

[Legal Notice No. 58]

WILDLIFE PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT ACT 1998

(No. 10 of 1998)

DECLARATION OF APPROVED MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME

I, Hon. Stanley Festus Sofu, Minister for Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology, by order under section 6 of the *Wildlife Protection and Management Act 1998* (No. 10 of 1998), having taken into account the matters specified in regulation 5 of the *Wildlife Protection and Management Regulations 2008* when determining whether to make this declaration:

- (a) declare the Tubi Xanthostemon harvesting and exporting Programme, a management programme proposed by Maximus International Limited to be an approved management programme for the purposes of the Act; and
- (b) state the following:
 - (i) specimens taken under the management programme must be taken from selected areas of plantation and natural forests on Binaboli land in Isabel Province agreed to by the Ministry of Forestry and Research and the Environment and Conservation Division of the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology and the provincial government of the Isabel Province, and clearly identified in the harvesting and management plan developed for the management programme, by felling and removing Tubi Xanthostemon using reduced impact logging techniques to ensure sustainable use of this natural resource, maintain the stocks of Tubi Xanthostemon, protect natural ecosystems and conserve biodiversity;
 - (ii) the management program area does not include any reserves, and activities under the program must not take place on areas outside the programme area;
 - (iii) the machinery and equipment used for the management programme must be limited to only that which is essential, all machinery and equipment that is used must be clean when they enter the management programme area, and existing infrastructures must be used to avoid or reduce clearance of new land for road construction and storage and transportation of felled timber.

Date this seventh-day of September 2023.

HON. STANLEY FESTUS SOFU
MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE,
DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND METEOROLOGY
