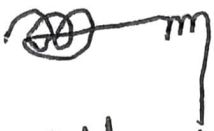



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**INTERNAL MEMORANDUM**

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**DMD/ Operations**

THRU : Mr. Mitchell S. Kumbelay   
**TM/ R & D**

FROM : Whymah M. Goyanvator   
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GIS and Remote Sensing Division

SUBJ : **Report on the Validation Conducted in Marbon Community Forest,  
Golakonneh District, Grand Cape Mount County**

DATE : July 19, 2018

We are pleased to submit to you findings from the validation conducted in Marbon Community Forest, Golakonneh District, Grand Cape Mount County.

Please find attached.

Best regards.

Cc. **FILE**

## **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.

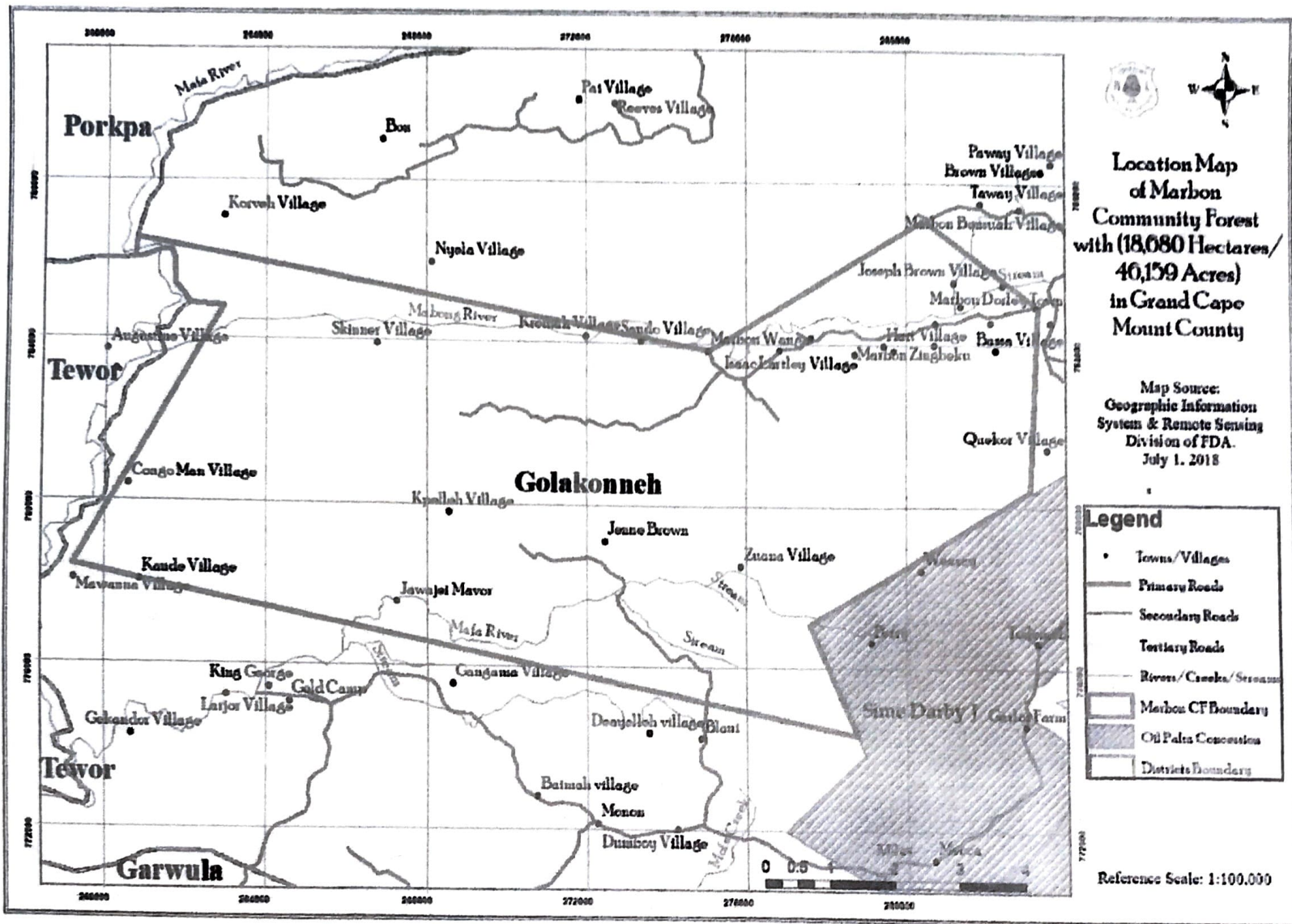
Having concluded Socio-Economic Survey for Marbon Community Forest, the GIS & Remote Sensing Division was mandated to conduct validation exercise on the location, metes and bounds, the actual shape and size of the above name community forest.

In this light, a team of technicians, in person of (Archeilous Johnson and Arthur R. Mallobe, Inventory Officers and Cartographer) respectively from the Division were directed to carry out said task for fourteen days (14). During the process, our technicians were able to complete the validation exercise.

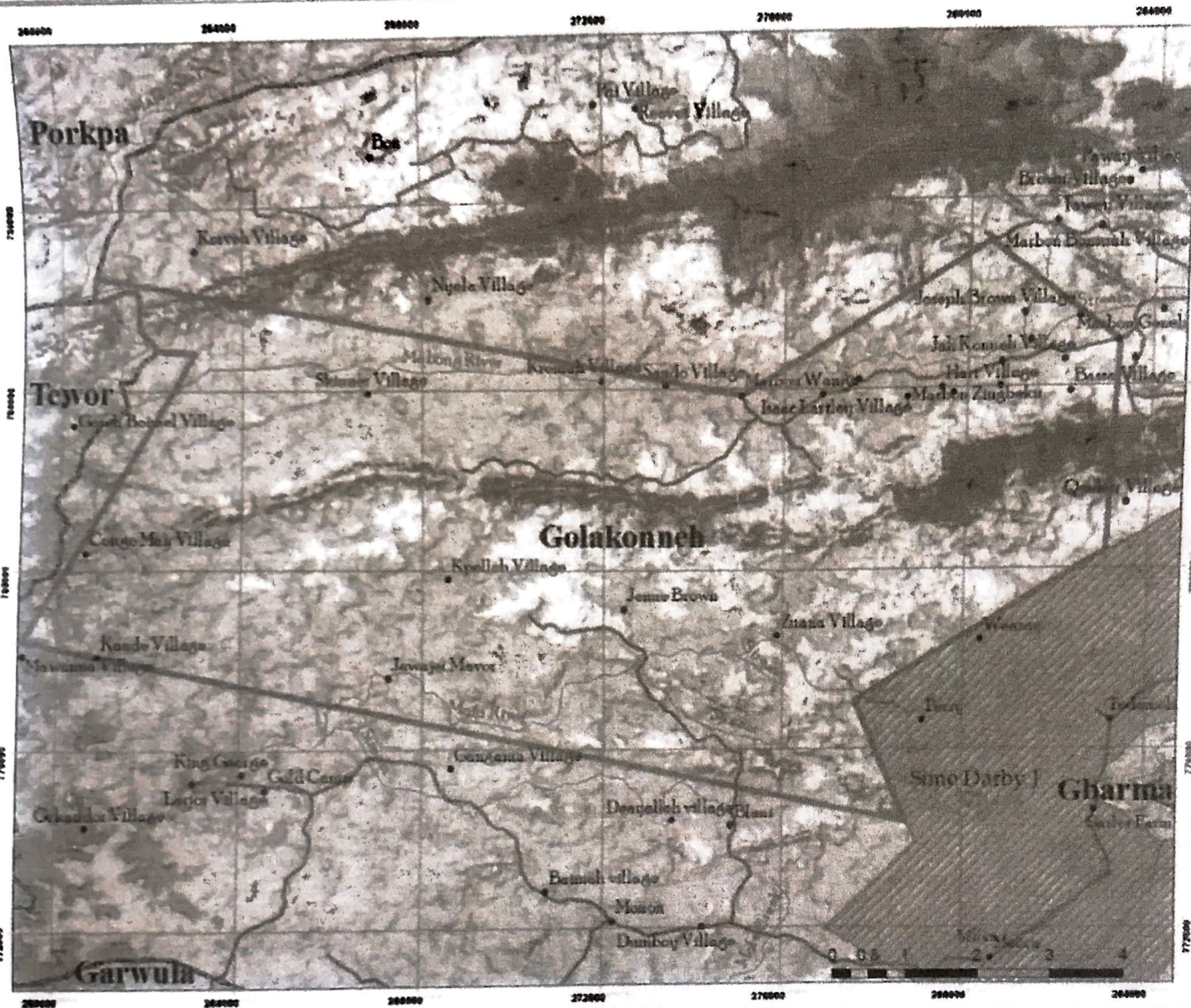
Below are findings from the validation exercise of Marbon Community Forest, showing the location, relief, forest cover map, the metes and bounds is also completed and available at the GIS Lab.

## **2. Findings**

- ✓ Marbon Community Forest lies within Latitude 258885 787569 North of the Equator and Longitude 258885 773242 West of the Greenwich Meridian.
- ✓ It has a total area of 18,680 hectares / 46,159 acres and is located in Golakonneh District, Grand Cape Mount 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 Marbon Community Forest**



**Relief & Hydrographic  
Map of Marbon  
Community Forest  
in Grand Cape  
Mount County**

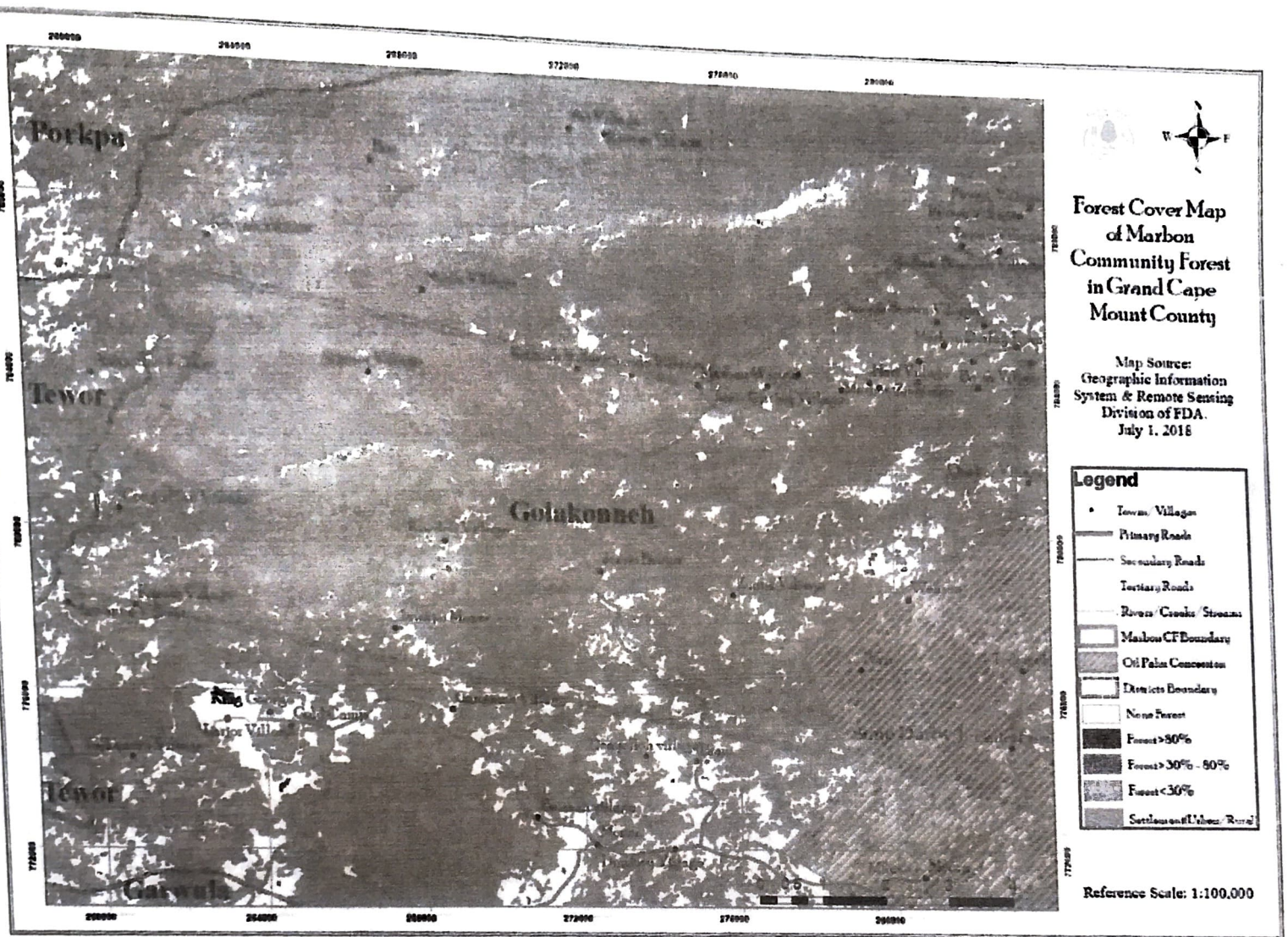
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**Legend**

- Towns/Villages
- Primary Roads
- Secondary Roads
- Tertiary Roads
- Rivers/Creeks/Streams
- ▭ Marbon CF Boundary
- ▨ Oil Palm Concession
- ▭ Districts Boundary
- ▨ Slope > 30%

Reference Scale: 1:100,000

**Figures 2: Relief Map of Marbon Community Forest**



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

### **1. Recommendation**

We recommend that the 18,680 hectares/46,159 acres be awarded for Marbon Community Forest.