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THE FORESTRY ACT
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Short title:

THE FORESTRY (SIPENDE FOREST RESERVE) ORDER, 1973

WHEREAS by an Instrument dated 7th day of August, 1961, the Paramount Chief and Chieftom Councillors of Soro-Gbema Chieftom in the Pujehun District of the Southern Province of Sierra Leone have requested that an area of land situated in the aforesaid Chieftom 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. 1248 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 Vandi Pabai II of the aforesaid Soro-Gbema Chieftom, Paramount Chief S. S. A. B. Magona V of Barri Chieftom and Paramount Chief Monya Tamu of Makpele Chieftom and delivered his judgment at Fairo on the 14th day of December, 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:—

Constitution
of Forest
Reserve.

1. The Land described in the Schedule hereto is hereby constituted a Forest Reserve.

Right of
Local Com-
munity in
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—

- (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 the fruits, seeds sown or plants planted by them before the date of the court sitting (i.e. 14th December, 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 14th December, 1971 within and running through the Forest Reserve from place to place; and
- (h) to brush and farm swamps within the Forest Reserve.

THE SCHEDULE

All that piece of land approximately 3.2 square miles or thereabouts in the Soro-Gbema Chieftom in the Pujehun District of the Southern Province of Sierra Leone and bounded as follows:—

WEST

Starting from Boundary Stone No. 1 which is 34 chains due north of the village of Mano, thence by a series of cut and beaconed lines as follows:—

From Boundary Stone No.	To Boundary Stone No.	Distance in Chains	Bearing
1	2	42.32	6°00'
2	3	26.00	52°00'
3	4	24.00	5°00'
4	5	30.30	258°00'
5	6	74.00	321°00'
6	7	16.91	342°00'

Boundary Stone No. 7 is on the foot path from Yangahun to Mani and South-east of Mani; thence by a series of cut and beaconed lines as follows:—

NORTH

From Boundary Stone No.	To Boundary Stone No.	Distance in Chains	Bearing
7	8	31.00	73°00'
8	9	56.76	75°00'
9	10	68.33	105°00'

Boundary Stone No. 10 is South of Navai and North of the point where the foot path from Navai to Yangahun joins with the foot path from Navai to Toso: Thence by a series of cut and beacons lines as follows:—

EAST

<i>From Boundary Stone No.</i>	<i>To Boundary Stone No.</i>	<i>Distance in Chains</i>	<i>Bearing</i>
10	11	135.79	160°00'
11	12	27.55	230°00'

thence:

SOUTH

<i>From Boundary Stone No.</i>	<i>To Boundary Stone No.</i>	<i>Distance in Chains</i>	<i>Bearing</i>
12	13	102.00	267°00'
13	1	16.92	260°00'

Boundary Stone No. 1 is the starting point. As the same is illustrated on Forestry Department Plan No. Bo 196 and is shown thereon verged green.

Note:—

- (1) All bearings given above are approximate magnetic bearings taken in January, 1962.
- (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.*