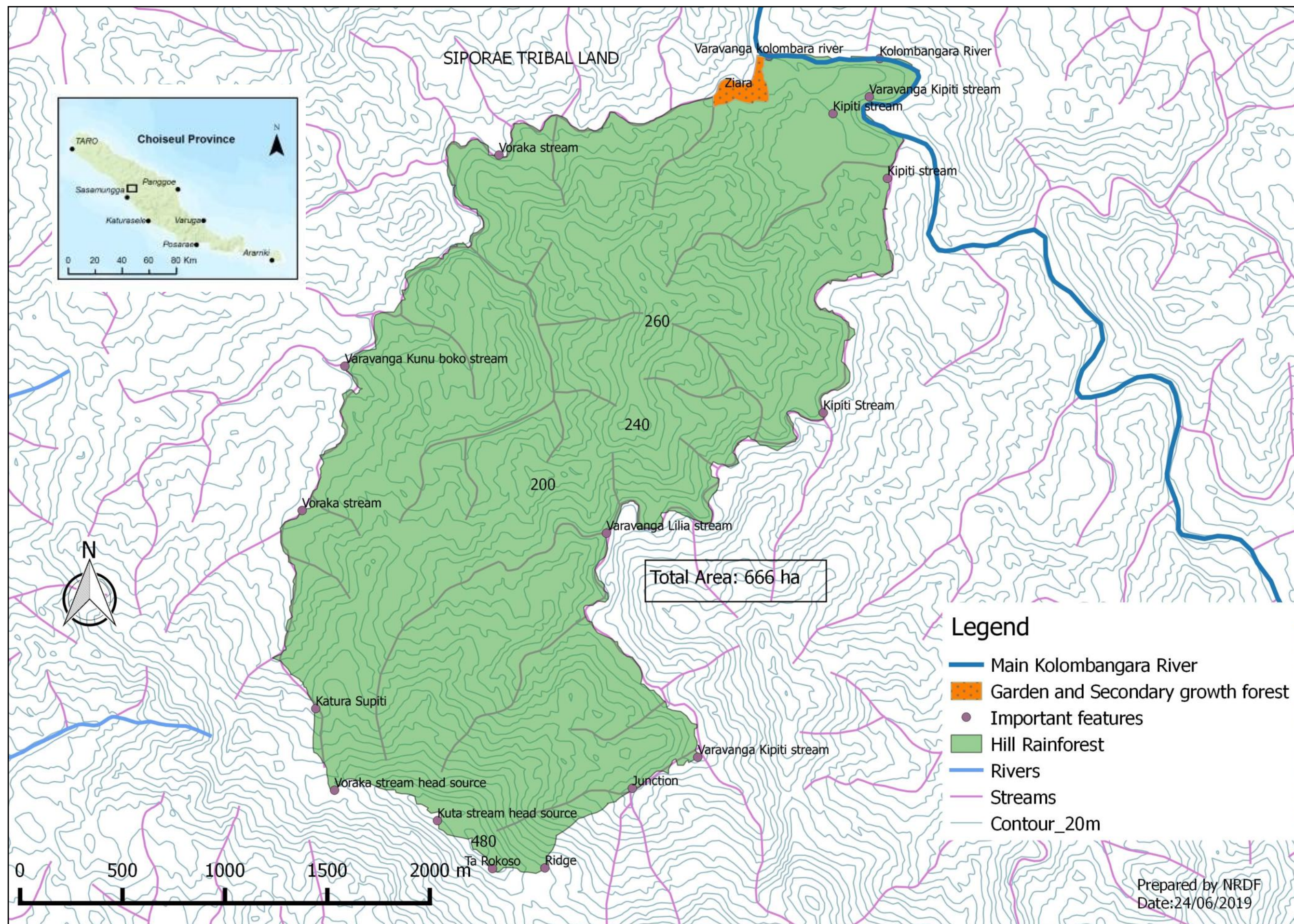


# Siporae Rainforest Conservation Area

Back ground information: In 2019 the Siporae Rainforest Protected Area was declared a protected area under the 2010 protected area ACT. It protects and conserves one of the last untouched rainforest ecosystems in Choiseul Province and Solomon Island. The protection of this unique area is the effort of the Siporae Tribe, fulfilling their long-term commitment to conserve their forest against large scale logging operations. The area consist of lowland and hill rainforest giving shelter to many wildlife and plant species. The area is also contributes to the conservation of the Kolombangara river ecosystem, one of the largest and most diverse in the Pacific region. The area is declared as Resource Management Area



## MANAGEMENT RULES WITHIN THE PROTECTED AREA

**Protected Area Category:** The Siporae Rainforest Conservation Area is declared and registered as a **Resource Management Area**

**General Prohibitions and Restrictions as per The Protected Area Regulations 2012.**

- 1) Carry out industrial or commercial extraction of timber, round logs or non timber forest
- 2) Carry out industrial or commercial extraction of minerals including quarrying or gravel
- 3) Take or remove any plants, animal species or other organism unless authorized by the management committee.

### Prohibited and Restricted Activities

Within the SIPORAE Conservation Area It is prohibited to:

- ⇒ Throw, litter, dump or release any fluent, sewage, refuse, rubbish or toilet waste
- ⇒ Destroy or deface any cultural or natural object or monument of biodiversity and cultural significance
- ⇒ Wilfully obstruction of protected area Rangers

Within the Siporae Conservation Area it is an offence to do any of the following **unless authorized by the management committee:**

- ⇒ Carry on any agricultural or gardening activities
- ⇒ Build any dwelling houses or unlawfully occupy the area
- ⇒ Light or cause any open fire to be started
- ⇒ Cut, destroy or remove any plant or trees including firewood
- ⇒ Remove, extract, or excavate any sand or gravel
- ⇒ Hunt, kill, or remove any animal or other living creature including for scientific purposes
- ⇒ Remove or be in possession of any cultural artefact or sacred object
- ⇒ Remove or be in possession of any fossil, archaeological remain or paleontological specimen
- ⇒ Sow, propagate or introduce any exotic or invasive species
- ⇒ Significantly alter, change or close the natural flow of a river or stream

Fines and/or penalties will apply to any person or persons disobeying the above Rules and Restrictions.

Any person who wants to visit the Siporae Rainforest Area for recreation or scientific purposes, please contact the Siporae Tribal Association first (See contact details below).



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