

INTRODUCTION

This "Easy Note" helps the Socio-economic and Reconnaissance (SER) Survey team to be able to capture information from the process in real-time. It integrates a variety of participatory planning methods and tools that are used at appropriate segments of the survey to rationalize local natural resource management and use issues and concerns. In some segments, additional tools are employed to provide more clarity on issues, in the bid to define and pursue credible solutions to resource governance and related challenges, deemed important to experienced local households closest to the resources.

A Note-taker from the SER Survey team is identified and delegated the responsibility to capture information from the survey on this Easy Note.

Specific objectives of the survey

The social, economic and reconnaissance survey is carried out to;

1. Introduce FDA and her key partners to the applicant community;
2. Create an environment that would enable FDA to directly learn from communities so that subsequent actions are likely to be more rooted, more productive and in harmony with what is already happening in the communities in terms of natural resources management and use, and related areas;
3. Credibly and correctly plan and situate forest management activities as such as to take on board pertinent concerns and aspirations of communities (clients) about their resources and environment;
4. Gauge the level and kinds of interests of every sector of the community to establish a community forest, and to raise awareness in planned activities; to ensure that free prior informed consent is secured and foster interactive participation of residents;
5. Define, select and rank priority issues, opportunities and challenges in the context of forest resource management and use, local governance structures, social capital, threats to biodiversity and existing knowledge about climate change and its impact
6. Obtain a broad view of local capabilities, assets (material, social/institutional) and power dynamics.
7. Develop baselines which can be used to monitor, review and evaluate policies/by-laws and programs

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8. Identify and Describe important historical facts about the community (Historical Timelines)
 Focus Question: Going back as far as you could remember, what are the major events that have occurred in this community (Prepared flip chart)

1. How long has this community been in existence?
 The Marbon Community has been in existence since 1930. They came from the local Gola sub-ethnic group called Gbindee .
2. How was this community founded? In 1930, the Marbon community was founded through hunting and farming activities.

Year	Important historical events:
1930	The Marbon tribes settle in this community since 1930, by means of hunting and farming.
1940	When the Gola people found the area been so reaching for farming and hunting, they began to invite friends and relatives, farming activities start to increase largely.
1950-60	The Gola, Krahn, Gio Kissi, was involve in miming and farming activities and in the process, a Gola lady discover diamond in Dougboh village for the first time,
1960-2016	The Gola vai Mandi and kissi and other Liberians settle in the Marbon community because of the discovery of mineral, such as Gold, diamond, logging mining, farming and other business start to increase.

3. When did different social, economic and ethnic groups settle in the community?

Timeline in Years	Group	Identify the ethnic or economic group and describe the circumstances/ event under which they settled in the community
1932	Via	The Mandingo, kissi settle in this community and brought about the ongoing mining activities in this area.
	Economic	Hunting and farming
1942	Gola	They settled as a result of farming and hunting
	Economic	Hunters and farmers
1944	Kpelleh	They settled as a result of Mining and farming.
	Economic	They live by Mining farming, and hunting
1950	Awuesa	They settled as a result of Mining, farming, logging and Pit-Sawing.
	Economic	Mining farming logging and Pit-Sawing.

1980	Bassa	They settled as a result of the Mining and Pit-Sawing.
	Economic	Mining and Pit-Sawing.

4. How has the community changed over time and what has caused those changes?

Timeline in Years	Observed Changes over the years	Probable Cause of Changes
1930-1940	We observed that the forest land is degrading for Agriculture and mining activities	Due to the increase in population
1940-60	Towns and villages start to increase in our community	People wanted Civilization and development
1960-79	Motor Road enters in the Marbon Community from Tahn to Joseph Brown town by a company called Better Engineer.	Transportation facility and development has increased
1982-1990	The migration of people to the Marbon Community	They settle here as a result of mining, hunting and pit-sawing
1990-98	Construction of educational, religious facility in the community,	As population increase, changed of life and development start to emerged, children have to go to school, people see the need of worshipping God

2. DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Which are the major and minor ethnic and religious groups in the community? What is the gender composition and age structure of the community? How literate is this community?

	Name of Town/ Village	Major Ethnic Groups	Minor Ethnic Groups	Major Religion(s)	Total Population	No. of Female		No. of Male		No. of HH Heads		Literacy Rate %
						≤35	≥36	≤35	≥36	Female	Male	
1	Marbon-Dorley	Gola	kpelleh	Christian	70,000	X		X		2	11	10
2	Gbelly-Zoequi	Gola	kpelleh	Christian	75	X		X		0	9	1
3	Marbon-Zingbeku	Gola	Mandi	Muslim	1,007	X			X	3	55	15
4	Marbon-Wanger	Gola	Bassa	Muslim	2,031	X			X	5	82	20
5	Marbon-Dennis	Mendi	Gola	Muslim	245	X		X		3	22	10
6	Gindeh	Gola	Kissi	Muslim	105	X		X		4	5	3
7	Fahn Dayon	Gola	Kpelleh	Christian	125	X		X		2	11	1
8	Marbon Sando	Gola	Via	Muslim	165	X			X	0	63	4
9	Zeze	Gola	Lorma	Christian	85		X	X		1	7	2

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INFRASTRUCTURE

A. Use Participatory Mapping to help the team to have a vivid picture of the community and the infrastructures. Please indicate the number and name of each infrastructure, where applicable – **WATER AND SANITATION**

	Name of Town/ Village	Creek	Traditional Well	Well with Hand Pump	VIP Latrine	Open Pit	Flush Toilet
1	Marbon-Dorley	2	0	1	1	2	2
2	Gbelly-Zoequi	2	0	1	0	1	0
3	Marbon-Zingbeku	3	0	0	0	4	0
4	Marbon-Wanger	3	0	2	0	5	1
5	Marbon-Dennis	2	0	1	0	7	1
6	Marbon Gindeh	2	0	0	0	3	0
7	Fahn Dayon	2	0	1	0	2	1
8	Marbon Sando	2	0	0	0	2	0
9	Zeze	2	0	0	0	2	0

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	Name of Town/ Village	Gov. Hospital	Gov. Health Center	Gov. Health Clinic	Private Clinic/ Hospital	Mobile Clinic/ Drug Peddler	Traditional Healer
1	Marbon-Dorlley	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Gbelly-Zoequi	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Marbon-Zingbeku	0	0	0	0	1	2
4	Marbon-Wanger	0	0	0	1	0	0
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	Name of Town/ Village	Pre-School	Primary School	Secondary School	Vocational Institution	College	Traditional School (Bush)
1	Marbon-Dorlley	0	2	0	0	0	0
2	Gbelly-Zoequi	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Marbon-Zingbeku	0	1	0	0	0	0
4	Marbon-Wanger	0	1	0	0	0	0
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No.	Towns	Church Building	Church in other Building/ Open	Mosque Building	Mosque in open other Building	Traditional Shrine in Town	Traditional Shrine in forest
1	Marbon-Dorlley	1	0	0	0	0	0
2	Gbelly-Zoequi	0	0	1	0	0	0
3	Marbon-Zingbeku	0	1	1	0	0	0
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9	Zeze	0	0	0	1	0	0

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E. What types of transport facilities are available in the community?

	Type of Transportation	Who/Which villages or towns use it?	How do they access it/ How much does it cost?
1	Motor Bike	All towns/villages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By phone call to owner or rider • Wait by road side • Arrange with owner or rider • Price =800 and above
2	Taxi Cab	Run from Lofa bridge to Marbon Zingbeku	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wait by road side
3	Big Bus	X	X
4	Mini-Bus	X	X
5	Goods Truck	Run in all towns and villages	By arrangement with car owners

F. What sources of household energy is available to the community?

	Source of Household Energy	Who uses it and for what purpose?	How do they access it/ How much does it cost?
1	Firewood	All towns and villages	Free assert to all in the forest
2	Charcoal	All towns and villages	Free assert to the forest

3	Central Power Grid	X	X
4	Electricity Generator	All towns and villages	Purchase from Monrovia, cost; \$ 90.00 US
5	Petroleum Products (gas, petrol, kerosene, oils, etc.)	All towns and villages	\$ 290.00 US/gallon

G. What types of market facilities are available to the community?

	Type of Market Facilities	Who uses it?	How do they access it?
1	Central Market Days	X	X
2	Stores	X	X
3	Shops	X	X
4	Kiosk/ Stalls	X	X
5	Petty Trading/ Box	Marbon-Dorlley, Gbelly-Zoequi, Marbon-Zingbeku, Marbon-Wanger, Marbon-Dennis,	Walk to the shop

H. What types of agricultural extension infrastructure are available to the community?

	Type of Agricultural Extension Facilities	Who uses it?	How do they access it?
1	Agric. Extension Office.	X	X
2	Forestry Extension Office	X	X
3	Veterinary Office	X	X
4	Livestock Slaughter House	X	X
5	Produce Storage Facility	X	X
6	Drying Floors	X	X
7	Private Agro input Dealer	X	X
8	Processing Facilities	X	X

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION AND TREE CROPS

A. What are the main crops cultivated by this community? When do they harvest? Which are the leading producer towns/ villages?

Crops	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Leading Producer Town
Rice										X	X	X	Zeze & marbon Gindeh
Cassava				X	X	X							Dennis & Gbelleh Zoequoi
Eddoes	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Yam	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Potato	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Plantain	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Banana	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pepper							X	X	X				Marbon Dennis & Gbelleh Zoequoi
Bitter Ball							X	X	X				Marbon Dennis & Dorley
Egg Plant							X	X	X				Marbon Dennis 7 Dorley
Cabbage/ Collard				X	X	X							Marbon Dennis &Zoequoi

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Yam	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Potato	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Plantain	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Banana	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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Bitter Ball							X	X	X				Marbon Dennis & Dorley
Egg Plant							X	X	X				Marbon Dennis 7 Dorley
Cabbage/ Collard				X	X	X							Marbon Dennis &Zoequoi

Tomatoes	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Beans (Any/ all)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Peanuts/ G. Pea							X	X	X				Marbon Dennis & Dorley
Ginger	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pine-apple				X	X	X							
Surgar cane										X	X	X	
Mangoes				X	X	X							
Rubber										X	X	X	
Palm oil				X	X	X							
Coconut										X	X	X	
Coffee	X	X	X										
Corn				X	X	X							
Okry										X	X	X	

B. List the top 5 priority crops produced by this community;

1. Cassava
2. Corn
3. Rice
4. Batter-boy
5. Plantain

C. When do farmers carry out each of the listed activities, with reference to the priority crops you listed above?

(Seasonal Calendar: Use numbers assigned to crops in your priority list to enter against a relevant activity)

Activity	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Comments
Brushing	1-5	1-5	1-5							1,5	1,5	1,5	
Felling	1-5	1-5	1-5										
Burning				1-5	1-5	1-5							
Clearing				1-5	1-5	1-5							
Nursery Activity	3-5	3-5	3-5										
Planting				1-5	1-5	1-5							
Transplanting				3,5	3,5	3,5							
Fencing				1-4	1-4	1-4							
Bird Scaring							3	3					
Fertilizer: In-										1-5	1-5	1-5	

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Weeding				1-5	1-5	1-5	1-5					
Pruning							3,4,5	3,4,5	3,4,5			
Harvesting							1-5	1-5	1-5	1-5	1-5	
Drying	1,2,3,4	1,2,3,4	1,2,3,4							1,2,3,4	1,2,3,4	1,2,3,4
Processing										1,2,3,5	1,2,3,5	1,2,3,5
Storing										1,2,3,5	1,2,3,5	1,2,3,5

(Please note: Some activities might not be relevant for some crops)

D. Which type of farming system(s) do you use in this community? (If generally used, then state "ALL". If specific area, then name the area).

System Description	Name the Components of the System	Where can you find the System?
Single vegetable crop	Rice	All towns and villages
Single annual crop	Cassava, sugar cane, Plantain	All towns & villages
Different crops mixed together on same land	Rice, cassava and other vegetables	All communities
Single Tree crop type (e.g. oil Palm)	Wild palm	Marbon Town
Mixed Tree Crops on the same land	Single Crops	All towns and villages
Tree crops mixed with annual crops	Oranges, cola, coconut and plantain, cassava	All towns and villages
Timber Trees mixed with Tree crops	Seipo Coconut and Dahaoma	All towns and villages

Timber trees mixed with annual crops	Oranges, cola, coconut and plantain, Lovia, seipo	All towns and villages
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E. What types of Livestock are raised in the community?

Types of Livestock	Who owns them? House Holds/ Individuals/ Private Business/ etc.	Why is this livestock preferred?	Are they in their 10s, 100s, 1000s, 10000s?
Cattle (Cow)	X	X	X
Sheep	House Holds and Individuals	For food, market and ceremony	10s
Goat	House Holds and Individuals	For food, market and ceremony	100s
Poultry	X	X	X
Pigs	House Holds and Individuals	For food, market and ceremony	10s
Other farmed animals			
Dog	House Holds and Individuals	Security, hunting, pet and food	1000s
Cat	House Holds and Individuals	Pet and food	10s

F. What system of Livestock management is used in this community?

System Description	Name the Components of the System	Challenges with this system	Where can you find this System?
Allowed to roam free range	Allowed to roam free range	Defecates everywhere, cause confusion, easy to be stolen & No security	Found in all of the town and villages
Placed in Pens/ paddocks	N/A	N/A	N/A
Herded to a particular feeding field and back	N/A	N/A	N/A
Moved from one feeding area to stay in another	N/A	N/A	N/A
Placed in a pool	N/A	N/A	N/A

3. LIVELIHOOD AND SMALL-SCALE ENTERPRISES

A. Which Agriculture-based small-scale processing enterprises do you have in your community? *(Participatory Resource Mapping)*

	Describe Agro-based small-scale Processing Enterprise	How are raw materials sourced?	Which villages/ towns is it operational?	Who owns it?	What are the Challenges?
1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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B. Which Forest-based small-scale processing enterprises do you have in your community? *(Participatory Resource Mapping)*

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4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A