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Technical Manager Community Forestry Department

**MEMORANDUM**

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*Kindly act*  
*accordingly.*  
*[Signature]*  
*24/09/21*

TO : William Pewu  
R & D Technical Manager

FROM : Gertrude W. K. Nyaley *P.P. Weedor K. Gray*  
Technical Manager/Community

SUBJ : **REQUEST FOR COST ESTIMATE TO VALIDATE CENTRAL RIVER DUGBE CF IN SINOE COUNTY**

DATE : September 17, 2021

We present our compliments and wish to request your office to please provide the Community Forestry Department with the cost estimate to validate the Central River Dugbe Applicant Forest Community in Sinoe County for the period of fourteen (14) days. The 30 day period for Notices that were posted for Demarcation in the community has since expired.

Best regards.

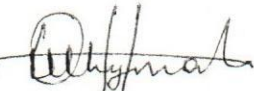


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**DEPARTMENT OF FOREST RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT**  
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**INTERNAL MEMORANDUM**

TO : Hon. Joseph J. Tally  
**DMD/ Operations**

THRU : Mr. William B. Pewu  
**TM/ R & D**

FROM : Whymah M. Goyanvator   
**Manager**  
GIS and Remote Sensing Division

SUBJ : **Report on the Validation Exercise Conducted in Central River Dugba Community Forest, Sinoe County**

DATE : October 4, 2021

We are pleased to submit to Management findings from the validation exercise conducted in Central River Dugba Community Forest, located in Sinoe County

Attached is the report.

Best regards.

Cc. **FILE**

*TM/Community Team,  
Pls, implement the recom-  
mendation as indicated.*

*DMD-O  
05-11-21*

## **1. Introduction/ Background**

Accordingly, **Section 2.4 of the Community Rights Law of 2009 with Respect to Forest Lands** mandates that a Community Forest Land shall be identified, validated and recommended by the Forestry Development Authority for approval by the Community Forestry Management Body. This is followed by the nine steps, including the conduct of validation and subsequent demarcation exercises which a community must complete before acquiring full community forest status.

Having fulfilled the above requirements followed by the conduct of Socio-Economic Survey for Central River Dugba Community Forest, the GIS & Remote Sensing Division was mandated by the Management of the Forestry Development Authority (FDA) to conduct validation exercises on the location, metes and bounds and the actual shape and size of the Community Forest. Predicated upon this, two technicians; Mentor Y. Sarvah, and Archielous G. Johnson, Inventory Officers were mandated to conduct said validation exercise in Central River Dugba Community Forest within a period of fourteen (14) days.

### **Objective**

The objectives for the validation of Central River Dugba Community Forest are as follow:

1. To get the actual shape and size of the Community Forest;
2. To captured those towns and boundary areas that were previously left out;
3. To get the actual location of the Community Forest; and
4. To come out with the metes and bounds of the Community Forest area

## **2. Methodology**

In order to successfully execute this exercise, the team traveled few days beginning September 20, 2021 and arrived in Karquepo Town, Sinoe County. In Karquepo, the team was formerly introduced and explained their mission to the community people. They were welcomed and accompanied by two inhabitants in person of Lawrence W. Nimely and Swen N. Jerem that took them to the various forest boundary areas and towns. And with the use of GPS maps 62s, the team captured coordinates of those areas.

## **3. Findings / Observations**

Below are findings from the validation exercise:

- ✓ Central River Dugba Community Forest lies within Latitude 532315-555817 North of the Equator and Longitude 532315-541480 West of Greenwich Meridian;
- ✓ Central River Dugba Community Forest located within Sinoe County
- ✓ Central River Dugba Community Forest has a total area of 13,193 hectares (See figures 1, 2 & 3).



- ✓ That there is no overlapped of the Central River Dugba Community Forest with any other FDA Concession, Protected Area and Proposed Protected Area.

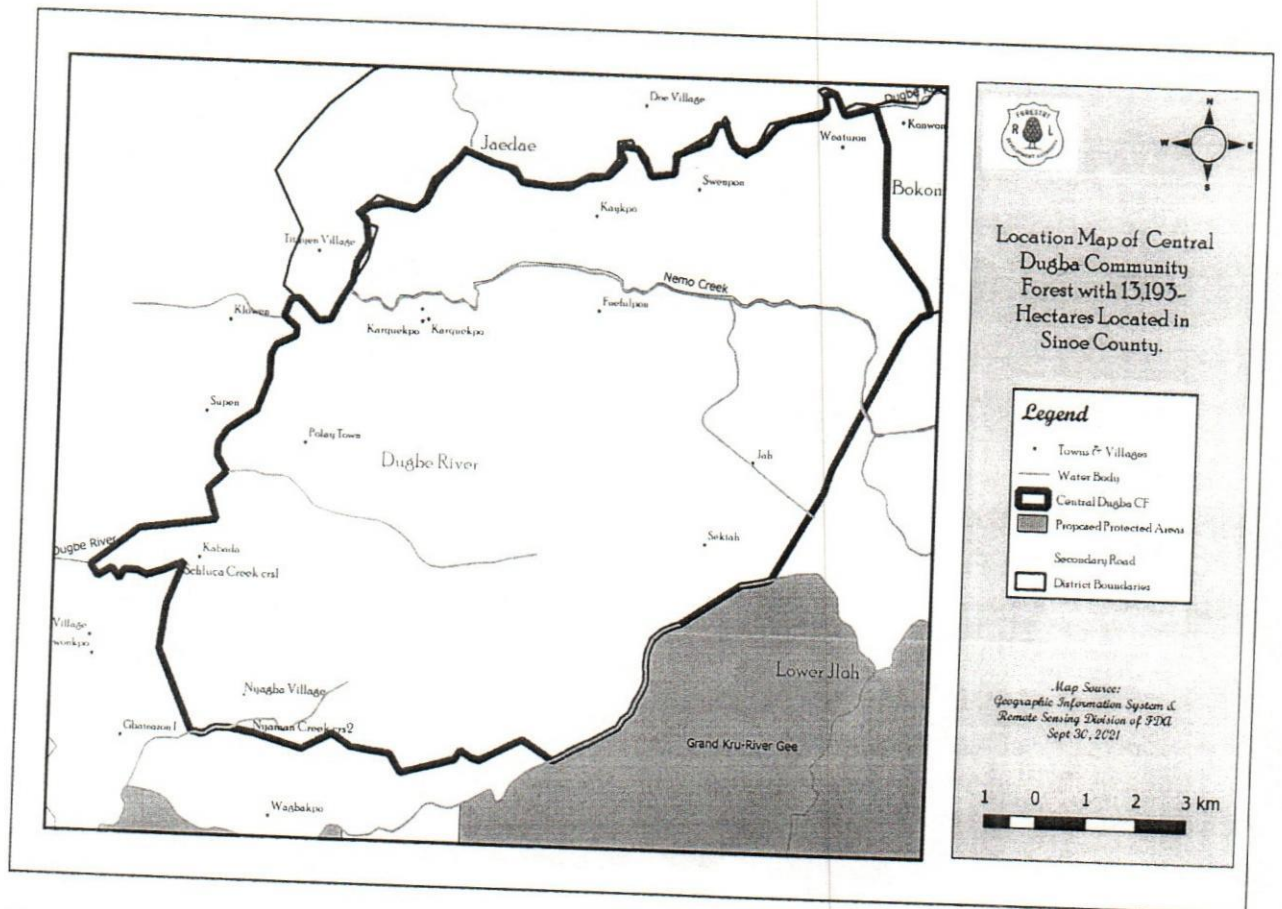
#### **4. Conclusion**

The objectives of the validation exercise conducted in Central River Dugba Community Forest were successfully achieved.

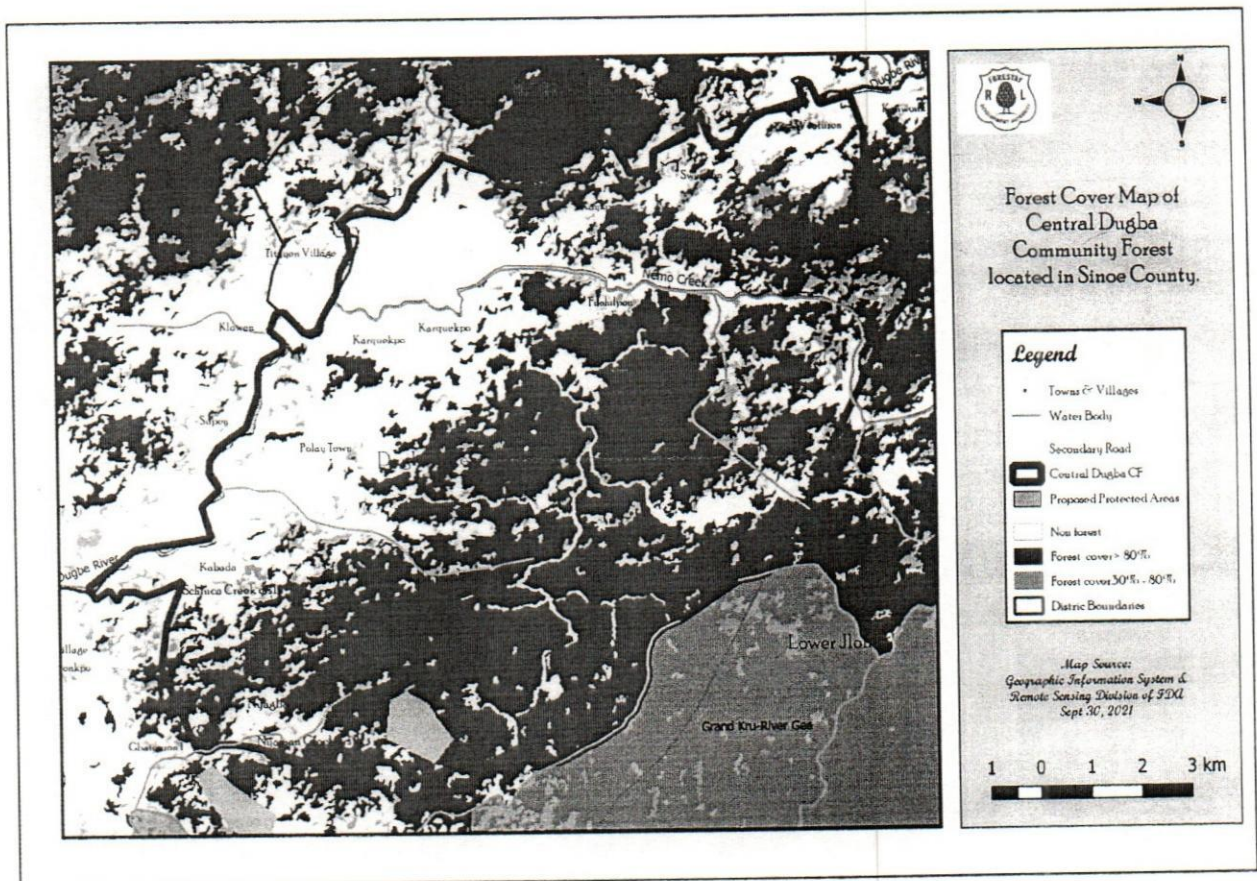
#### **5. Recommendation**

We recommend that:

The 13,193 Hectares of the Central River Dugba Community Forest be approved.

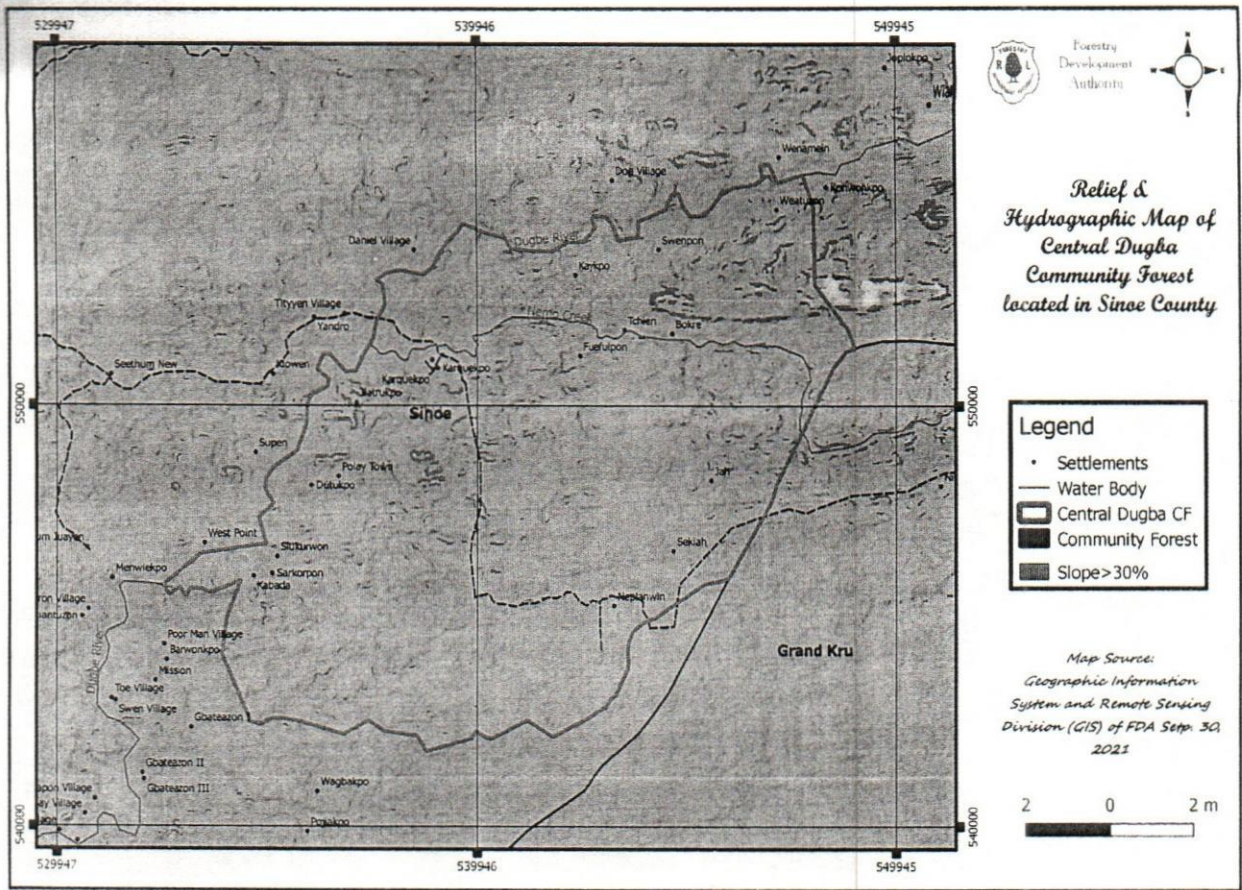


**Figures 1: Location Map of Central River Dugba Community Forest**



Figures 2: Forest Cover Map of the Central River Dugba Community Forest





**Figures 3: Relief and Hydrographic Map of Central River Dugba Community Forest**