

KURU HILLS

FOREST RESERVE

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THE FORESTRY ORDINANCE
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THE FORESTRY (KURU HILLS FOREST RESERVE) ORDER, 1955

WHEREAS by an Instrument dated the 11th day of December, 1953, the Tribal Authority of the Tambakha Chiefdom of the Bombali District in the Northern Province of the Protectorate of Sierra Leone has requested that certain native land situate in the Kuru Hills in the aforesaid Chiefdom be constituted a forest reserve:

AND WHEREAS in accordance with the provisions of section 5 of the Forestry Ordinance, Government Notice No. 943 was published in the *Gazette* dated 18th November, 1954—

- (a) specifying the situation and limits of the aforesaid land,
- (b) declaring the intention to constitute the aforesaid land a forest reserve for the particular use and benefit of the native community within the Protectorate, within the limits of whose occupation the reserve is situated, and
- (c) appointing the Commissioner of the Northern Province as the Reserve Settlement Commissioner to hold an enquiry regarding the land aforesaid:

AND WHEREAS in accordance with sections 6 and 7 of the aforesaid Ordinance the Commissioner duly gave notice and conducted the enquiry with the assistance of the Regent of the aforesaid Tambakha Chiefdom and the Paramount Chiefs of the Sanda Tenraran and Sanda Loko Chiefdoms of the Bombali District aforesaid, and delivered his judgment on the 25th day of January, 1955:

AND WHEREAS no appeal has been lodged against the said judgment:

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred upon the Governor by section 4 of the Forestry Ordinance, the following Order is hereby made:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Forestry (Kuru Hills Forest Reserve) Order, 1955.

2. The land described in the Schedule hereto is hereby constituted a Forest Reserve.

3. The inhabitants of the aforesaid Tambakha Chiefdom shall be entitled at all times to enter the forest reserve without fee, let or hindrance for the following purposes:—

- (a) to travel through the reserved area from place to place, and
 (b) to hunt, capture and kill all wild animals, birds, fish and reptiles in that area.

4. All persons who planted kola, orange, mango, avocado-pear and banana trees in this area before the constitution of the reserve shall be entitled at all times to enter the forest reserve without fee, let or hindrance for the purpose of picking the fruits of the aforesaid trees.

THE SCHEDULE

ALL THAT PIECE OF LAND comprising 17,300 acres or thereabouts in the Tambakha Chiefdom of the Bombali District in the Northern Province of Sierra Leone and bounded as follows:—

Starting at Boundary Stone No. 1 which is at the right hand side of the waterfall on the Kita River distant 59.5 chains measured in a straight line on a bearing of $020\frac{1}{2}$ degrees from the western Cadastral Survey Beacon in Lakhata, longitude 12 degrees 13 minutes 21 seconds West, latitude 9 degrees 54 minutes 58 seconds North; thence by the right bank of the said river downstream in a south-south-westerly direction for a distance of 41.0 chains to Boundary Stone No. 2 which is distant 40.5 chains measured in a straight line on a bearing of 197 degrees from Boundary Stone No. 1; thence by a series of cut and beacons lines as follows:—

| <i>From Boundary Stone No.</i> | <i>To Boundary Stone No.</i> | <i>Bearing in Degrees</i> | <i>Distance in Chains</i> |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 2 | 3 | 207 | 13.4 |
| 3 | 4 | 298 | 11.4 |
| 4 | 5 | $214\frac{1}{2}$ | 14.2 |
| 5 | 6 | $130\frac{1}{2}$ | 12.4 |
| 6 | 7 | $218\frac{1}{2}$ | 11.9 |
| 7 | 8 | $288\frac{1}{2}$ | 65.0 |
| 8 | 9 | $261\frac{1}{2}$ | 24.4 |

Boundary Stone No. 9 is situated on the right bank of the Kon River; thence by the right bank of the said river downstream in a south-easterly direction for a distance of 71.4 chains to Boundary Stone No. 10 which is situated at the point where the path from Gbiabu to Dumbaia crosses the

river and is distant 64.0 chains measured in a straight line on a bearing of 134 degrees from Boundary Stone No. 9; thence along the northern side of the said path in a south-westerly direction towards Dumbaia for a distance of 188.2 chains to Boundary Stone No. 11 which is distant 160.0 chains measured in a straight line on a bearing of 234 degrees from Boundary Stone No. 10; thence by a series of cut and beacons lines as follows:—

| <i>From Boundary Stone No.</i> | <i>To Boundary Stone No.</i> | <i>Bearing in Degrees</i> | <i>Distance in Chains</i> |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 11 | 12 | 333½ | 27.3 |
| 12 | 13 | 299½ | 33.8 |
| 13 | 14 | 317 | 23.1 |
| 14 | 15 | 256 | 13.6 |
| 15 | 16 | 214 | 14.6 |
| 16 | 17 | 264½ | 7.7 |
| 17 | 18 | 219½ | 89.2 |
| 18 | 19 | 247 | 16.3 |
| 19 | 20 | 232½ | 139.5 |
| 20 | 21 | 145 | 30.1 |
| 21 | 22 | 092 | 27.1 |
| 22 | 23 | 213 | 19.3 |
| 23 | 24 | 126½ | 9.3 |

Boundary Stone No. 24 is situated on the path from Moria to Baretta where an unnamed stream crosses the said path; thence by the western side of the said path in a southerly direction towards Baretta for a distance of 49.0 chains to Boundary Stone No. 25 which is distant 48.9 chains measured in a straight line on a bearing of 204 degrees from Boundary Stone No. 24; thence by a series of cut and beacons lines as follows:—

| <i>From Boundary Stone No.</i> | <i>To Boundary Stone No.</i> | <i>Bearing in Degrees</i> | <i>Distance in Chains</i> |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 25 | 26 | 297 | 10.0 |
| 26 | 27 | 207 | 19.1 |
| 27 | 28 | 119 | 13.7 |
| 28 | 29 | 182 | 49.3 |

Boundary Stone No. 29 is situated on the path from Baretta to Takasa; thence by the western side of the said path in a southerly direction towards Takasa for a distance of 133.0 chains to Boundary Stone No. 30 which is distant 132.1 chains measured in a straight line on a bearing of 207

degrees from Boundary Stone No. 29; thence by a series of cut and beacons lines as follows:—

| <i>From Boundary Stone No.</i> | <i>To Boundary Stone No.</i> | <i>Bearing in Degrees</i> | <i>Distance in Chains</i> |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 30 | 31 | 307 | 21.6 |
| 31 | 32 | 193 | 34.8 |

Boundary Stone No. 32 is situated on the northern side of the path from Takasa to Yeralandai where an unnamed stream crosses the said path; thence by the northern side of the said path in a westerly direction towards Yeralandai for a distance of 242.0 chains to Boundary Stone No. 33 which is distant 185.0 chains measured in a straight line on a bearing of 292 degrees from Boundary Stone No. 32; thence by a series of cut and beacons lines as follows:—

| <i>From Boundary Stone No.</i> | <i>To Boundary Stone No.</i> | <i>Bearing in Degrees</i> | <i>Distance in Chains</i> |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 33 | 34 | 121 | 7.9 |
| 34 | 35 | 031½ | 9.4 |
| 35 | 36 | 014½ | 15.0 |
| 36 | 37 | 341½ | 17.5 |
| 37 | 38 | 312 | 10.3 |

Boundary Stone No. 38 is situated on the eastern side of the path from Yeralandai to Kambaia; thence along the eastern side of the said path in a northerly direction towards Kambaia for a distance of 80.0 chains to Boundary Stone No. 39 which is distant 77.7 chains measured in a straight line on a bearing of 015 degrees from Boundary Stone No. 38; thence by a series of cut and beacons lines as follows:—

| <i>From Boundary Stone No.</i> | <i>To Boundary Stone No.</i> | <i>Bearing in Degrees</i> | <i>Distance in Chains</i> |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 39 | 40 | 086 | 40.6 |
| 40 | 41 | 071 | 58.8 |
| 41 | 42 | 329 | 12.4 |
| 42 | 43 | 060 | 43.3 |
| 43 | 44 | 020 | 82.4 |
| 44 | 45 | 347 | 17.1 |
| 45 | 46 | 033 | 36.1 |
| 46 | 47 | 006½ | 28.8 |
| 47 | 48 | 328 | 84.3 |
| 48 | 49 | 285 | 56.1 |
| 49 | 50 | 258 | 66.2 |
| 50 | 51 | 282 | 60.0 |
| 51 | 52 | 349 | 104.0 |

Boundary Stone No. 52 is situated on the eastern side of the path from Yeamoona to Balencia; thence along the eastern side of the said path in a northerly direction towards Balencia for a distance of 47.0 chains to Boundary Stone No. 53 which is distant 45.0 chains measured in a straight line on a bearing of 048 degrees from Boundary Stone No. 52; thence by a cut and beacons line on a bearing of 115 degrees for a distance of 24.0 chains to Boundary Stone No. 54, which is situated on the southern side of the path from Balencia to Walicome; thence by the southern side of the said path in an easterly direction towards Walicome for a distance of 16.4 chains to Boundary Stone No. 55 which is distant 16.3 chains measured in a straight line on a bearing of 047 degrees from Boundary Stone No. 54; thence by a cut and beacons line on a bearing of 045 degrees for a distance of 26.7 chains to Boundary Stone No. 56 which is on a small cliff on the international boundary with French Guinea; thence by the said international boundary in an easterly direction for a distance of 266.0 chains to Boundary Stone No. 57 which is distant 235.7 chains measured in a straight line on a bearing of 091 degrees from Boundary Stone No. 56; thence by a series of cut and beacons lines as follows:—

| <i>From Boundary Stone No.</i> | <i>To Boundary Stone No.</i> | <i>Bearing in Degrees</i> | <i>Distance in Chains</i> |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 57 | 58 | 179½ | 55.0 |
| 58 | 59 | 088½ | 52.2 |
| 59 | 60 | 022½ | 46.8 |

Boundary Stone No. 60 is situated on the international boundary with French Guinea; thence by the said international boundary in an easterly direction for a distance of 46.8 chains to Boundary Stone No. 61 which is distant 35.0 chains measured in a straight line on a bearing of 093 degrees from Boundary Stone No. 60 and is situated on the right bank of the Kilimi River where the said river crosses the said international boundary; thence by the right bank of the said river downstream in a southerly direction for a distance of 60.0 chains to Boundary Stone No. 62 which is distant 59.0 chains measured in a straight line on a bearing of 135 degrees from Boundary Stone No. 61; thence by a series of cut and beacons lines as follows:—

| <i>From Boundary Stone No.</i> | <i>To Boundary Stone No.</i> | <i>Bearing in Degrees</i> | <i>Distance in Chains</i> |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 62 | 63 | 101 | 15.5 |
| 63 | 64 | 128 | 34.4 |
| 64 | 65 | 058 | 57.0 |
| 65 | 66 | 143½ | 22.7 |
| 66 | 67 | 082 | 58.6 |

Boundary Stone No. 67 is situated on the left bank of the Kon River; thence by the left bank of the said river up-stream in a northerly direction for a distance of 46.0 chains to Boundary Stone No. 68 which is distant 45.8 chains measured in a straight line on a bearing of $336\frac{1}{2}$ degrees from Boundary Stone No. 67 and is situated on the international boundary with French Guinea; thence along the said international boundary for a distance of 177.5 chains to Boundary Stone No. 1 which is distant 147.0 chains measured in a straight line on a bearing of 085 degrees from Boundary Stone No. 68 and is the starting point, thus enclosing the area, as the same is illustrated on Forestry Department Plan No. BA. 53 in the office of the Chief Conservator of Forests, Freetown and of the Divisional Forest Officer, Batkanu and is shown thereon verged GREEN.

Notes:—

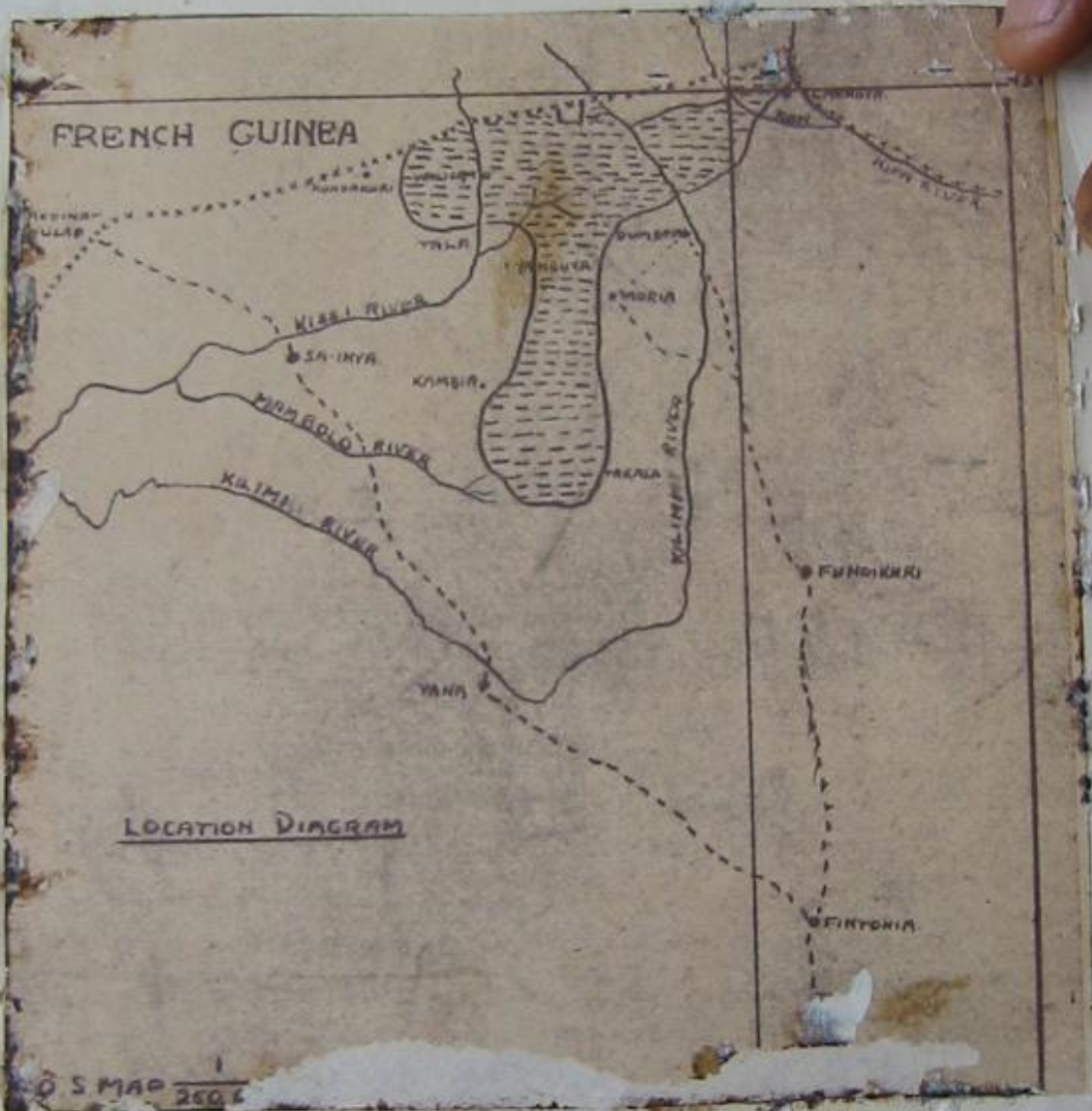
1. All bearings are approximate magnetic bearings taken in the year 1953.
2. All distances are approximate in Gunter's chains of 66 feet.
3. All Bounary Stones are cairns of stones except No. 1 which is a high waterfall.

THIS 10th day of *October*, 1955.

By His Excellency's Command,

M. A. S. MARGAI,
*Minister for Health, Agriculture
and Forests.*

LOCALITY MAP



LOCATION DIAGRAM

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