

11th May 2021

The Honourable Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources
7th Floor
Youyi Building, Brookfields
Freetown

Dear Minister Jalloh,

Proposed project at Black Johnson: request for information

We write on behalf of the Institute for Legal Research and Advocacy for Justice (ILRAJ) and Namati Sierra Leone on the above subject. ILRAJ and Namati are non-governmental organisations working on public policy research, land rights and environmental justice, among others.

We are in receipt of a press release dated 10th May 2021, titled "Setting the Records Straight about the Fish Harbour" purportedly issued by your ministry, in response to claims made by inhabitants of the Black Johnson community. We applaud your ministry's attempt to provide clarification on the project. The press release, however, leaves us in need of additional information about the proposed project, which we now write to request in accordance with section 2 of the Right to Access Information Act 2013 as follows:

1. A copy of the grant agreement between the Government of China and the Government of Sierra Leone for the development of the fish harbour at Black Johnson.
2. A copy of the technical report confirming "Black Johnson was the most suitable place for the construction of the facility in terms of bathymetry, social safeguards (minimum resettlement cost) and environmental issues."
3. A copy of the environmental and social impact assessment study for the proposed project, if any, and confirmation that the study was conducted in accordance with the Environment Protection Agency Act 2008 as amended.
4. Any communication with the Ministry of Tourism and/or the National Tourist Board regarding the impact of the proposed project on tourism and their views on the proposed project.

The requested information may be sent to ILRAJ 12 Pademba Road, Freetown, or by email ilraj2@optimum.net.

Grateful for a speedy response to our request.

Yours sincerely,

Basita Michael

Basita Michael (ILRAJ) ✓

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sonkita Conteh".

Sonkita Conteh (Namati)

Cc Executive Chair, Environment Protection Agency Sierra Leone (EPA-SL)

General Manager, National Tourist Board