

FORESTRY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REGULATION NO. 24
ON UTILIZATION OF MINOR FOREST PRODUCTS

WHEREAS, the Act creating the Forestry Development Authority approved November 1, 1976 and published December 20, 1976 empowers the Authority in Section 4 (j) and (n) to promulgate, issue, amend and rescind forestry rules and regulations to ensure the accomplishment of all its policy objectives; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section (c) of the said Act creating the Forestry Development Authority it is one of the primary objectives of the Authority to protect and conserve the forest resources in all ways that enhance and sustain their development in the national economy; and

WHEREAS, the minor forest products have immense potentials to induce accelerated growth and development in the rural economies; and moreover these products are increasingly gaining importance on the local and international markets, and;

WHEREAS, the methods of harvesting these minor forest products are threats to the protection and conservation of Liberia's biodiversity; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent on the Forestry Development Authority to take appropriate measures in containing the threats to the Nation's resources so as to ensure continued environmental stability;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Forestry Development Authority hereby rules and regulates the following:

SECTION I: DEFINITION

Minor Forest Products are: Numerous forest products other than timber. These minor forest products include but not limited to the following:

1. Bamboo
2. Gum
3. Resin
4. Cork
5. Piassava and other vegetative fibres
6. Rattan
7. Raphia
8. Chewing sticks
9. Wild fruits
10. High Forest tree Seeds
11. Wine from raphia and oil palm trees
12. Wild mushrooms
13. Medicinal herbs, barks and roots
14. Honey
15. Rafters and poles
16. Firewood/Fuelwood
17. Charcoal
18. Oil palm cabbage

SECTION II: ANNUAL ADMINISTRATIVE FEES

Non-refundable Annual Administrative Permit fees for minor forest products, producers/ harvesters are as follows:

1. Rattan-----US\$500.00
2. Charcoal (Producers)-----LD\$8,000.00
3. Charcoal (Sellers)-----LD\$4,000.00
4. Bamboo (Reed)-----LD\$200.00
5. Firewood/Fuelwood-----LD\$1,000.00
6. Palm wine-----LD\$200.00
7. Pine (Raphia) wine-----LD\$200.00
8. Others-----LD\$200.00

Business registration certificates are to be obtained from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

SECTION III: FELLING OF PALM TREES

Penalties for felling the below listed tree species are as follows:

1. Oil palm trees-----LD\$5,000.00
2. Raphia trees-----LD\$5,000.00

However in the case of farming where oil palm trees are in closed aggregate in a stand of not less than five (5) trees per lot, the farmer may contact the Authority before felling.

SECTION IV: PENALTY

Any violation against any clause in this Regulation shall be punishable by law.

SECTION V: REPEAL

Regulation No.23 Section IV (D) on Annual Administrative Permit fees for minor forest products, and non-wood forest producers is hereby repealed.

SECTION VI: EFFECTIVE DATE

This regulation shall become effective on June 22, 2000 and be announced and published in the public media.

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JUNE 8, 2000