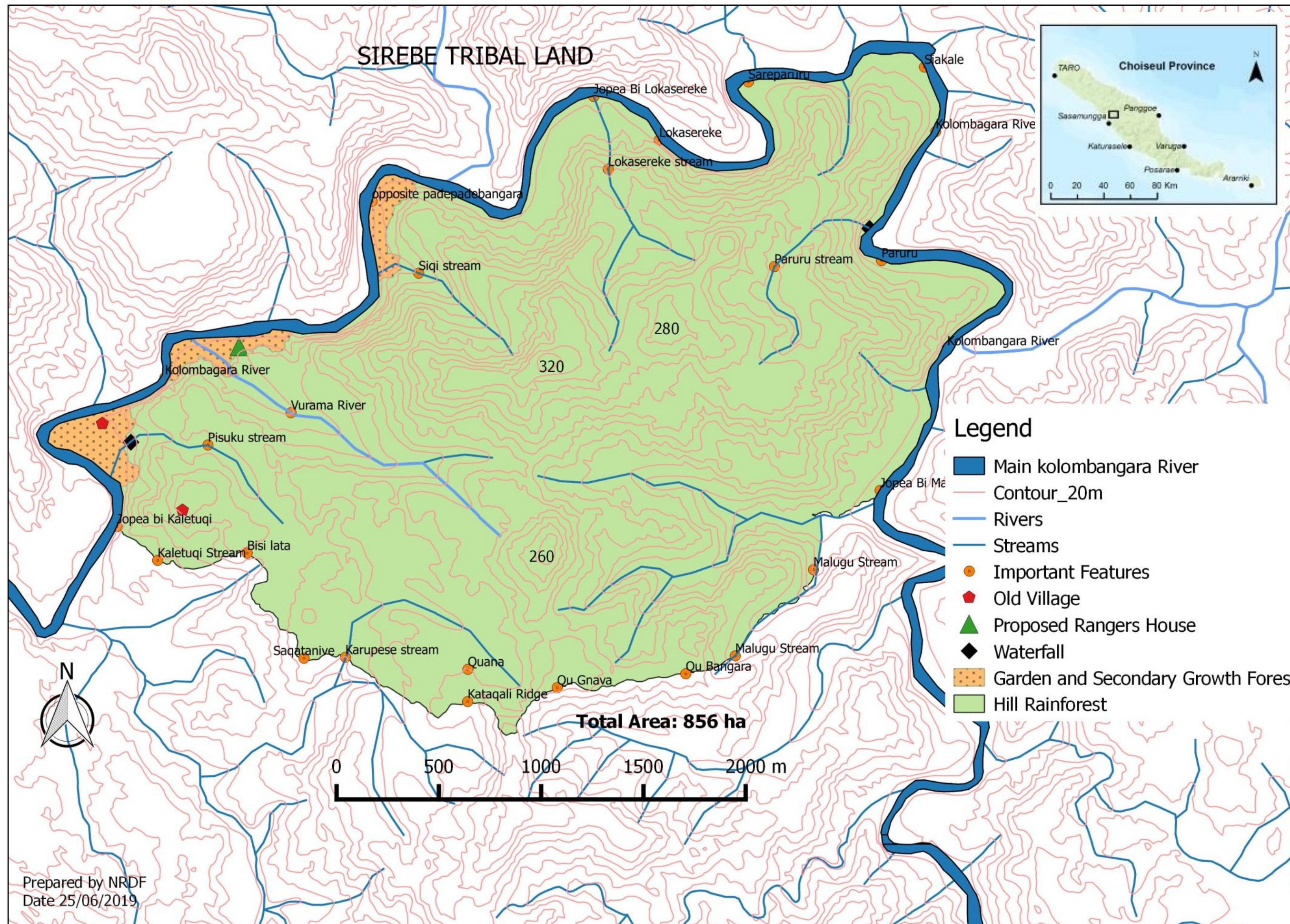


SIREBE RAINFOREST CONSERVATION AREA

Back ground information: In 2019 The Sirebe Rainforest Conservation 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 Islands. The protection of this unique area is the effort of the Sirebe Tribe, fulfilling their long-term commitment to safeguard their forest against large scale logging operations. The area features lowland and hill rainforest giving presence to a high variety of wildlife and plant species. The area also contributes to the conservation of the Kolombangara river ecosystem, one of the largest and most diverse systems in the Pacific Region.



MANAGEMENT RULES WITHIN THE PROTECTED AREA

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

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

- ⇒ Carry out industrial or commercial extraction of timber, round logs or non timber forest products
- ⇒ Carry out industrial or commercial extraction of minerals (mining) including extraction of gravel
- ⇒ Take or remove any plant and animal species or other organism unless authorized by the management committee.

3. Prohibited and Restricted Activities

Within the SIREBE Conservation Area It is strictly prohibited to:

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

Within the SIREBE Conservation Area it is an offence to do any of the following **unless authorized by the PA Management Committee:**

- ⇒ Carry on any agricultural or gardening activities
- ⇒ Build any dwelling or 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 creatures for food or for scientific purposes
- ⇒ Remove or be in possession of any cultural artefact or sacred object
- ⇒ Remove or be in possession of any fossil or archaeological remains
- ⇒ Sow, propagate or introduce any exotic or invasive plant or animal species
- ⇒ Significantly alter (adjust), change or close the natural flow of a river or stream

Fines and/or penalties will apply to any person or persons refusing to comply to the above Rules and Restrictions. Any person who wants to visit the Sirebe Rainforest Area for recreational or scientific purposes, please contact the Sirebe Tribal Association first (See contact details below).



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