

Annex 19. Forest Management Plan framework

Purpose of the forest management framework.

The framework is a guide (not a blueprint – variations have been developed) to stimulate analysis and structured discussion on the best ways to manage the CF. The process of discussion is as important as the output. The plan provides a guide to the community in the management of their CF and also is an attachment to the CF agreement application, designed to demonstrate to the Forestry Department that the community have the capacity to plan and manage the CF sustainably. The plan must be simple and practical, developed by and for the community, this is not designed to be a scientific management plan. Remind community members of the whole range of new rights in the Community Forest Agreement which will enable them to stop outsiders coming into their forest to collect products and allow them to instead use and sell a whole range of forest products if they manage the forest responsibly. The opportunities this presents should be fully captured in the management plan.

Procedure.

1. The forest management plan should be developed by at least the CFMG executive and the committee that represents the forest user groups. But wider community representation is recommended to review and input into the plan development.
2. Two parts to the plan are provided in the following format, the first part is product specific and the second part if activity specific with a 5-year time frame added.
3. The management plan is best prepared on flip charts as this allows broader participation. If flip charts are not available it is important that each line in the management plan is widely discussed and then the final plan presented verbally back.
4. Bylaws and penalties can be developed within the management plan or in a separate document, but must be fully integrated and linked to the management plan activities (See Annex 20).
5. At the end of the management planning process circulate the plan widely in the community for awareness and comment.
6. Write/type up a copy of the plan to be submitted as an Annex to the CF agreement.

Name of community forest:	Name of community(ies):			District:	
Identify the objective(s) of forest management (e.g. to protect and develop the forest condition whilst ensuring the community maximise benefits from wise forest use and profitable forest enterprises)					
1. Forest Products. List most important products from the Community Forest area for either home consumption and sale					
2. Importance for household. Household importance (Score with numbers, 5 high demand down to 1 low demand).					
3. Market value. (5 high demand down to 1 low demand).					
4. Available supply. from the forest (5 high down to 1 low)					
5. Problems/issues. For example, with supply, harvesting, post harvesting, permits, transporting, processing, marketing etc.					

<p>6. Forest protection/ development. Activities in the forest to develop/increase supply in the long term.</p>					
<p>7. Making money. Enterprise ideas/ideas to maximise the money communities make from the product. Again consider the new rights you will have after the CF agreement is signed.</p>					
<p>8. Rules. Product specific rules designed to help encourage wise protection, development and use of forest products.</p>					
<p>9. Penalties. Warnings and penalties for those breaking the rules, but not designed to hurt the poor.</p>					

5 year forest activity plan

Activity	Timing(mark with an X)					Responsibility(e.g. specific forest user groups, specific CFMG committee members or FD)	Regulations(<u>Only</u> any additional ones that are cross cutting not mentioned on the product specific management plan e.g. about fires, forest clearing)	Penalties
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5			
1. Forest protection, development, management activities								
2. Forest utilisation and enterprise development activities								

3. Monitoring and evaluation								
4. Training needs to be able to do planned forest management and enterprise activities								