

## Project Name: LEH GO GREEN

Supporting increased forest-based revenue and livelihoods for forest users and forest fringe communities in the Gola and Grebo-Krahn Landscape of Liberia.

### OVERVIEW

Liberia’s forest resources face several challenges and threats which are causing considerable damage to the integrity of the ecosystems and the provision of essential ecosystem services, including soil quality, forest cover and forest health, water quality and plants and animals.

To address the numerous threats and underlying causes leading to biodiversity loss, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in partnership with the Forestry Development Authority (FDA) is implementing a three-year project titled “LEH GO GREEN” funded by the Delegation of the European Union to Liberia.

Through the proposed actions, the project seeks to address livelihood and climate change mitigation barriers by enhancing forest restoration in degraded areas; promoting diversified livelihoods that can respond to environmental shocks and stresses; increasing economic engagement and opportunities for underserved populations (youth and women); sustainable utilization of forest resources to achieve economic and conservation outcomes; promoting incentive-based and collaborative conservation agreements and reduced impact commercial logging to enhance community stewardship and benefits from sustainable forest management and building local capacity to engage in carbon markets dialogues.

### GOAL

The overall goal of the project is to improve natural resources governance and business environment for sustainable forest-based activities in line with the 2021-2024 EU Programming Forestry & Conservation Contribution to TEI ‘Sustainable Forestry and Biodiversity Conservation in Liberia.

### Specific Objectives:

It will focus on:

1. Strengthening the sustainable use of natural resources in Liberia while contributing to the fight against climate change.
2. increasing jobs and growth for forest communities in the Grebo-Krahn National Park and Gola Forest National Park.
3. Enhancing access to forest-based revenue and livelihood opportunities for improved forestry and conservation activities.

### QUICK FACTS

**Duration:** 36 months

**Investment:** USD 4,943,250.00 Million

**Funding Source/Donor:** European Union Delegation- Liberia

Implementation modality: **Direct Implementation Modality**

Responsible Partner: **Forestry Development Authority**

**Implementing Partners:** SCNL, WCF, BRAC, FTI.

**Project Location:** Gbarpolu, Grand Cape Mount, Grand Gedeh, Lofa and RiverGee

**Beneficiaries:** Approximately 30 forest communities, 500 households

### Activities

The project supports the following key strands of work;

- Cost-benefit analysis of alternative community forest management scenarios (e.g. managed for logging/carbon).
- Four Community Conservation Agreements and monitoring.
- Support for one community-based low impact logging enterprises (training, equipment, technical support).
- 500ha agroforestry program targeting 500 households (planting of 500,000 trees).
- Integrated livelihood activities: lowland rice, livestock, honey, nursery production etc.
- At least 2 cane rat and snail production training sites and pilot commercial schemes targeting bushmeat traders, ASM actors, hunters etc.
- Sustainable charcoal enterprises (training and equipment)
- Training and financing for forest -based enterprises to scale up.
- Set up/strengthen and provide resources to 30 groups of revolving Village Savings Loan Association (VSLAs).





### ANTICIPATED RESULTS

The project will address planning, capacity building, livelihood, and knowledge barriers by effectively promoting sustainable livelihood and use of natural resources targeting forest fringe communities through incentive-based conservation activities to set and show proof of concept that allows communities to drive these initiatives. More importantly, the project will contribute to conservation of biodiversity of global significance, promote carbon sequestration and reduce GHG emissions in the forest sector. The project will also enhance the flow of capital to forest based MSMEs (Medium and Small-Scale Enterprises) and business development skills to agriculture and forest based MSMEs to allow them to scale up their operations and contribute to job and income creation, while expanding access to economic opportunities for underserved populations (youth and women).

Outcomes 1: Community Conservation Agreement (CCA) developed and implemented to support sustainable livelihood and nature-based solutions in targeted authorized forest communities.

Outcomes 2: Sustainable management of reduced impact community-based commercial logging promoted based on best practice and guidelines developed and piloted in targeted authorized forest communities.

Outcomes 3: Resilient and diversified income and livelihood opportunities and business development of forest related enterprises created and strengthened.

Outcomes 4: Mechanisms to foster sustainable financing of local forest-based enterprises promoted for enhancing capacity of forest communities to be aware of carbon market opportunities to participate in carbon readiness activities.

### Key Dates:

- Project Official Launch- May 15, 2024
- The community-level launch
  - Friday, May 17, 2024 (Konobo Ziah Town, Grand Gedeh County, Southeast landscape)
  - Friday, May 24, 2024 (Fornor Community, Grand Cape Mount County, Northwest landscape)



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