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## Biodiversity Conservation through Expanding the Protected Area Network in Liberia (EXPAN)

### GEFIA - GEF-IBRD AS IMPLEMENTING AGENCY

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Summary Information	
TF Status	ACTV
Recipient Country	Liberia
Executed By	Recipient
Managing Unit	9061 - GENDR
Grant Start Date / End Date	03/15/2011 to 12/31/2015
Program Manager	Karin Shepardson
Original Grant Amount	950,000.00
Grant Amount	950,000.00
Outstanding Commitments	0.00
Cumulative Disbursements	950,000.00 as of 06/30/2015
Disbursed 07/01/2014 to 06/30/2015	191,719.75
Donor	TF602001 - MULTIPLE DONORS

*This GRM report includes the following sections: Overview, Outcome, Components/Outputs, Execution, Program(GEFIA), Processing, Attached Documents, Disbursements.*

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## OVERVIEW

### Overall Assessments and Ratings

#### Grant Objectives:

Contribute to the conservation of Liberia's globally significant biodiversity providing better representation of ecosystems within Liberia's current protected area network and enabling active conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity with local communities.

#### Overall progress from 07/01/2014 to 06/30/2015 with regard to Achieving Grant Objectives:

**Rating:** Moderately Satisfactory( Previously Rated Moderately Satisfactory on 06/30/2014 )

#### Comment:

The project has completed its key activities despite the limitations owing to the Ebola outbreak where the FDA staff and the contractors had limited access to the sites and caused delay.

This MSP project provided the continuum to activities of the previous GEF financed project Consolidation of Liberia Protected Area Network (COPAN) (P105830 #closed in November 2012), which has initiated the support to some protected areas.

Attached is the AM for MTR mission

This is progress GRM covering 7/1/2014 to 6/30/2015. The project closed on 6/30/2015 and the completion GRM will be prepared as soon as the client completion report is completed.

#### Overall progress from 07/01/2014 to 06/30/2015 with regard to Implementation of Grant Financed Activities:

**Rating:** Moderately Satisfactory( Previously Rated Moderately Satisfactory on 06/30/2014 )

#### Comment:

Component 1 Strengthening of the Forestry Development Authority Conservation Department: The project supported capacity development of FDA conducting various training, including FDA forest guards in service training conducted in Lofa County in April 2015. The project also supported construction of Lake Piso Multiple Use Reserve headquarters office for the capacity development at the regional level, and its construction completed in June 2015.

Component 2 Creation of New Protected Areas and Community Mapping: The project supported hiring a consultant to develop gazzement package for Gola Forest to be marked as Protected Area. The Gola gazzement package is at the legislature currently awaiting approval, which has been delayed than earlier anticipated. The project also contributed in the gazzement process for Grebo Forest and Wonegizi Forest to be Protected Area by financing biodiversity study and socio-economic study in these proposed protected areas. During preparation of Gola gazzement package, community requested to have traditional activity to relocate sacred bush, which was within the proposed protected area. and was supported by the project. This activity was not planned initially and but was considered one of the critical activities in order to have Gola to be gazzeted.

Component 3 Development of Community Livelihood Program around Protected Areas: The project contributed in providing support of livelihood improvement for 14 communities; 6 communities around Gola Proposed Protected Area, 4 communities around Lake Piso Multiple Use Reserve Protected Area, and 4 communities around Wonegizi Proposed Protected Area.

### Grant follow-up and structure

#### Description and context of Grant:

The project is well recognized by the counterpart and also communities. The gazzement process is not easy, because it requires clarification in land ownership, alternative livelihood, benefits to communities, infrastructure development, etc. The project implementation agency Forestry Development Authority (FDA) has been conducting good consultations from various levels.

**Expected follow up (if any):** Follow up Bank project/loan/credit/grant

#### Comment on follow up:

The Liberia Forest Sector Project (P154114) is currently under preparation, based on the lessons emanating from this project (EXPAN). The new project is expected to allow continued support to the FDA and to some activities which were already initiated through EXPAN, such as gazzement process for Grebo National Park in South East and Wonegizi in North West.

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**End Date of Last Site Visit:**

## Restructuring of Grant:

The EXPAN project was restructured twice. The first restructuring was the extension of closing date for 11 months from 07/31/2013 to 06/30/2014. The second restructuring was reallocation of funds from Category 1 to Category 2, and extend the closing date for 12 months from 06/30/2014 to 06/30/2015.

## Activity Risk

**Rating:** Modest Risk ( Original Risk Rating is Substantial Risk )

### Comment:

While the project contributed in capacity development of the Forest Development Authority. especially the Conservation Department, its capacity is still not strong enough to maintain its activity. The gazzement process for Grebo and Wonegizi is on its way,

## Critical Issues and Pending Actions for Management Attention

There are currently no issues and actions for Management attention.

## OUTCOME

### Comments on outcome achieved from 07/01/2014 to 06/30/2015

Forest Development Authority Conservation Department (FDA-CD) has conducted capacity development training for rangers in all the protected areas and the proposed protected areas. Because the capacity of FDA-CD has gradually developed through the project, now FDA-CD could take initiative in designing training program and having logistics arrangements.

Construction of the FDA headquarters at Lake Piso Multiple Use Reserve has been delayed because the contractor could not go to the site because of Ebola outbreak. However, the construction has restarted in February 2015 and completed. When the Bank implementation support mission team visited the site in June 2015, there were water puddles but the contractor paved the areas afterwards.

Draft gazzement package for Gola was developed in March 2015 but it is taking long for legislature to approve it despite there is close follow up and immediate actions from FDA side.

## Grant Outcome Indicators

Grant outcome indicators are listed below.

### Two additional protected Areas established and functioning and ocnnected to the Liberian PA system

**Baseline** Two protected areas exist with three others at various stages of establishment

#### Value:

**Date:** 04/07/2010

**Progress to Date:** One additional PA (Lake Piso) gazetted and three more Gola, Wonegizi and Grebo are at the final stage of gazzement process.

**Date:** 06/30/2015

**Target Value:** Two new protected areas created and demarcated

**Date:** 06/30/2015

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## COMPONENTS/OUTPUTS

### Output and Implementation by Component

#### Strengthening of the Forest Development Authority Conservation Department (FDA-CD)

**Implementation Rating:** Moderately Satisfactory  
**Status:** Completed  
**Planned Output:** Providing technical assistance to the FDA-CD with particular focus on the decentralized FDA offices in charge of the PAs, encompassing the provision of training at post-graduate level to its staff.  
**Actual Output:** The new office at Lake Piso Multiple Use Reserve was established with full functionality. The office at Gola Proposed Protected Area was rehabilitated.

#### Creation of New Protected Areas (PAs) and Community Mapping

**Implementation Rating:** Moderately Unsatisfactory  
**Status:** Under Implementation  
**Planned Output:** Providing technical assistance for the preparation and establishment of two new proposed PAs with a focus on community mapping approach, encompassing physical infrastructures and management plans.  
**Actual Output:** Gazzetment package for Gola was developed but it is yet approved by the legislature. Development of gazzetment package for Wonegizi and Grebo is on the way. New project can assist to complete.

#### Development of Community Livelihood Programme around Protected Areas (PAs)

**Implementation Rating:** Moderately Satisfactory  
**Status:** Completed  
**Planned Output:** 30% of communities around the park are involved in biodiversity friendly sustainable activities as measured by CWIQ.  
**Actual Output:** Six communities around Gola, 4 communities around Lake Piso, and 4 communities around Wonegizi were involved in biodiversity friendly sustainable activities.

#### Project Management

**Implementation Rating:** Moderately Satisfactory  
**Status:** Completed  
**Planned Output:** A regional project managmnet office is formally established and operational  
**Actual Output:** Regional PM office is established and fully operational

### Comment on planned and actual Output

When the project was planned, previous GEF financed project Consolidation of Liberia Protected Area Network (COPAN) (P105830, 05/27/2008 # 11/30/2012) was expected to complete as planned. However, some activities of COPAN could not complete within its project period, therefore this project was designed to continue remaining activities and other new activities.

The project continued capacity development of FDA. FDA staffs including Protected Areas wardens and rangers received training in Wildlife, Protected Areas management, rangers monitoring. FDA office in Monrovia, Lake Piso, Gola, Wonegizi and Grebo received support in having adequate equipment. The project also contributed in developing the wildlife conservation law#s regulatory framework, a Protected Areas Sustainable Financing Plan and a Protected Area System Management Strategy.

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The project continued gazzement process for Gola Protected Area, which was initiated through COPAN. The Gola gazzement package is finalized and it is already submitted to legislature to be legalized.

Gazzement process for Grebo and Wonegizi is on the way. The biodiversity study and socio-economic study in Grebo and Wonegizi, which are part of gazzement process has been completed.

An act to establish the Lake Piso Basin Multiple Sustainable Use Reserve was adopted in 07/21/2011, but the boundary of the area was not clear. Therefore, the project contributed in activity to mark the boundaries. This is one of the key activities to have keep the protected area

The project contributed in providing biodiversity friendly sustainable activities to the communities around protected areas. Overall 6 communities around Gola Proposed Protected Area, 4 communities around Lake Piso Multiple Use Reserve Protected Area, and 4 communities around Wonegizi Proposed Protected Area were involved in biodiversity friendly sustainable activities.

## Comment on component implementation progress

Implementation of the project has delayed during Ebola outbreak because contractors could not go to the forest communities and also community consultations have been restricted. As Ebola cases decreased in early 2015, the project caught up the implementation, such as completing the construction of Lake Piso Multiple Use Reserve.

## EXECUTION

### Bank project related to the grant

Project ID / Name: P114580 - Liberia: Protected Areas Network II  
Project Status: Lending  
Global Focal Area: Biodiversity  
Product Line: GM - GEF Medium Sized Program

### Implementing agency and contact details

Agency: Forestry Development Authority  
Contact: Mr Theo Freeman  
Address: FDA Sinkor  
Phone: 231 467329 Email: theo.freeman10@yahoo.com  
Website: <http://www.fda.gov.lr/>

### Implementation performance ratings from 07/01/2014 to 06/30/2015 with regard to:

**Project Management:** Moderately Satisfactory (Previously Rated Moderately Satisfactory on 06/30/2014)

**Brief Comment:**

Most of the activities were delayed within the project duration because of Ebola outbreak but , were back on track to complete key tasks.

**Financial Management:** Moderately Satisfactory (Previously Rated Moderately Satisfactory on 06/30/2014)

**Brief Comment:**

FDA and PFMU has maintained adequate financial management arrangements necessary to ensure that Bank Loan proceeds are used for the purposes intended.

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**Counterpart Funding:** Moderately Satisfactory (Previously Rated Moderately Unsatisfactory on 06/30/2014)

**Brief Comment:**

FDA and communities provided in kind funds.

**Procurement:** Moderately Satisfactory (Previously Rated Moderately Satisfactory on 06/30/2014)

**Brief Comment:**

The procurement specialist for FCPF/REDD+ supported procurement of EXPAN.

**Monitoring and Evaluation:** Moderately Unsatisfactory (Previously Rated Moderately Satisfactory on 06/30/2014)

**Brief Comment:**

FDA has been submitting work plan and budget, but with noted delays and the quality of report was not upto standard. Close monitoring was done during project supervisions.

## Additional Comments on Implementation Performance:

### PROGRAM

#### Program Specific Ratings

1. Please rate public involvement - Moderately Satisfactory
2. Please rate government commitment - Moderately Satisfactory
3. Please rate safeguard performance - Moderately Satisfactory
4. Please rate arrangements for sustainability - Moderately Satisfactory

#### Program Specific Questions

##### 1 .Please comment on additional resources leveraged

The country provided in kind input during development of gazzement package in Gola, Wonegizi, and Grebo. There were also labor support during the construction of FDA Headquarters in Lake Piso Multiple Use Reserve. Other activities through the identified cofinancing sources (LFI, WB grant, and communities) carried out in compliment to the project and in synergy.

### PROCESSING

#### Manager's comments on this GRM report:

Date:10/15/2015 User ID:WB86248 Name:Ms Magdolna Lovei Operation performed:Approved by Manager

This activity was an important "bridge" toward the larger forest sector project. Strong achievement under difficult conditions.

#### GRM report history - Requested on 07/08/2015,due on 08/31/2015

Action	Name	Status	Date
Created	Louise Maria T. Shaw-Barry	Draft	07/09/2015
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Approved by Manager	Magdolna Lovei	Approved	10/15/2015

## DOCUMENTS

### List of documents attached to this GRM

1) GRM Report 20150630

## DISBURSEMENTS

### Disbursements Summary in USD

Date From	Date To	Planned Cumulative	Planned Period	Actual Cumulative	Actual Period
01/01/2011	06/30/2011	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
07/01/2011	12/31/2011	0.00	0.00	150,000.00	150,000.00
01/01/2012	06/30/2012	0.00	0.00	190,689.33	40,689.33
07/01/2012	12/31/2012	0.00	0.00	549,768.61	359,079.28
01/01/2013	06/30/2013	0.00	0.00	550,795.27	1,026.66
07/01/2013	12/31/2013	0.00	0.00	673,447.88	122,652.61
01/01/2014	06/30/2014	0.00	0.00	758,280.25	84,832.37
07/01/2014	12/31/2014	0.00	0.00	844,469.79	86,189.54
01/01/2015	06/30/2015	0.00	0.00	950,000.00	105,530.21
07/01/2015	12/31/2015	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00