

## Liberia: 5 Largest Cities Basic Information

## Primate urban area >1,000,000

## Greater Monrovia: Monrovia and Paynesville

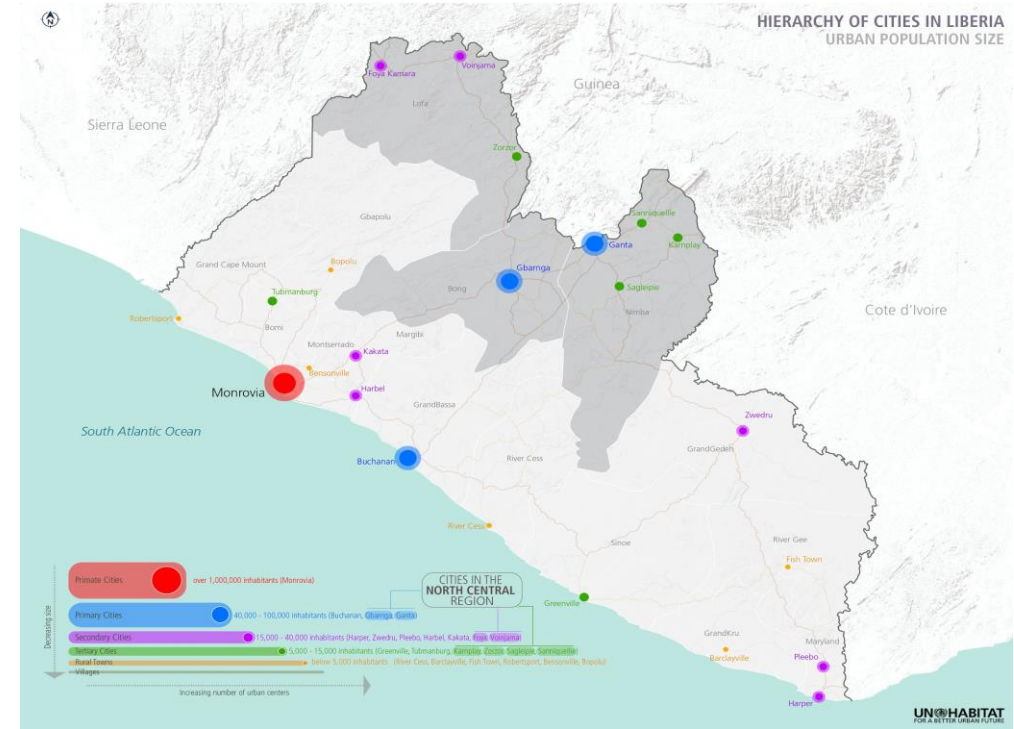
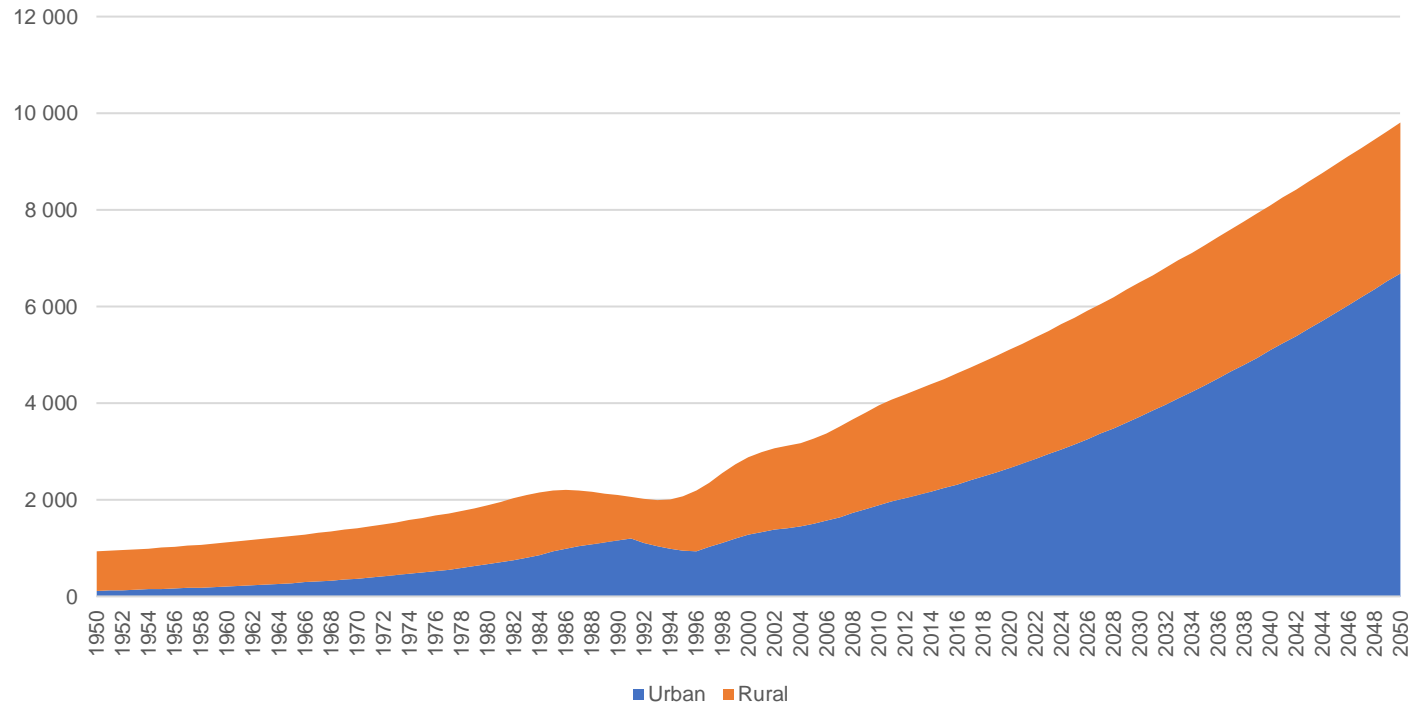
## Primary cities 40,000 – 100,000

# Buchanan

# Gbarnga

# Ganta

## Population in urban and rural Liberia



## Summary of Urban Biodiversity Context

- There is no green city plan however, there are natural and planted trees and green corridors in urban areas.
- There is an overall national plan for biodiversity but, no city-specific plan.
- The Environmental Protection Agency and the Forestry Development Agency manage and monitor urban biodiversity.
- There are currently no master/land-use plans.



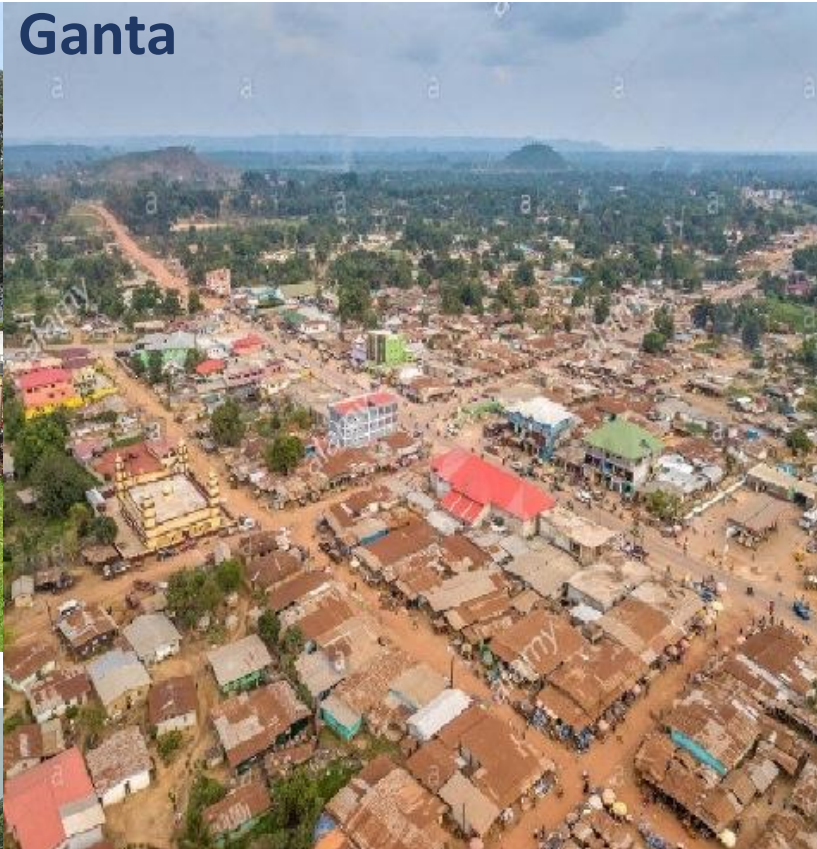
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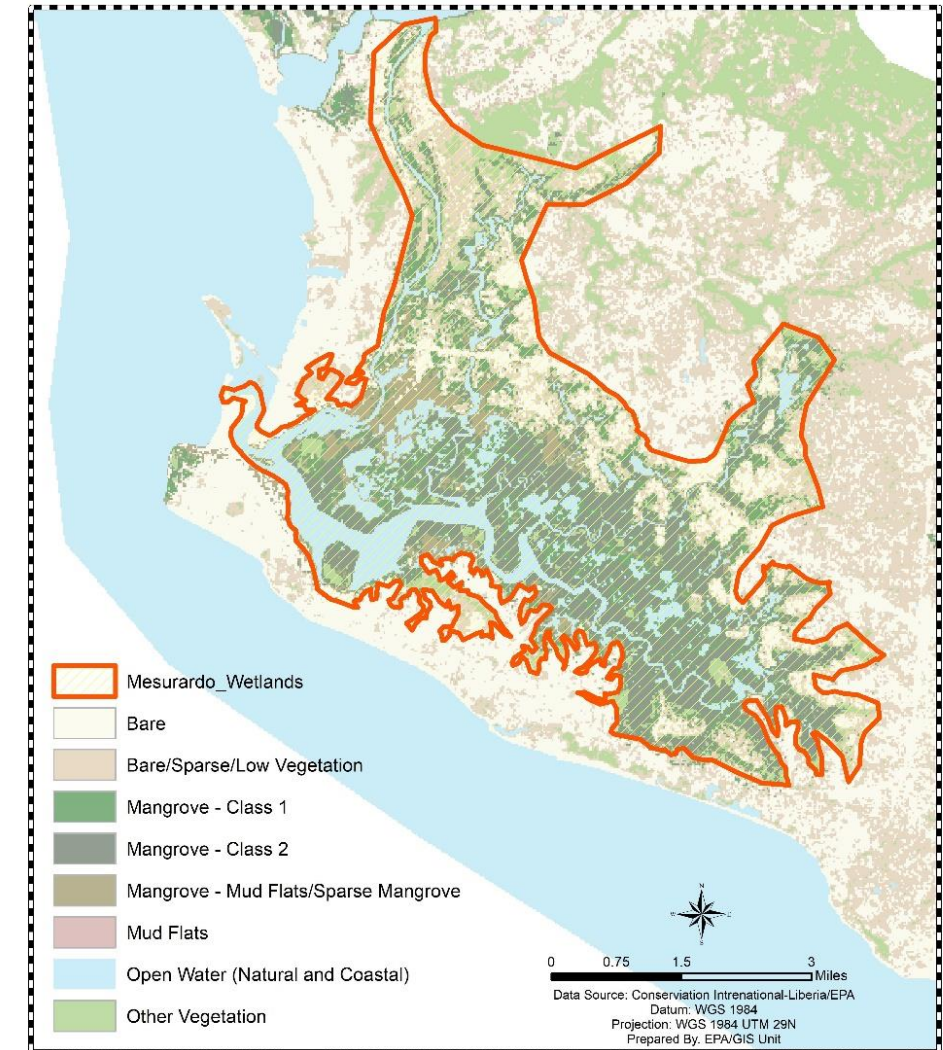
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## Challenges in implementing urban biodiversity strategy

- Biodiversity data on the municipal level is not readily available.
- There is inadequate manpower for biodiversity data enlistment and management.
- There are inadequate multi-sectorial actors and ministries to address urban challenges



## Opportunities for implementing urban biodiversity strategy

By implementing an urban biodiversity strategy, Liberian cities can:

- Develop the capacity of key personnel in biodiversity data collection and management.
- Begin inter-sectorial coordination on urban biodiversity.
- Develop tools and processes to monitor and evaluate ongoing changes in biodiversity.
- Create awareness among the citizenry on the environment and the importance of biodiversity.
- Better manage waste.



**Waste in water West Point Township - Greater Monrovia**