

**"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE GREBO NATIONAL FOREST AS GREBO-  
KRAHN, NATIONAL PARK.**

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## **AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE GREBO-KRAHN NATIONAL PARK**

### **PREAMBLE**

**WHEREAS**, Liberia is host to significant portion of the forest of the Upper Guinea Forest Ecosystem, which provide a habitat for flora and fauna many of which are threatened by Climate Change and its impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Government of Liberia has committed to conserve at least thirty percent of its forest resources as protected or conservation forests and in furtherance of this, has demonstrated its political will to conserve the globally significant biodiversity of the Tai-Grebo-Sapo Corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Grebo National Forest consists of unique combinations of forests habitats and is recognized for its plant endemism and biodiversity richness, in particular the critically endangered western chimpanzees;

**WHEREAS**, the Forestry Development Authority (FDA) has identified the Grebo National Forest for conversation as part of Liberia's Protected Area Network due to its unique forest habitats, plant endemism, biodiversity richness and strategic location as a harbor of the Tai-Grebo- Sapo Corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, the FDA has consulted with the relevant Grebo National Forest communities and acquired their consent for the establishment of the Grebo National Forest as the Grebo-Krahn National Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the conservation of the Grebo National Forest as a National Park will guarantee long term environmental, social and economic benefits for forest communities on the edge of the Park through the development sustainable alternative livelihoods programs as an integral part of the park's management; and

**WHEREAS**, a gazettelement package for declaring the Grebo National Forest as the Grebo-Krahn National Park has been duly prepared and presented by the Executive to the Legislature demonstrating technical, social and environmental justification for declaring the Grebo-Krahn National Park as a protected area; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 9.5 of the National Forestry Reform Law (2006) provides for the enactment by the National Legislature of legislations establishing National Forest, National Park, Nature Reserve, or Strict Nature Reserve.

**NOW THEREFORE**, it is enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Republic, in Legislative Assembled:



### Section 1.1 Title Citation

This Act constitutes and shall be cited as **An Act for the Establishment and Management of the Grebo-Krahn National Park.**

### Section 1.2 Short Title and name

This Act may be referred to as the Grebo-Krahn National Park Act

### Section 1.3 Definitions:

**"Authority or FDA"** means the Forestry Development Authority.

**"Bounds"** means lines defining distance between metes.

**"Chains"** means a measurement that is 80 chains to a mile and 49.71 chains to kilometer.

**"EPA"** means the Environment Protection Agency of Liberia.

**"Metes"** means point of direction change in demarcating boundary lines.

**"Metes and Bounds"** means the perimeter of a demarcated area.

**"Grebo-Krahn National Park"** for the purpose of this Act, Grebo-Krahn National Park means the area set aside by this act for conservation of its flora, fauna and associated resources.

**"National Park"** means protected areas which are large natural or near natural areas set aside for the protection of large-scale ecological processes along with the complement of species and ecosystems characteristic of the area, which provide a foundation for environmentally and culturally compatible spiritual, scientific, educational, recreational and visitor opportunities.

**"Sustainable Use"** means use of components of biological diversity in a way and at a rate that does not lead to the long term decline of biological diversity, thereby maintaining its potential to meet the needs and aspirations of present and future generations.

### Section 2.1 Metes, Bounds and Description:

- a) The Grebo-Krahn National Park is located in the Southeastern Liberia, particularly Grand Gedeh and River Gee Counties. It lies within latitudes 5°10'0"N and 5°60'0"N and longitudes 7°20'0"W and 7°50'0"W. The Grebo-Krahn National Park is divided into two separate areas, the Northern area and the Southern area.
- b) The Northern area commences at a point (653551, 651812) on the Cavalla River, at the border between Liberia and Côte d'Ivoire; thence a line runs 94.26 chains S 47° W to



- a point (652166, 650517); thence S 83° E for 503.27 chains to a point (653476, 640478); thence S 41° E for 103.34 chains to a point (655051, 639121); thence S 39° E for 310.07 chains to a point (659911, 635211); thence N 88° E for 114.25 chains to a point (662208, 635292); thence S 03° W for 17.57 chains to a point (662191, 634939); thence S 01° E for 46.09 chains to a point (663118, 634925); thence due North for 74.27 chains to a point (663105, 636419); thence N 32° E for 394.97 chains to a point (674674, 604946) where it meets the Cavalla River and follows the River south to a point (674674, 604946); thence N 17° W for 739.44 chains to a point (660403, 609142) where it meets the Dugbe River and follows the River North to a point (653336, 621568); thence N 65° W for 15.90 chains to a point (653199, 621857); thence N 63° E for 4.69 chains to a point (653283, 621900); thence N 52° E for 284.02 chains to a point (657775, 625431); thence N 51° W for 305.84 chains to a point (653878, 630192); thence N 83° W for 106.98 chains to a point (653624, 632329); thence N 01° W for 156.47 chains to a point (650477, 632398); thence N 36° W 343.30 chains to a point (644860, 636416); thence S 87° W for 345.59 chains to a point (637919, 636022); thence N 17° E for 314.43 chains to a point (639758, 642074); thence N 35° E for 407.95 chains to a point (644514, 648762); thence N 61° W for 229.30 chains to a point (648548, 650999); thence N 89° W for 144.48 chains to a point (648495, 653905) on the Cavalla River and follows the Cavalla River south easterly to the point of commencement embracing 212,434.3 acres of land and no more.
- c) The Southern area commences at a point (671106, 582866) on the Cavalla River, at the border between Liberia and Côte d'Ivoire; thence a line runs N 83° W for 114.27 chains to a point (670847, 585150); thence N 32° W for 87.99 chains to a point (669339, 586077); thence N 83° W for 334.60 chains to a point (668511, 592757); thence N 77° E for 342.47 chains to a point (675225, 594303) on the Cavalla River and follows the Cavalla River south easterly to the point of commencement embracing 25,157.25 acres of land and no more.
- d) Combining the northern and southern areas the Proposed Grebo-Krahn National Park embraces a total of 237,591.55 acres of land and no more.

The area identified by the metes, bounds and description herein comprising of a total of 237,591.55 acres shall be managed as a protected area for the sustainable use of natural resources, conservation of ecosystems and habitats and sustainable livelihoods and designated as a National Park. The land described in section 2 constituting the Grebo-Krahn National Park shall be Government land.

## 2.2 Establishment

There is hereby established within the Executive Branch of Government, the Grebo-Krahn National Park which shall be supervised and managed by the Forestry Development Authority.

## 2.3 Management of the Grebo-Krahn National Park



The Grebo-Krahn National Park shall be a permanent component of the Protected Area Network, manage by the FDA in accordance with the laws of Liberia and international best practices governing conservation of natural resources. The Management of the Park shall be subjected to such rules and regulations as may from time to time be transparently promulgated by the FDA to accomplish the intent of this Act, which is to protect the natural ecosystems of the Grebo-Krahn National Park and promote sustainable use of natural resources in the boundaries as shall be demarcated.

### **Section 3 Boundary Demarcations**

In accordance with Chapter 9 Section 9.11(c) of the National Forestry Reform Law of 2006 within one year of the enactment of this Act, the FDA shall clearly mark the boundary between the Grebo-Krahn National Park and its surrounding areas using transparently prescribed regulations or procedures and based on all relevant data gathered in preparation of the Grebo-Krahn National Park's Gazettement.

### **Section 4 Management Plan**

The Authority shall, as soon as practicable after the establishment of the Grebo-Krahn National Park, prepare and publish, and thereafter review and republish every five years, a comprehensive management plan for the Grebo-Krahn National Park in accordance with internationally accepted standards taking into consideration biodiversity, socio-economic, cultural and traditional issues related to the multiplicity of stakeholders depending on the natural resources of the Grebo-Krahn National Park.

The Authority shall, in consultation with local communities, counties and other local authorities issue regulations governing activities in the Grebo-Krahn National Park.

### **Section 5 Conflicts between Laws**

The implementation of this Act is subject to the relevant provisions of the National Forestry Reform Law of 2006 and the National Wildlife Conservation and Protected Areas Management Law as revised and/or amended.

### **Section 6 Effective Date**

This Act shall take effect immediately upon publication in handbill.

**ANY LAW TO THE CONTRARY NOT WITHSTANDING**



Sponsor: Sen J. Gblehko  
Maryland County

Co-sponsor: Sen A. Marshall Dennis  
Grand Gedeh County



2017

SIXTH SESSION OF THE FIFTY-THIRD  
LEGISLATURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

SENATE'S ENGROSSED BILL NO. 10 ENTITLED:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE GREBO NATIONAL FOREST  
AS GREBO-KRAHN, NATIONAL PARK.

On Motion, Bill read. On motion, the Bill was adopted on its first reading and sent to Committee Room on Thursday, June 29, 2017 at the hour of 12:48 G.M.T.

On motion, Bill taken from the Committee Room for its second reading. On motion, under the suspension of the rule, the second reading of the Bill constituted its third and final reading and the Bill was adopted, passed into the full force of the law and ordered engrossed today, Tuesday, August 15, 2017 @ 14:01 G.M.T.

  
SECRETARY, LIBERIAN SENATE, R.L.

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SIXTH SESSION OF THE FIFTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE OF  
THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

HOUSE'S ENDORSEMENT TO SENATE'S ENGROSSED  
BILL NO. 10 ENTITLED:

"AN ACT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MANAGEMENT  
OF THE GREBO-KRAHN NATIONAL PARK"

On Motion, Bill read. On motion, the Bill was adopted on its first reading and sent to Committee Room on Thursday August 17, 2017 at the hour of 14:27 G.M.T.

On Motion, the Bill was taken from the Committee Room for its second reading. On motion, under the suspension of the rule, the second reading of the Bill constituted its third and final reading and the Bill was adopted, passed into the full force of the law and ordered engrossed today, Tuesday August 22, 2017 @ 14:00 G.M.T.

  
CHIEF CLERK, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, R.L.



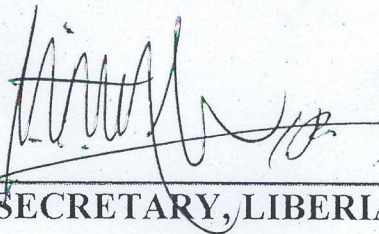
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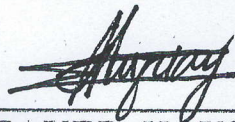
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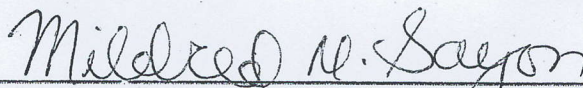
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THE SECRETARY, LIBERIAN SENATE



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**The Liberian Senate**  
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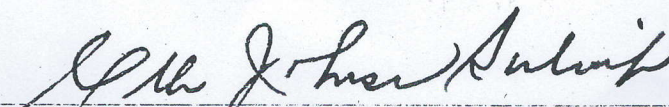
**SIXTH SESSION OF THE FIFTY-THIRD  
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SCHEDULE OF SENATE'S ENROLLED BILL NO. 6 ENTITLED:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE GREBO NATIONAL FOREST AS GREBO-KRAHN,  
NATIONAL PARK.

PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA FOR  
EXECUTIVE APPROVAL.

APPROVED THIS 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER A.D. 2017  
AT THE HOUR OF 12:35 P.M.

  
THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA