

Sharing of Experiences in Implementing ABS Regime in the African Region – Liberia's presentation



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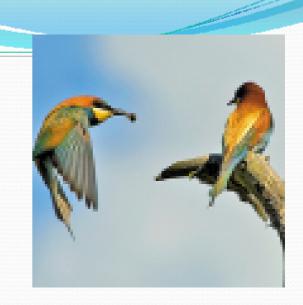
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Profile Summery of Liberia

Factors	Approximated Value
Population (July, 2009)	3,441,790
Land Area	9.58 million ha
Forest Land	4.30 million ha
% of forest land in the upper Guinea forest area	42 %
Undamaged forest area	2.6 million ha
% of Protected Areas	8 %
% of proposed protected Areas	30 %
Flowering plant species	2000+
Timber tree species	225
Mammalian species	125+
Reptiles and amphibian species	74+
Bird species	590
Insect species	1000+
Coastline	579 kilometers









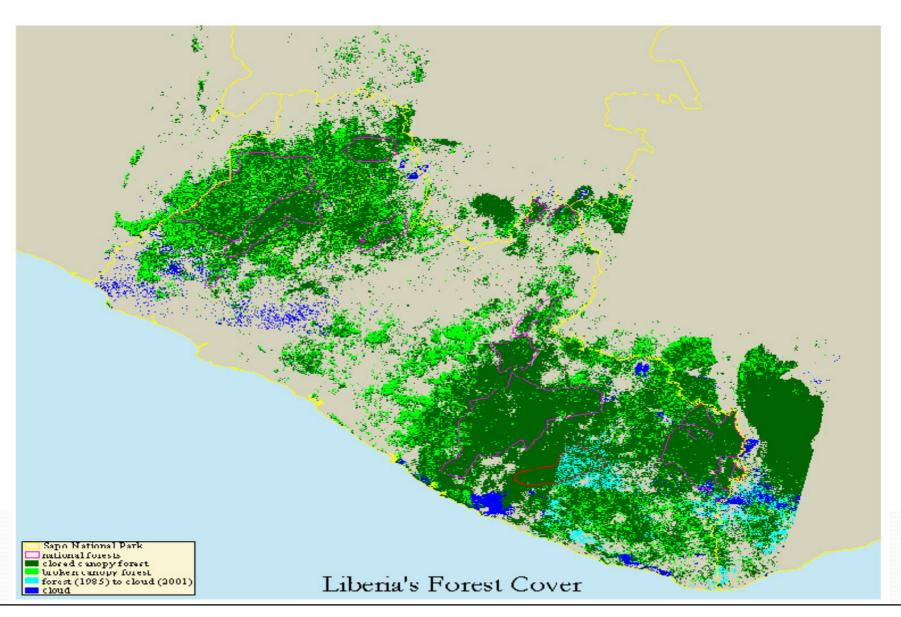








Forest Complex in Liberia



KEY NATURAL RESOURCES

- Iron ore
- Gold
- Diamonds
- Oil
- Timbers

Cash Crops

- Robber plantation
- Oil Palm Plantation
- Coffee and Coco

Drat ABS Legislation

 Ownership and the right to give prior informed consent to access to genetic resources and traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources

- Ownership of genetic resources and traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources
- Prior informed consent
- Community rights
- Conditions for denial of access

The Permitting Process

- Permits
- Applicants
- Access permit
- Export Permit
- Genetic Resource in Transit
- Assessment of permits applications
- Decision of Agency
- Standard permit conditions
- Variation of the conditions of a permit
- Suspension and cancellation of permits
- Decision making of the Agency
- Appeals against decision of Agency
- Appeal panel

- Benefit Sharing
- Benefit sharing agreements
- Communities' right to benefit sharing
- Allocation of benefit
- Contents of benefit sharing agreement

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- Benefit Sharing Fund
- Establishment of Benefit Sharing Fund
- Purpose of the Benefit Sharing Fund
- Administration of the Benefit Sharing Fund

Institutional Arrangements

- Functions of the Agency
- Powers of the Agency
- Liberian Access and Benefit Sharing Advisory Committee
- Functions of the Advisory Committee
- Composition
- Meetings and procedures of the advisory committee

- Monitoring and Enforcement
- Designation of monitoring institution
- Duties of monitoring institution
- Environmental inspectors
- Powers of environmental inspectors

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- Offences and Penalties
- Offences
- Penalty

- International Agreements
- Implementation of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture
- Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol

Miscellaneous

- Access to information
- Guidelines and regulation

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- Schedule and Fees
- Access application form
- Permits
- Benefit sharing agreement
- Fees
- Standard material transfer agreement for plant genetic resources for food and agriculture
- Monetary and non-monetary benefits

National undertakings for the Nagoya Protocol

- Draft Legislation has gone through nationwide consultation
- We have submitted the ABS Protocol to the National Legislature for ratification
- Indirect implementation of the protocol
- ESIA Process
- Challenges
- Law intuitional capacity
- Lack of political will
- inadequate public awareness

THANKS!