

Co-Management Agreement

WHEREAS, the Tanbi Wetlands National Park (TWNP) has been declared a RAMSAR site in 2007 and designated as a National Park – due to its significant biodiversity assets of regional and national importance,

WHEREAS, the Tanbi Wetlands National Park provides significant food security and income for hundreds of women cockle and oyster harvesters,

WHEREAS, the Fishery Act of 2007, Section 14 and associated regulations of 2008, provide the authority for the Minister of Fisheries, Water Resources and National Assembly Matters to designate special management areas for the purpose of community-based co-management in the interest of conservation, management and sustainable utilization of fisheries resources,

WHEREAS, the designation of the Tanbi Wetlands National Park as a special management area is fully consistent with The Biodiversity and Wildlife Act, Forestry Act and National Environment Act, as well as the Tanbi Wetlands National Park Management Plan,

WHEREAS, the Fishery act of 2007, Section 11 and associated regulations of 2008 provide the authority for the Minister of Fisheries, Water Resources and National Assembly Matters to allocate property rights over fisheries resources,

WHEREAS, The TRY Association of Cockle and Oyster Harvesters is an official and legally registered Association,

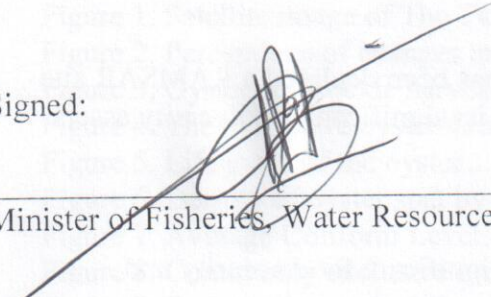
THEREFORE, I HEREBY

Declare the area congruent with the Tanbi Wetlands National Park as a Special Management Area solely for the purposes of fisheries management.

Designate The TRY Association as having exclusive use rights to the cockle and oyster fishery in this area.

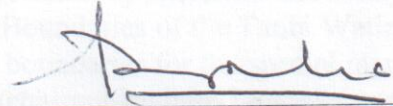
Delegate authority for the responsible and sustained management and conservation of the cockle and oyster resources in this area to The TRY Association.

Signed:

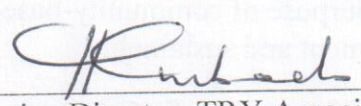

Minister of Fisheries, Water Resources and National Assembly Matters

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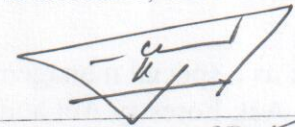
Concur:


Director, Department of Fisheries

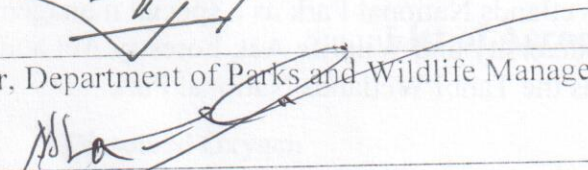
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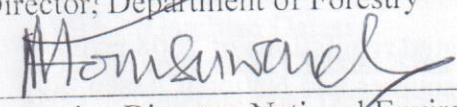
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Director, Department of Forestry

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Executive Director, National Environment Agency

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