



## NOTICE OF INTENT RELATING TO THE LEGAL RECOGNITION OF THE WONEGIZI PROPOSED PROTECTED AREA

7th July 2026

To Whom It May Concern,

The Forestry Development Authority (FDA) in line with Section 9.1a of the National Forestry Reform Law of 2006 (NFRL) intends to designate the Wonegizi Proposed Protected Area as a Multiple Sustainable Use Reserve. The Wonegizi Proposed Protected Area is located within Lofa County (Zorzor, Quardu-Gboni and Voinjama Districts), covering an estimated total area of 27,979 hectares, pending final validated boundary.

As required under the pre-gazettement activities for the creation of a protected area in Liberia, the FDA has conducted the relevant feasibility studies, including socio-economic and biodiversity surveys and a customary land formalization process to clarify land ownership; conducted participatory land-use planning (PLUP); held consultations with communities and regional authorities; and flagged the boundary of the Proposed Protected Area with the consent and participation of the communities and regional authorities.

Based on the above-mentioned feasibility studies, consultations, PLUP and boundary flagging, and consistent with the NFRL 2006 Section 9.3 the FDA hereby issues this notice to the public requesting comments relating to the establishment of the Proposed Wonegizi Multiple Sustainable Use Reserve.

The Draft Gazettement Package is available on the FDA website and can be viewed at <https://www.fda.gov.lr/>. In addition, the Draft Gazettement Package is also available for viewing at the FDA Head Office in Whein Town, Paynesville, Liberia, and at the FDA Regional Offices in Voinjama, Buchanan, Barclayville, Tubmanburg and Zwedru, as well as the FDA Wonegizi Konia Office and the District Commissioner's office in Zorzor.

The notice period shall run for sixty (60) days commencing 9<sup>th</sup> July 2026 up to and including the 6<sup>th</sup> of September, 2026. Comments can be sent to: [proposedwonegiziprotectedarea@gmail.com](mailto:proposedwonegiziprotectedarea@gmail.com) or the below individuals should be contacted:

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Your comments are highly anticipated.

Yours Sincerely,

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