

Dear Mr Kamara

We hope you are well.

We write you with reference to our interview on 28th February in Freetown. Thank you very much for taking the time in Freetown to provide us with information on the Rewilding project.

As you are aware, we are about to publish a small report on what we learned on the ground, including from you. In order to be exact in our report, we would like to get some clarifications from you and your team. We did discuss these points, but we would just like to clarify:

- Could you kindly let us know what your exact job title is within Rewilding Maforki? **Apologies for the confusion on my title in different communications. Sometimes it is not so much a title as an area that I support. Officially my title will be harmonised to Executive Director.**
- We understand from our interview that the “Individual landowner lease agreements” that many landowners signed are the actual lease agreements, legally binding for landowners. Can you confirm this? **Yes, they are legally binding agreements.** If so, what exactly is the role of the lease agreement that you are preparing at this time together with Namati? **The master lease agreements (one per chiefdom) will be overarching.** Can you share with us a copy of these agreements? **Not yet finalised. Once done they will be registered and will become public documents.**
- We learned from you that you fully follow the Customary Land Rights Act. We would like to ask again on the obtained consent. Can you provide us with the (anonymized, if necessary) consent documents for these lease agreements? **Not sure I understand your request. The signed agreement is an indication of consent and follows the required engagement and negotiations** If you have any guidelines within Rewilding Maforki on how such an FPIC process looks like, could you share them with us? **See attached our internal Participatory Mapping and FPIC process document. Note that this is shared on a CONFIDENTIAL basis as it is an important part of our IP and we only share in the spirit of collaboration.**
- We learned from you that you have plans for 25'000ha, while 5'000ha are surveyed and 2'000ha **(1,400ha)** have been planted by the end of 2023. On the Klimat X website, we found information on another project, called Rewilding 2, with an additional 32'000ha. We learned from you that at the moment there are no plans for these additional 32'000ha. Can you clarify this? **Indeed. There may be further project development in the future but no firm plans or funding in place yet for this.**
- Did you conduct a ESIA for the Rewilding Maforki project? If so, was it disclosed to the landowners? **Landowners and communities were engaged**

severally by the ESIA service providers/consultant during the process. Could you share it with us? Attached, but again on a confidential basis and also share an additional Biodiversity Study we contracted.

- We learned from you that you have an elaborate Community Development Action Plan. Can you share this Plan with us and also inform us which of these activities have already been put in place where and which activities are still in the planning phase? The activities already undertaken include a schools program, agricultural support (casava project), and the first water well is under construction. A women led community loan scheme is about to be rolled out and a biodiversity education program will kick off in the coming weeks. Further activities are budgeted and planned for 2024 and beyond. CDAP requirements are also captured in the master leases. Attached a draft of the CDAP. We have an annual Activity plan to refine the activities informed form further community engagement.

Thank you very much in advance for clarifying these points. Could you please reply until Friday at latest?

Sincerely,

Dr. Silva Lieberherr and Lansana Sowa