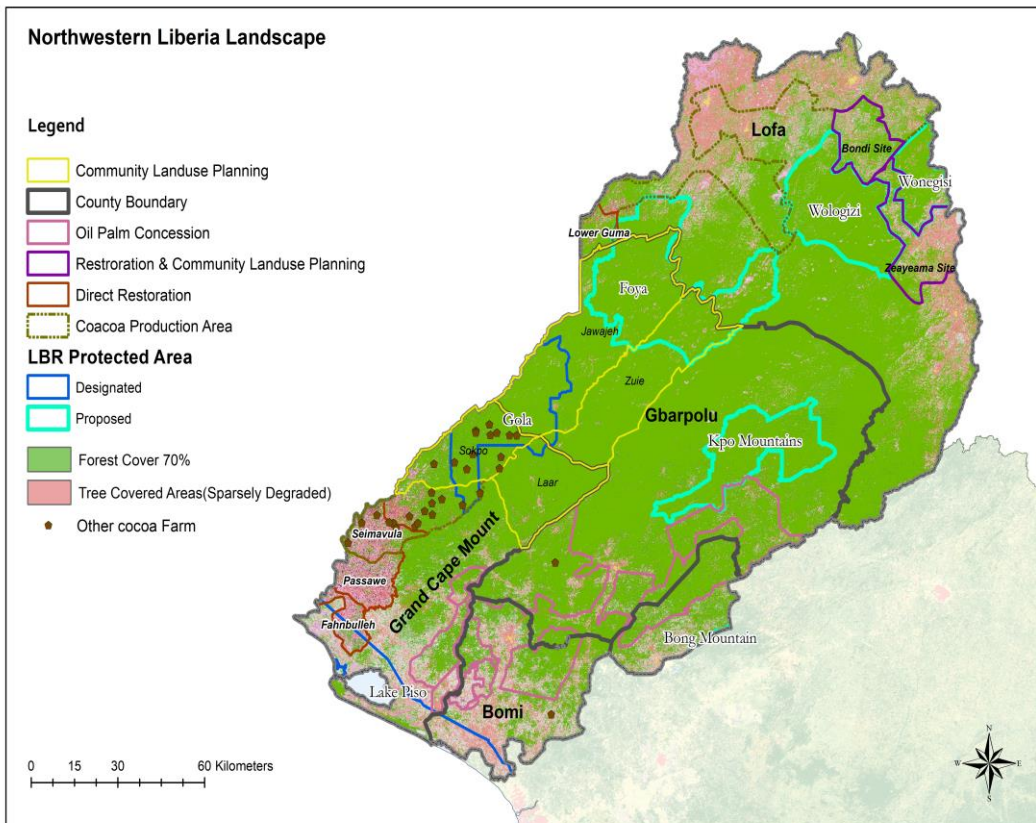


Food systems, Land use and Restoration (FOLUR) Project

will promote biodiversity conservation and sustainable food systems for enhanced livelihood opportunities in NW Liberia Landscape through land use planning, restoration of degraded lands, strengthening governance, policies, and market incentives for nationally replicable models of deforestation-free cocoa and palm oil value chains.

FOLUR PROJECT

Reducing Deforestation from Cocoa and Palm oil value chains



Key project information

Project cost: US\$ 74,338,515 (US\$ 7,139,449 from GEF and US\$ 66,999,065 million) from co-financing)

Duration: 60 months (5 years)

Approved: 27 September 2021

Start date: 1st May 2022

End date: 30th April 2027

Funder: The Global Environment Facility (GEF)

Co-financiers: EPA, FDA, LISGIS, LLA, MoA, MANO, RSPB, SCNL, FFI, IDH, and CI Liberia

GEF Implementing Agency: CI-GEF Agency

Executing Agencies: CI Liberia, EPA, SCNL, RSPB and FFI

FOLUR Project targets

- Coarse **national land use plan**/map
- Detailed NW Liberia **landscape land use plan**/map
- **15,000 ha** of degraded land restores
- **200,000 ha** under sustainable land management in production systems
- **100,000 ha** under improved management to benefit biodiversity
- **36,134,316 tCO₂e** mitigated
- **50,000** (25,500 men and 24,500 women) direct beneficiaries

FOLUR project summary

Liberia is at a crossroads as government, business, and civil society seek to balance the urgent need for jobs, food and economic development with conservation and sustainable use of the country's natural resources. This is particularly evident in Northwest Liberia that has high carbon stock (HCS) and high conservation value (HCV) forests that provide key ecosystem services including freshwater provision, sediment regulation and water provision. Throughout NW Liberia landscape there is an urgent need for development and job creation is the driving priority for the government and local communities.

New integrated development models are needed to meet these economic objectives while maintaining essential ecosystem services and conserving critical forest areas.

This project will work with local and national governments, communities and smallholder farmers, and commercial agroforestry plantation operators to advance land use planning, sustainable commodity production, restoration of degraded lands, and forest conservation. The work with smallholder farmers will facilitate adoption of sustainable agroforestry methods for cocoa and palm oil production, as well as the formation of cooperatives or associations to strengthen their participation in supply chains. Private sector engagement is a key element of the project, as the work Mano Palm Oil Industries Inc. (MPOI) will focus on applying sustainability standards and pursuing socially equitable and mutually beneficial relationships with smallholder producers.

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