

EC Partners

Sierra Leone Forestry
Division

Liberia Forest
Development Authority

Sierra Leone
Conservation Society

Liberia Society for the
Conservation of Nature

BirdLife International

Royal Society for the
Protection of Birds

Facts and Figures

- EC contribution:
€2.45 million (77% of
the project)
- Duration: 2009- 2013
- Forests targeted: 75
000 ha in Sierra
Leone, 98 000 ha in
Liberia and 50 000
ha cross-border.



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Bio-diversity

Across the river: A trans-boundary peace park for Sierra Leone and Liberia

"This is the best thing happening in our chieftom and it will bring a lot of benefits for our children. It will also ensure security and stability in the two countries and continuous cooperation on cross-border issues."

Brima Kpetema, local Chief



Context

The Upper Guinea Forest is one of the world's priority areas for biodiversity conservation due to the large variety of native species and its key ecological function. However, centuries of human activity have led to a loss of 70% of the original forest cover. The remaining 420 000 km² are highly fragmented, habitats are isolated and species unique to the forest are threatened.

Objectives

- Protection and conservation of forests in threatened and cross-border areas.
- Capacity building of institutions and communities on carbon credit benefits.
- Effective management of forests by national institutions with the collaboration of local communities.
- Securing global carbon storage benefits for improved forest governance.

Impact

- Establishment of an effective project management, monitoring and assessment of areas for strategic forest and wildlife corridors.
- Strengthened forest governance, management capacity of government, civil society organisations and local communities for cross-border conservation.
- Enforcement of policies ensuring implementation of forest law governance and trade action plan.
- Investigation and, when possible, establishment of mechanisms of carbon trading and sustainable financing options.