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FORESTRY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**
Whein Town, Mount Barclay
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INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

TO : Hon. Joseph J. Tally
DMD/ Operations

THRU : Mr. William B. Pewu *W. B. Pewu*
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SUBJ : **Report on the Validation Conducted in Luyeamah Community Forest, Zorzor, Kolahun, and Voinjama Districts**

DATE : March 22, 2021

We are pleased to submit to Management findings from the validation exercise conducted in Luyeamah Community Forest located in Zorzor, Kolahun, and Voinjama Districts. Attached are the report and names, contacts and position of the local inhabitants that took us to the forest boundaries.

Best regards.

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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 Luyeamah 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, three technicians; Whymah M. Goyanvator, David Y. Zuah, III and Kuku G. P. Dennis, GIS Manager, Inventory Officer and Silviculture Officer respectively, were mandated to conduct said validation exercise in Luyeamah Community Forest within a period of fourteen (14) days.

Objective

There are numerous reasons for the validation of Luyeamah Community Forest, they are as follow:

1. To get the actual shape and size of the Community Forest;
2. To get the actual location of the Community Forest;
3. To come out with the metes and bounds of the Community Forest area and
4. To establish if there exist any overlapped

2. Methodology

In order to successfully carry out this task, we arrived in Luyeamah Town, Lofa County and explained our mission to the community inhabitants. We were welcomed and accompanied by seventeen (17) local inhabitants that were selected to take us at the various forest boundary areas and towns. And with the use of GPS maps 62s, we captured coordinates of those areas.

3. Names, Contacts and Position of Local Inhabitants That Took the GIS Team to the Various Boundaries.

No	Name	Position	Contact
1.	Peter F. Zazoboi	Acting Chairman	0777929008
2.	Williams Zizivily	Community Member	0777408098
3.	Mulbah Harris	Youth Leader	0775302860
4.	James K. Mulbah	Community Member	0770045800
5.	Sumoi Wuo	Community Member	077952612
6.	James K. Kutubu	Youth leader	0777465868
7.	Roland K. Kesselee	Town chief	None
8.	Othileo Flomo	Community Member	None

9.	Kollie Ballah	Community Member	None
10.	Mulbah Forkpah	Youth chair	0770611931
11.	Williams Mulbah	Community Member	None
12.	James G. Koiwu	Community Member	0770561146
13.	Tarnue Zubah	Youth Chair	0770561146
14.	Oldman Lavelah	Community Member	None
15.	Sumo Subah	Community Member	None
16.	Jackson Gayflor	Community Member	None
17.	Harris Gayflor	Community Member	None

4. Findings

Below are findings from the validation exercise:

- ✓ Luyeamah Community Forest lies within Latitude (398847 882982) North of the Equator and Longitude (398847 869594) West of the Greenwich Meridian;
- ✓ It has a total area of 9,993 hectares / 24,693 acres and is located in Zorzor, Kolahun and Voinjama Districts, Lofa County. (See figures 1, 2, & 3).
- ✓ The Community Forest does not overlap with any FDA Concession, Protected or Proposed Protected areas. (See figures 1).

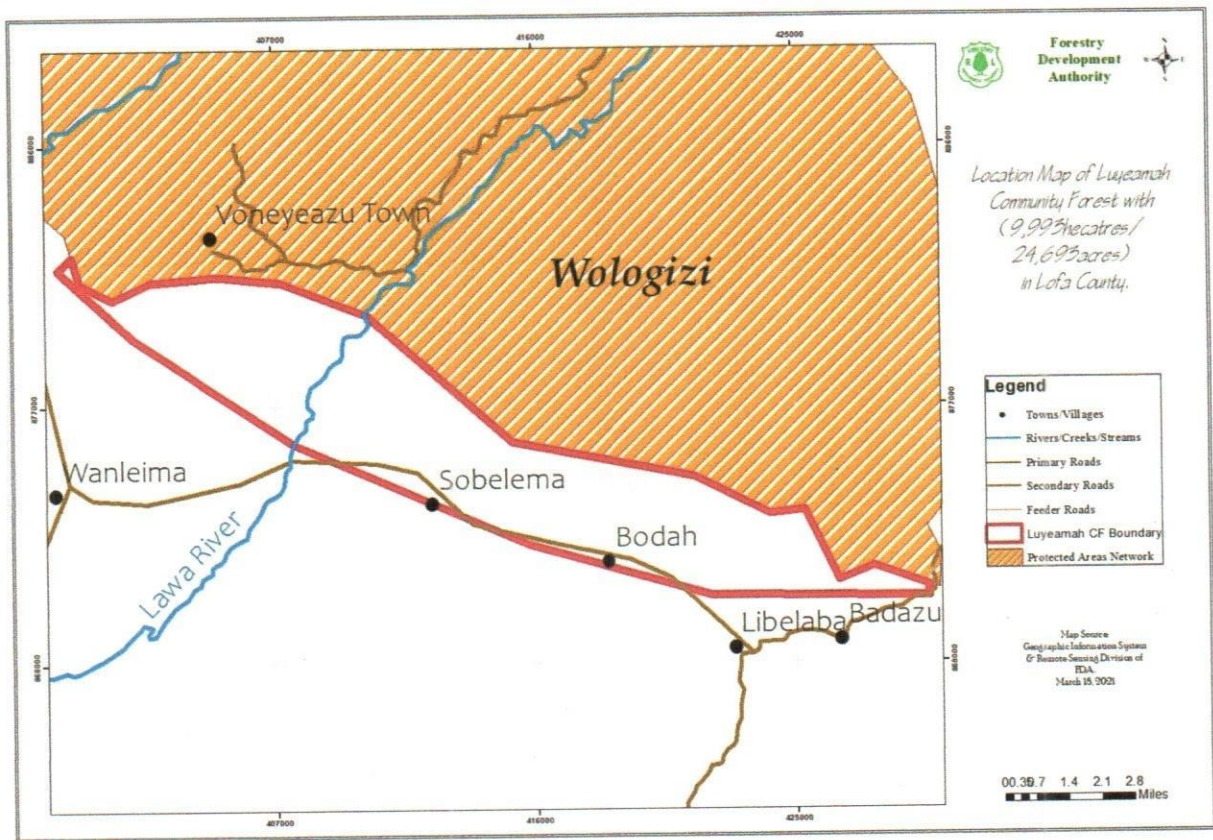
5. Conclusion

The objectives of the validation exercise of Luyeamah Community Forest were successfully achieved.

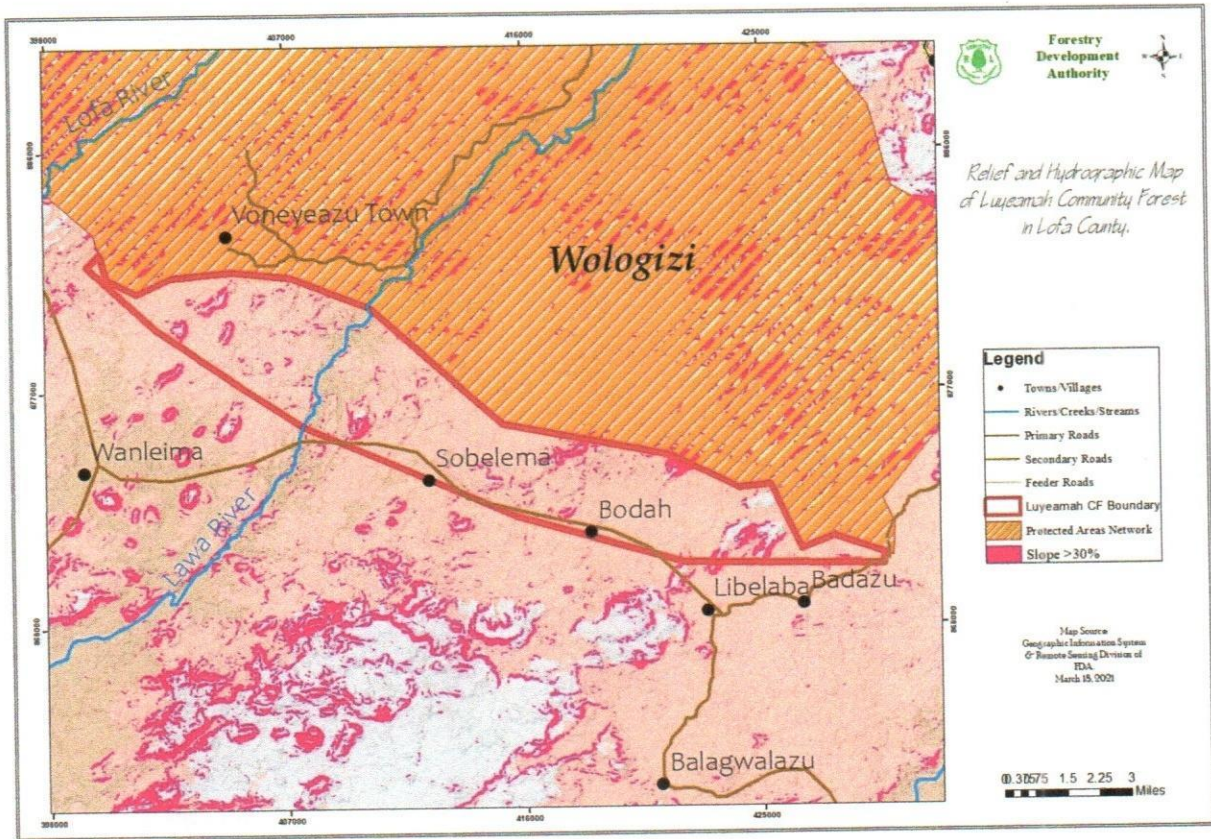
6. Recommendation

We recommend that:

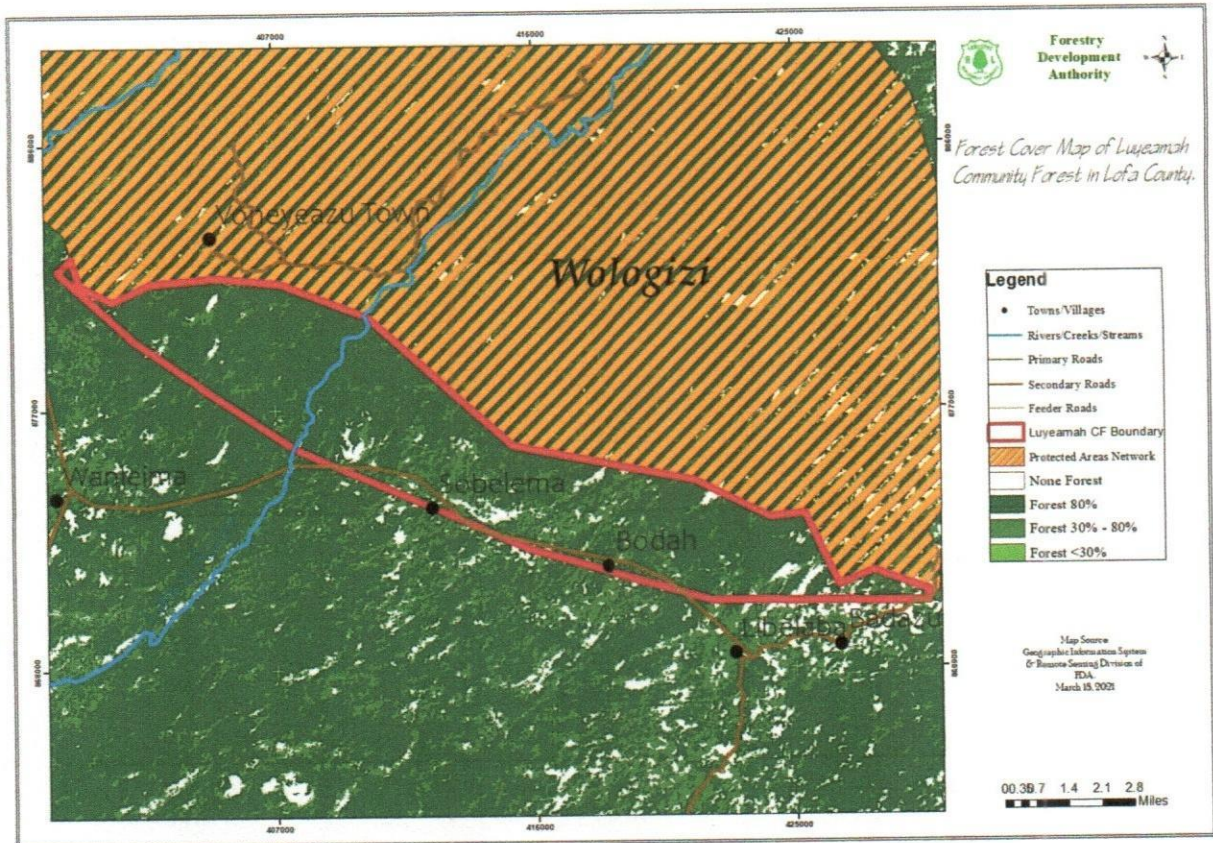
The 9,993 hectares / 24,693 acres be approved and awarded for the Luyeamah Community Forest status.



Figures 1: Location: Map of Luyeamah Community Forest



Figures 2: Relief & Hydrographic Map Luyeamah Community Forest



Figures 3: Forest Cover Map of Luyeamah Community Forest