

STEP-5

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DEPARTMENT OF FOREST RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT  
FORESTRY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

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**INTERNAL MEMORANDUM**

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SUBJ : **Report on the Validation Conducted in Salayea Community Forest, Salayea District, Lofa County**

DATE : February 20, 2018

We are pleased to submit to you findings from the validation conducted in Salayea Community Forest, Salayea District, Lofa County

Please find attached.

Best regards.

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## **1. Introduction**

In fulfilment of the Community Rights Law of 2009, Section 2.4 (Procedure for Acquisition of Community Forest), that the Community Forest Land shall be identified, validated and recommended by the Forestry Development Authority for approval by the Community Forestry Management Body.

Hence, the nine steps which a community must complete before acquiring Community Forest status that also include validation and subsequent demarcation exercises.

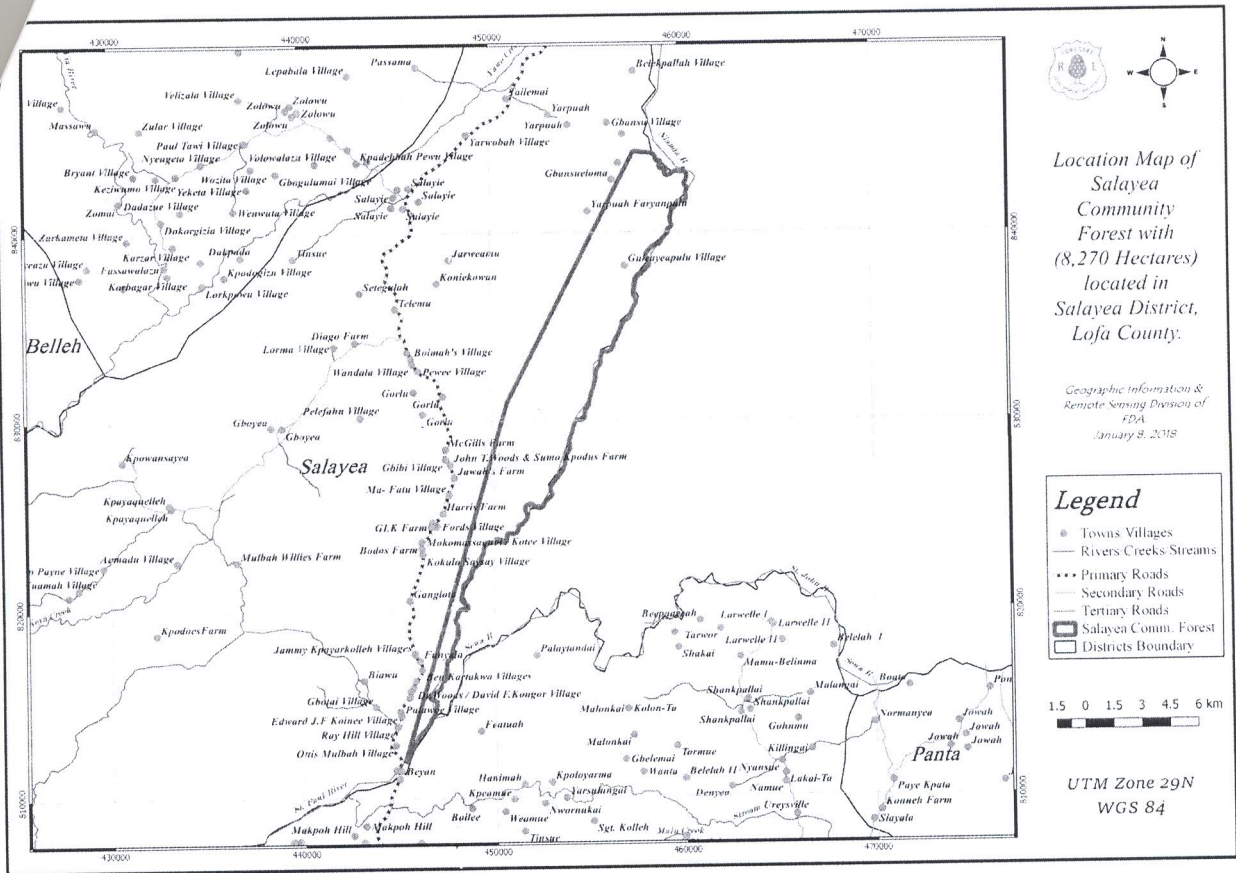
Having concluded Socio-Economic Survey for Salayea Community Forest, the GIS & Remote Sensing Division was mandated to conduct validation exercise on the location, metes and bounds, the actual shape and size of the above name community forest.

In this light, a team of technicians, in person of (Arthur R. Mallobe and Pesoe G. Mescole, Cartographer and Data Processor respectively) from the Division were directed to carry out said task. During the process, our technicians were able to complete the validation exercise.

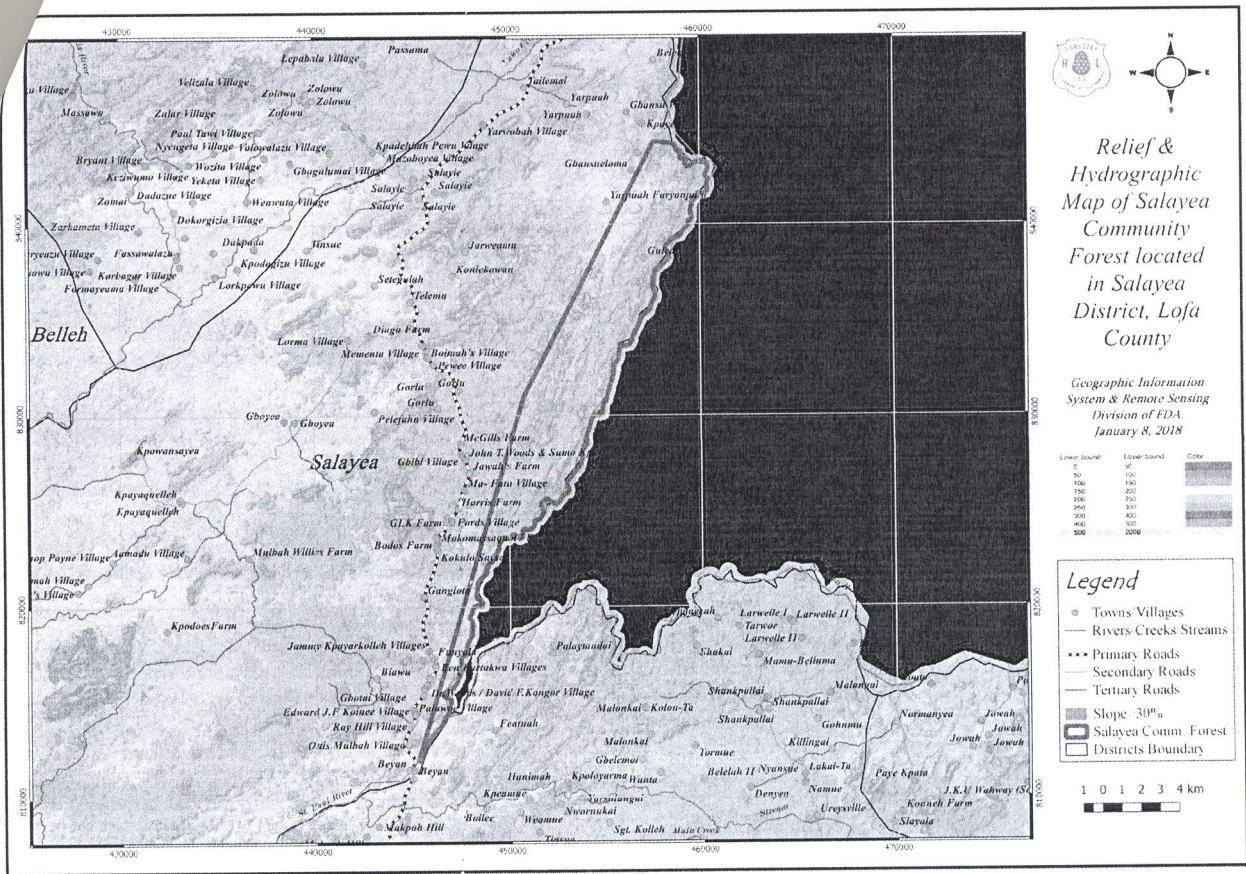
Below are findings from the validation exercise of Salayea Community Forest, showing the location, relief, forest cover map, the metes and bounds is also completed and available at the GIS Lab.

## **2. Findings**

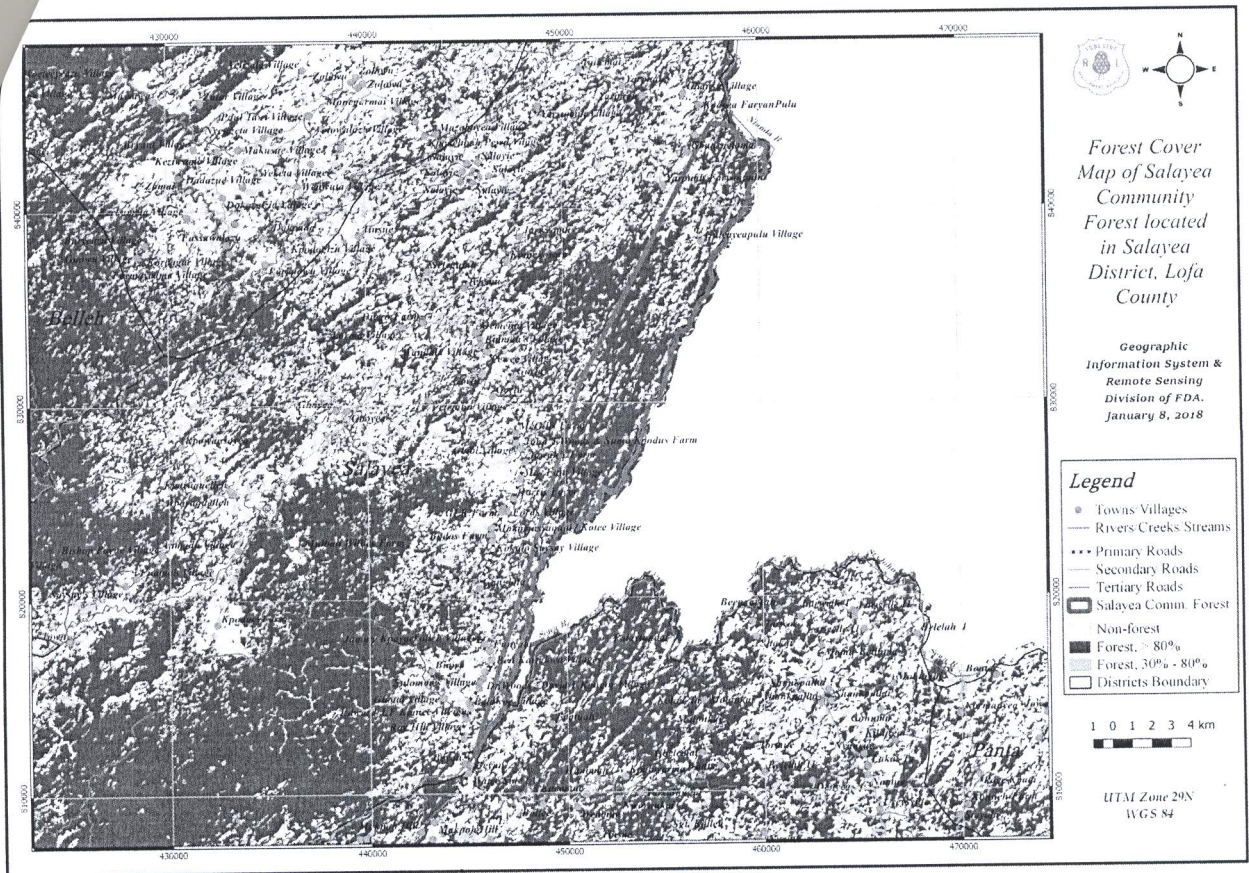
- ✓ Salayea Community Forest lies within Latitude 443663 845226 North of the Equator and Longitude 443663 812100 West of the Greenwich Meridian.
- ✓ It has a total area of 8,270 hectares / 20,437 acres and is located in Salayea District, Lofa County. (see figures 1, 2, & 3).
- ✓ That it does not overlap with any FDA Concession, Protected and Proposed Protected areas. (see figures 4)



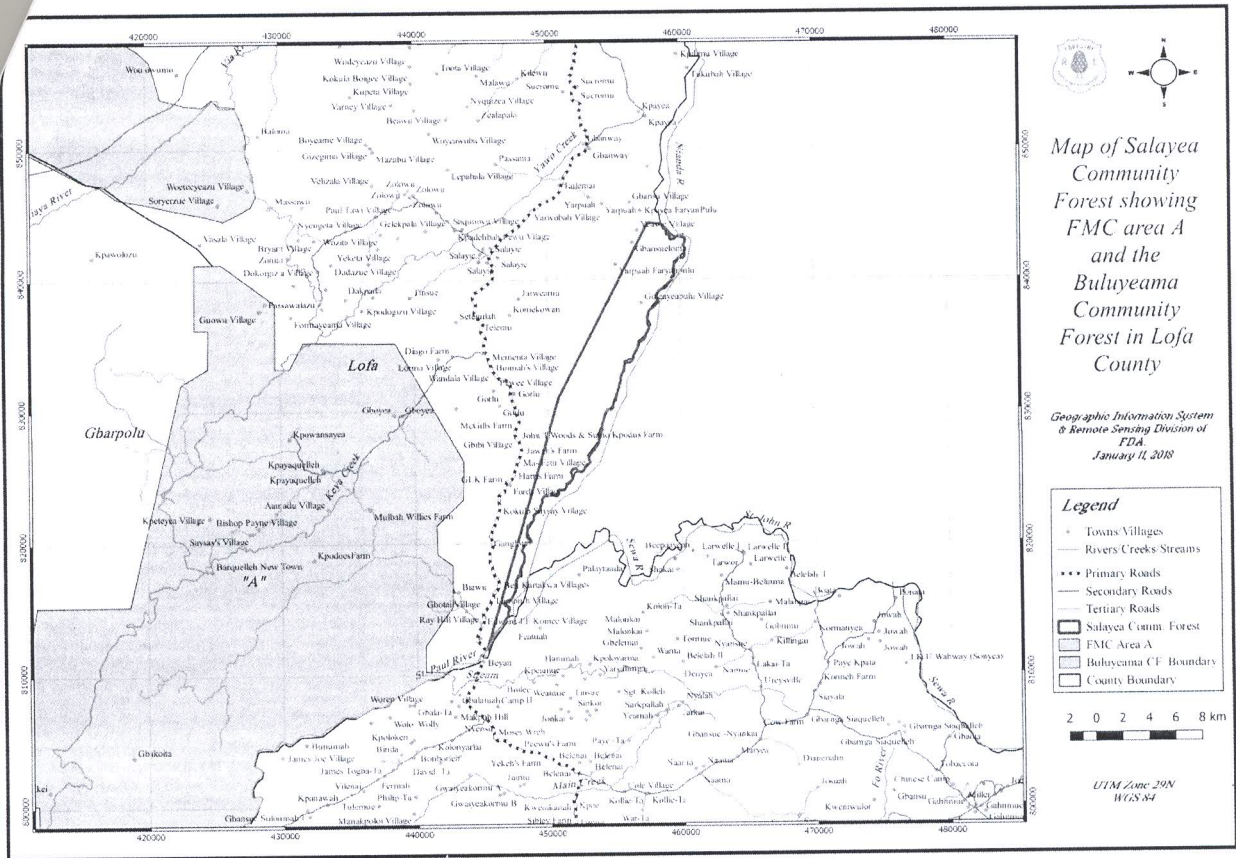
Figures 1: Location Map of Salayea Community Forest



Figures 2: Relief Map of Salayea Community Forest



**Figures 3: Forest Cover Map of Salayea Community Forest**



**Figures 4: Map of Salayea Community Forest Showing Adjacent Concession (FMC-A and Buluyeamama Community Forest)**

### 3. Recommendation

We recommend that the 8,270 hectares/20,437 acres be awarded for Salayea Community Forest.