

RIBBI FOREST

RESERVE

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THE FORESTRY ACT
(Cap. 189)

THE FORESTRY (RIBBI FOREST RESERVE) ORDER, 1973

Short Title.

WHEREAS by an Instrument dated 7th day of October, 1960, the Paramount Chief and Chiefdom Councillors of Ribbi Chiefdom in the Moyamba District of the Southern Province of Sierra Leone have requested that an area of land situated in the aforesaid Chiefdom and described in the Schedule hereto be constituted a Forest Reserve:

AND WHEREAS in accordance with the provisions of section 5 of the Forestry Act Government Notice No. 1247 was published in *Gazette* Vol. C. No. 83 of 30th October 1969—

- (a) specifying the situation and limits of the aforesaid land,
- (b) declaring the intention to constitute the aforesaid land a Forest Reserve for the particular use and benefit of the local community within the limits of whose occupation the reserve is situated; and
- (c) appointing the Provincial Secretary of the Southern Province as the Reserve Settlement Commissioner to enquire into and determine the existence of any rights regarding the land aforesaid:

AND WHEREAS in accordance with sections 6, 7 and 9 of the aforesaid Act the said Reserve Settlement Commissioner duly gave notice of, and conducted the enquiry with the assistance of Paramount Chief Kain Keni Mahoi III of the aforesaid Ribbi Chiefdom, Paramount Chief Charles A. Yimbo, J.P. of Tindale Chiefdom and Solomon Soluku of Bagruwa Chiefdom and delivered his judgment at Bradford on the 26th day of November, 1971:

AND WHEREAS no appeal has been lodged against the said judgment:

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 4 of the Forestry Act, the President acting in accordance with the advice of the Cabinet hereby makes the following Order:—

1. The Land described in the Schedule hereto is hereby constituted a Forest Reserve. Constitution of Forest Reserve.
2. The Local Community residing in the area in which the Forest Reserve is situated shall be entitled at all times to enter the same without fee, let or hindrance for the following purposes— Right of Local Community in Forest Reserve.

- (a) to hunt, set traps and collect wild animals, birds, fish and reptiles according to the law and without the use of fire;
- (b) to pass through the reserve from place to place;
- (c) to collect palm produce from Bamboo palm (*Raphia Vinifera*) and the oil palm (*Elaeis Guineensis*);
- (d) to harvest fruits, seeds sown or plants planted by them before the date of the Court sitting (i.e. 26th November, 1971) but not otherwise to tend or cultivate such plantations;
- (e) to collect honey; provided that no live tree is damaged or felled;
- (f) with the consent of the Chief Conservator of Forests or an Officer deputed by him, to collect thatch, building poles, rope and tie-tie for their own houses;
- (g) to brush roads in existence before 26th November, 1971 within and running through the Forest Reserve from place to place; and
- (h) to brush and farm swamps within the Forest Reserve.

SCHEDULE

All that piece of land approximately 1,717 square miles or thereabouts in the Ribbi Chiefdom in the Moyamba District of the Southern Province of Sierra Leone and bounded as follows:—

Starting from boundary stone No. 1 which is situated at Mile 45½ on the Freetown to Bo Railway Line where the Freetown to Moyamba motor road crosses the said Railway Line thence by a series of cut and beacons lines as follows:—

WEST

From Boundary Stone No.	To Boundary Stone No.	Distance in Chains	Bearing
1	2	51.98	357°00'
2	3	20.82	40°00'

Beacon No. 3 is situated on the foot path from Moyambassi to Masoti; thence by a series of cut and beacons lines as follows:—

NORTH

From Boundary Stone No.	To Boundary Stone No.	Distance in Chains	Bearing
3	4	21.75	68°30'
4	5	106.72	97°00'
5	6	12.50	136°00'

Boundary Stone No. 6 is situated 9.50 Chains from the Sembahun Village on a bearing of 62° 00'; thence

EAST

by a cut and beacons line on a bearing of 188° 20' for a distance of 38.12 chains to boundary stone No. 7 which is situated at the junction where the Bradford to Mokehea foot path branches off from the Bradford to Sembahun foot path; thence by a series of cut and beacons lines as follows:—

From Boundary Stone No.	To Boundary Stone No.	Distance in Chains	Bearing
7	8	6.12	190°00'
8	9	29.94	180°00'
9	10	37.95	236°00'

Boundary Stone No. 10 is situated at Mile 47½ on the Freetown to Bo Railway Line; thence

SOUTH

along the right hand side of the said railway line proceeding in the direction of Freetown to boundary stone No. 1 which is the starting point. As the same is illustrated on Forestry Department Plan Bo No. 191 and is shown verged green.

Note:—

- (1) All bearings given above are approximate magnetic bearings taken in February 1961.
- (2) All distances given are horizontal measured in Gunter's chain of 66 feet.
- (3) All boundary stones mentioned are stone cairns.

MADE this 23rd day of October, 1973.

Issued under my hand,

S. A. T. KOROMA,
Minister of Agriculture and
Natural Resources.