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Conservation initiatives have garnered significant political support in the last quarter century, as is evident in the international consensus around instruments such as the 1992 Convention on Biological Diversity. Political and economic support alone, however, is not enough to preserve the Earth's dwindling biodiversity. The conservation community can only be effective if it is equipped with clear goals, objectives, and strategies grounded in reliable and verifiable scientific research. There is still much to learn about the Earth's natural diversity, its role in ecosystem function and related services, and the most effective ways to preserve it.

Scientists at CABS work to fill these knowledge gaps. Founded in 1999 with generous support from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, CABS brings together a staff of more than 70 research scientists who are highly respected in their fields and dedicated to saving our biodiversity.

CONSERVATION INTERNATIONAL

Conservation International (CI) is an international, non-profit organization based in Arlington, VA. CI's mission is to conserve the Earth's living natural heritage, our global biodiversity, and to demonstrate that human societies are able to live harmoniously with nature.

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Conservation International–Liberia has been working with the Government of Liberia and civil society organizations since 2002 to achieve its conservation goals. These include: working with the Government of Liberia to create a network of protected areas covering 1.5 million hectares of the remaining forest cover, strengthening and improving protected area and wildlife management; increasing awareness and public participation; enhancing livelihoods by fostering sustainable biodiversity use; and promoting good governance of Liberia's forest resources. CI–Liberia implements its strategy to conserve Liberia's biodiversity by creating partnerships, conducting scientific research, and improving human welfare.

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FORESTRY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (FDA)

A 1976 Act of Legislature created the Forestry Development Authority (FDA) with responsibilities to effectively conserve and sustainably manage the forest resources of Liberia for its entire people. Among the primary objectives of the Authority are: (a) Establish a permanent forest estate made up of reserved areas upon which scientific forestry will be practiced; (b) Conduct essential research in forest conservation and pattern action programs upon the results of such research; (c) Give training in the practice of forestry; offer technical assistance to all those engaged in forestry activities; and spread knowledge of forestry and the acceptance of conservation of natural resources throughout the country;

(d) Conserve recreational and wildlife resources of the country concurrently with the development of forestry programs.

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SOCIETY FOR THE CONSERVATION OF NATURE IN LIBERIA (SCNL)

SCNL is a non-governmental, non-profit conservation organization in Liberia. The organization was created in 1986 and has since worked to promote programs that influence the wise use of biological resources in Liberia, Africa and the world. Its mission is to manage and conserve biodiversity; increase public awareness of the importance of sustainable utilization of natural resources; improve livelihoods to alleviate poverty and work toward maintaining the integrity of the natural environment in Liberia.

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UNITED NATIONS MISSION IN LIBERIA (UNMIL)

The United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL) was established by Security Council resolution 1509 (2003) of 19 September 2003 to support the implementation of the ceasefire agreement and the peace process; protect United Nations staff, facilities and civilians; support humanitarian and human rights activities; as well as assist in national security reform, including national police training and formation of a new, restructured military. UNMIL also has a mandate “to assist the transitional government in restoring proper administration of natural resources.” Under such mandate, UNMIL has been supporting Government’s various natural resources management programme/projects, including the provision of assistance in forest resource management and wildlife protection.

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The University of Liberia (UL), formerly Liberia College, was created in 1872. A president appointed by the President of the Republic, with oversight by a Board of Trustees, heads the University of Liberia. A Council and a Faculty Senate is responsible for the day-to-day management of the institution.

UL has three graduate schools – Regional Planning, Educational Administration and Supervision and the Ibrahim B. Bagagida School of International Studies. The UL also runs three specialized programs, the Louis Arthur Grimes School of Law, The A. M. Doglioti College of Medicine and the School of Pharmacy.

There are five undergraduate programs at the University of Liberia:

1. The Liberia College (College of Social Science and Humanities)
2. The William V. S. Tubman Teacher College
3. The William R. Tolbert, Jr. College of Agriculture and Forestry
4. The College of Business and Public Administration
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