

AFRICAN FORESTRY NEWSLETTER

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FORESTRY (AF)



NEWS AND UPDATES FOR THIS QUARTER:

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LAND RENT ADJUSTMENT PROJECT AF
MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

The road thus far...

African Forestry (AF) has managed to expand its membership base from 13 members to 19 members. This growth has been a direct result of increased awareness of AF as an industry organization nationally and internationally which gave us opportunities to present our issues to policy makers including the parliamentary committee.

This quarters newsletter highlights the major efforts of AF and its members and their community social responsibility through working partnership with several organization and collaboration in advocacy issues. African Forestry has made strides in the forest sector as far as recognition and results.



AFRICAN FORESTRY (AF)

WHO WE ARE |
OBJECTIVES AND SUCCESS

A little bit about us

African Forestry (AF) is non-profit and non-governmental Organization operating on the will of the members/stakeholders, and endeavors to fulfill its objectives as per the constitution and work plan. The goal of the organization is promoting responsible forest management in Tanzania and the region in future.

AF focus area

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TNBC FOREST WORKING GROUP

LAUNCH OF THE TNBC FOREST

The Tanzania National Business Council (TNBC) has formed a Working Group with 7 members from private sector and 7 from public while AF and TNBC onboard as the secretariat for the working group. Co-Chaired by the permanent secretary for the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism Prof Adolf Mkenda and SIHIVIMITA chairman Mr Ben Sulus. The group seeks to address directly issues in the Forest sector with private sector directly involved. Launched on the 21st of November 2018 at the state house. It had 1st meeting was held on the 28th of January 2019 in Dar Es salaam and will be held once every month for the next 2 years directly bringing matters not sorted by the working group to the national business council chaired by the President of Tanzania.

WORKING MEMBERS

PUBLIC MEMBERS

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financed a "Land Rent Adjustment" project. Professor Rueben Mwamakimullah was hired as a consultant to carry out a desk study for evidence gathering on the issue of land rent in forestry in Tanzania as well as the region. The project is has since its inception delivered a report and held a validation workshop.

VALIDATION WORKSHOP

A total of 30 participants attended the validation of the land rent report. A wide scope of stakeholders was targeted from the private sector and

some public officials in Tanzania. The event was also had some media coverage from ITV and other news outlets in the country. The consultant, presented the report and the various stakeholders added there inputs creating a more inclusive final report. After the validation workshop, AF will proceed with a policy brief and finally the policy dialogue with the government in March 2019. We hope finally the proper/appropriate forestry land rent will be introduced which considers the environment in forestry investments

LAND RENT ADJUSTMENT

Following an outcry from our members on land rent rates that do not reflect or take into account the land use and commercial realities for modern forest businesses. opening dialogue with the government on this became paramount for African Forestry (AF). Under this premise. BEST-Dialogue



ILLEGAL LOGGING AND ENCROACHMENT

By Joseph John, Kennedy Haule & Hans Lemm

THE IMPACT

KVTC prides itself of the quality of the woodlands we manage and we can see a clear positive impact in terms of rainfall and water quality across our estates. The conservation of the woodlands creates a mini-climate that makes our teak trees thrive

A WORRYING TREND

KVTC manages approximately 20.000ha of conservation land consisting of Miombo woodlands (16.000ha) and grass- and wetlands (4.000ha). The success of KVTC's conservation efforts can be clearly seen on Google Earth where KVTC's forest areas stick out and whilst deforestation in the surrounding areas has reached alarming levels KVTC's forests are relatively intact. The downside of this success is that we see increasing levels of illegal logging both in our teak plantations as well as the natural forests. Aside of illegal logging we are experiencing increasing levels of encroachment by pastoralists into our teak plantations causing significant damage to, in particular, the young plantings.

KVTC OUTGROWER SCHEME

KVTC realizes that in order to be aligned with its associated villages it needs to share a common goal as well as offer income generating activities. In 2002 KVTC embarked on a Village Out Grower Project where annually teak plantations are being established in the associated villages. KVTC finances the establishment and maintenance of these new teak plantations and guarantees a market at a minimum age of 15 years for the trees. The Village Out Grower Project is an extension of the Social Fund and Village Contracts and is another method to generate income for village communities.

FORESTRY SUMMER SCHOOL

BY GEOFFREY KESSY

CMO's Summer School CMO of South Africa organizes an annual forestry engineering course for young professionals to expose them to different aspects of forest engineering. KVTC allowed me to attend the course which was an exciting opportunity. Venue of the course was George in the Western Cape of South Africa. Part of the course was classroom based and machine simulation



training, but the bulk took place in field at different forestry companies (MTO and PG Bison). equipment manufacturers (Husqvarna, Bell, Mercedes Benz) and forestry contractors. Reflection: The experience has changed my approach the daily work and I gained exposure on the aspects of forestry engineering, harvesting, haulage, forest roads management and financial implications of each. The course also exposed me to, non-work and new environments like tourism areas around George and Knysna, shopping malls, beaches and even a visit to the oldest and biggest tree in RSA ± 800 years old *Podocarpus falcatus* in Outeniqua.

OSP PURCHASE 2018

In 2017 KVTC started purchasing logs from Outgrowers and the second half of 2018 we saw a significant increase. This year we bought close to 1.000m³ from external growers creating revenues in excess of TZS 250m for farmers, contractors and authorities. We hope to increase our volumes in 2019

URGENT CALL FOR SUPPORT

KVTC employs approximately 30 game scouts across its property however the sheer scale of incursion is such that without support of the authorities (Tanzania Forest Service, Wildlife Management Authorities, District Authorities) we are not able to control the situation

LISTEN TO KVTC

On Radio Pambazuko at 89.5FM every Friday at 07.30pm and every Saturday at 07.30am

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APPRENTICES FROM UNIVERSITIES IN TANZANIA ENGAGED IN VARIOUS ACTIVITIES

More than 20 students were interviewed for various apprenticeship positions on Tanzania ranging from tree breeding to industrial wood processing. 10 - 15 of these have been or will be engaged in various activities over a 6 months' period. This will teach the students important lessons about the forestry and wood industry and will also benefit Green Resources in its recruitment and employment development

GRL TANZANIA HAS RECENTLY COMPLETED PLANTING CAMPAIGN

CRL Tanzania Limited has planted 60ha of trees at the Sao hill Industries Block F area for the year 2019. The species planted are Eucalyptus. The planting has been closely supervised by the Forest Manager Mr. Hampus Hamilton in collaboration with plantation Managers from Mapanda. uchindile. Idete and Assistant CRL nurser

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THE COMMUNITY LED FIRE WORKSHOP

The Forestry Development Trust a one-day workshop in Njombe to enable village leaders researchers. District Forest Managers. District Forestry Officers, forestry service provider and tree planters to learn from each other the various causes of fire and to exchange experiences with existing mitigation strategies. The purpose of the workshop was to learn from each other and to develop general strategies that can work in most of the tree growing villages in the Southern Highlands of Tanzania where every season woodlots and plantations are burnt by fire

WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS AGREED THAT EACH VILLAGE SHOULD;

- Combine bylaws with fire fund and incentives
- Register all forestry service providers with their clients and guide them to work according to the village bylaws and contribute to the village fire fund
- Forestry investors residing outside of the village are encouraged to use casual laborer from within the village
- Use the village fire fund to source basic firefighting tools like buckets. knapsack sprayers.



OUTGROWERS EXPANSION

Over the past few months New Forests company in Tanzania has continued its efforts in out grower expansion. It now has registered 540 additional out growers into their data base and conducted training for them. NFC has also distributed 789.000 seedlings to 16 groups of out-growers (with a total of 540 members) - co-financed by MFA-Finland. In addition to the above, extension foresters mapped and processed over 670 ha shape-files of out-growers plantings.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

NFC has Strengthened 9 village savings schemes (VSLAs). with a total of 250 members (90% women) through training and capacity building to help communities and out-growers access loans for additional income. It has also continued to Support 6 bee keeping groups (with a total of 180 members) in 6 villages to improve honey production. More than 90Kgs of honey was produced. Two building projects were commissioned and handled over to the government, namely: double classrooms at Kimala primary school and two- in -one doctor's accommodation at Kising'a village.



SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY PRACTICE

The company applies the precautionary approach to their operations by conducting Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs) and biodiversity studies at all plantations and timber processing sites. The ongoing impacts are monitored and managed in compliance with the high standards of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC). Four out of their five plantations are FSC certified and audited annually.

NFC IS VOLUNTARILY COMMITTED TO:

- World Wildlife Fund's New Generation Plantations Platform
- Forest Stewardship Council
- IFC Performance Standards
- ISO 9001





AF PARTNERS AND MEMBERS 2019



The New Forests Company





JOIN AF TODAY

JOINING AFRICAN FORESTRY IS EASY WITH SIGNIFICANT BENEFITS

- African Forestry Membership Categories:
- Ordinary Members (large (corporate), medium/small)
- Forest Plantation Companies
- Small Tree Growers
- Tree Grower Associations
- Pole producers
- Consultants
- Forest industry service providers
- NCO's, Industry bodies and associations (sawmillers/timber traders, etc)
- Forestry Professionals
- Honorary Members (elected by the AF Board)
- Observer status (subject to approval by the AF Board)
- NCOs, Media

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