORESTRY ACT
(Cap. 189)

THE FORESTRY (WOA FOREST RESERVE) ORDER, 1982

Short title.

WHEREAS by instruments dated 20th day of June 1972 and 29th day of April 1975 the Paramount Chiefs and Chiefdom Councillors of Gorama Kono and Lower Bambara Chiefdoms in the Kono and Kenema Districts, respectively of the Eastern Province of Sierra Leone have requested that the area of land situated in the aforesaid Chiefdoms and described in the Schedule hereto be constituted a Forest Reserve;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with the provisions of section 5 of the Forestry Act, Government Notice No. 616 was published in *Gazette* Vol. CVI No. 38 of 12th June 1975;

- (a) Specifying the situation and limits of the aforesaid land;
- (b) declaring the intention to constitute the aforesaid land a Forest Reserve for the particular use and benefit of the Local Community within the limits of whose occupation the reserve is situated; and
- (c) appointing the Provincial Secretary, Eastern Province as the Reserve Settlement Commissioner to enquire into and determine the existence of any rights regarding the aforesaid land;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with section 6 of the aforesaid Act, the particulars contained in the said Government Notice were made known to the people of the District in which the lands are situated and due notice given by the Reserve Settlement Commissioner of the date, time and place fixed for hearing of rights claimed in respect of the aforesaid land;

AND WHEREAS the Chief Conservator of Forests by Government Notice No. 226 published in the Sierra Leone Gazette Vol. CX No. 13 of 1st March 1979 appointed anew, the Senior Assistant Secretary in the Provincial Secretary's Office, Eastern Province as Reserve Settlement Commissioner to enquire into and determine the existence

of any rights regarding the aforesaid land, as due to unavoidable circumstances the Provincial Secretary, Eastern Province previously appointed Reserve Settlement Commissioner had informed the Chief Conservator of Forests that he would not be in a position to hold the Reserve Settlement Court;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with sections 7 and 9 of the aforesaid Act, the said incumbent Reserve Settlement Commissioner conducted an enquiry at Panguma in the Lower Bambara Chiefdom with the assistance of Paramount Chief Madam Mawawa Benya of small Bo Chiefdom, Paramount Chief J. Gegbai of Dodo Chiefdom and Chiefdom Speaker Wazake Bonia representing the Regent Chief of the said Lower Bambara Chiefdom in respect of the Lower Bambara and Gorama section of the aforesaid reserve; and in pursuance of the same sections of the aforesaid Act, the said Reserve Settlement Commissioner conducted another enquiry at Kangama in the Gorama Kono Chiefdom in respect of the said Gorama Kono section with assistance of Paramount Chief Dudu Bona of Nimikoro Chiefdom, Paramount Chief T. M. Sahrquee of Tankoro Chiefdom and Paramount Chief Moripeh Forewa of the said Gorama Kono Chiefdom and delivered his judgment on the 22nd and 23rd days of February, 1979 for the Lower Bambara Kono section of the WOA Reserve Settlement Courts respectively;

AND WHEREAS no appeal has been lodged against the said judgments.

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 4 of the Forestry Act, the President acting in accordance with the advice of Cabinet hereby makes the following Order:—

Constitution
of Forest
Reserve.

1. The land described in the Schedule hereto is hereby constituted a Forest Reserve.

Rights of
Local Com-
munity in
Forest Re-
serve.

2. The Local Community residing in the area in which the Forest Reserve is situated shall be entitled at all times, without fee let or hinderance to enter the same for the following purposes:—

- (a) to hunt, set traps, collect wild animals, birds, fish, and reptiles in accordance with the law and without the use of fire;
- (b) to pass through the reserve from place to place;
- (c) to collect palm produce from the Bamboo palm (*Raphia Vinifera*) and the oil palm (*Elaeis Guineensis*);
- (d) to collect thatch, and tie-tie, for their use;

- (e) to collect honey, provided no live tree is damaged or felled;
- (f) to farm in the swamps with the prior permission of and under licence from the Chief Conservator of Forests.

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ALL THAT PIECE OF LAND, comprising 1746.28 acres or thereabouts, situated in the Gorama Kono and Lower Bambara Chiefdoms in the Kono and Kenema Districts respectively of the Eastern Province of Sierra Leone and bounded as follows:—

Starting from boundary stone number 1, which is a stone cairn situated approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ mile North East of Walihun Village in the Gorama Kono Chiefdom, Kono District; thence by a series of cut and beacons lines as shown in the following table:—

<i>From Boundary Mark Number</i>	<i>To Boundary Mark Number</i>	<i>Bearing in Degrees</i>	<i>Distance in Chains</i>
1	2	57°-00'	26.12
2	3	05°-30'	9.30
3	4	28°-00'	10.57
4	5	60°-30'	20.18
5	6	12°-00'	20.09
6	7	285°-15'	18.47
7	8	20°-00'	15.62
8	9	66°-30'	4.96
9	10	12°-45'	4.24
10	11	55°-30'	21.23
11	12	325°-00'	8.79
12	13	30°-00'	33.03
13	14	108°-00'	7.21
14	15	25°-00'	10.58
15	16	82°-30'	8.18
16	17	125°-00'	10.83
17	18	183°-00'	29.24
18	19	153°-45'	21.50
19	20	218°-00'	18.67
20	21	165°-00'	31.05
21	22	219°-30'	19.83
22	23	115°-30'	13.90
23	24	179°-00'	6.64
24	25	240°-30'	15.66
25	26	209°-00'	32.42

<i>From Boundary Mark Number</i>	<i>To Boundary Mark Number</i>	<i>Bearing in Degrees</i>	<i>Distance in Chains</i>
26	27	115°-00'	25.13
27	28	210°-30'	20.10
28	29	165°-00'	18.67
29	30	235°-00'	56.42
30	31	190°-00'	49.11
31	32	250°-00'	48.82
32	33	345°-00'	5.20
33	34	33°-00'	12.48
34	35	330°-30'	22.54
35	36	47°-00'	13.83
36	37	24°-30'	14.94
37	38	311°-00'	12.66
38	39	274°-45'	10.79
39	40	335°-30'	10.18
40	41	120°-00'	18.51
41	42	72°-15'	15.62
42	43	15°-30'	9.57
43	44	328°-00'	24.76
44	45	05°-00'	29.52
45	46	321°-30'	8.38
46	47	355°-00'	8.75
47	1	17°-30'	16.70

Boundary mark number 1 is the starting point described above. As the same is illustrated on Forestry Division Plan No. K 339 and shown thereon verged GREEN

NOTE:—

(1) All bearings given above approximately magnetic bearings taken in December, 1964—May, 1965

(2) All distance given above are approximate and are measured in Gunter's chains of 66 feet.

(3) All boundary marks given above are stone cairns.

MADE this 21st day of October, 1982

Issued under my hand

DR. ABASS C. BUNDU
Minister of Agriculture and Forestry