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NOTICE OF INTENT RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE KWA NATIONAL PARK

To Whom It May Concern,

The Forestry Development Authority (FDA) in line with Section 9.1a of the National Forestry Reform Law of 2006 (NRFL) and Section 5.2 of the National Wildlife Law of 2012 (NWL), intends to establish the Kwa National Park. The Proposed Park is located within Sinoe County (Sanquin, Tarjuowon, and Seekon Districts), Grand Gedeh County (Gbarzon, Cavalla, and Tchien Districts), and Rivercess County (Yarnee District) and covers a total acreage of 214,226 hectares.

As required under the pre-gazettement activities for the creation of a protected area in Liberia, the FDA has conducted baseline socio-economic and biodiversity surveys; consulted with communities and regional authorities; mapped and flagged the boundary line of the Proposed Park and validated the marked boundary line at the community and regional level through the signing of the consent forms by communities and participation of the regional authorities.

Based on the above-mentioned surveys, consultations, demarcation, and validations consistent with the NRFL 2006 Section 9.3, the FDA hereby issues this notice to the public requesting comments relating to the establishment of the Kwa National Park.

The Gazettement Package is available online at https://fda.gov.lr/sites/default/files/documents/Gazettement%20Package%20Kwa%20National%20Park.pdf and https://drive.google.com/dr ve/folders/1eQ82TRtn-PiSCMzoTpaC6PjKB3CVGRg2?usp=sharing.

In addition, the Gazettement package is also available for viewing at the FDA Head Office in Whein Town, Paynesville, Liberia, and at the FDA Regional Offices in Zwedru, Buchanan, Tubmanburg, and Voinjama.

The notice period shall run for sixty (60) days commencing the 28th of June 2023 up to and including the 27th of August 2023 Comments can be sent to proposedkwanationalpark@gmail.com or the below individuals can be contacted:

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Your comments are highly anticipated.

Yours Sincerely,

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