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We, the stakeholder group representing Traditional Authorities, District Assemblies, Wildlife Division of Forestry Commission, other government agencies and civil society having met from June 5-6, 2013 at Kikam Royal Beach Resort, to discuss the future of the Amanzule wetlands areas, stretching from the Mile 32 / Ankobra river (covering Nzema East, Ellembelle and Jomoro Districts) to the Tanoe basin / Ivory Coast border;

1. **ACKNOWLEDGING** International Conventions and Protocols such as the Ramsar 1971, Agenda 21 (United Nations Conference on Environment and Development-UNCED 1992) and Convention on Biological Diversity (*CBD* , Earth Summit, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 1992)
2. **RECALLING** the subsequent guidelines of the said Conventions and Protocols such as Resolution VIII.19: Guiding principles for taking into account the cultural values of wetlands for the effective management of sites (Ramsar, Iran, 1971, Valencia, Spain, 18-26 November 2002); Convention of Parties (COP7): Guidelines for establishing and strengthening local communities' and indigenous peoples' participation in the management of wetlands (Resolution VII.8); and Article 8j (Indigenous Knowledge) of the Convention of Biological Diversity.
3. **RECOGNIZING** the ecological, cultural and economic importance of Amanzule wetlands
4. **AWARE** of the importance of wetlands to integrated Coastal Zone Management
5. **CONSCIOUS** of Hen Mpoano's proposed Nested System of Governance in the coastal zone of the Western Region

Further agreed on the following:

That the name AMANZULE should be noted as the correct spelling and not *Amansuri*;

That subject to any future development, the name of the wetlands under consideration shall be Greater Amanzule wetlands

That the Districts within which the wetlands are located should take necessary actions to conserve them

That the slogan for the Amanzule wetland is 'ye aza ne mo, ye kenlebie' (our wetlands, our future)

That the proposed Conservation Management Scenario developed by the Amanzule Working Group (AWG) for decentralized management of the conservation landscape of the greater Amanzule wetland is **ACCEPTED** and **ENDORSED**.

Signed:

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