

Commitment Policy

Variety Woods and Greenheart Ltd, in this policy statement, makes its commitment to implementing Sustainable Forest Management in all its operations and activities.

Specifically, it commits to the following:

1. Complying with the requirements of the GSSFM and other applicable requirements of the certification system; continuously improving the company's sustainable forest management system; and clearly defining and assigning responsibilities required for sustainable forest management.
2. Promoting, where applicable, diversity of both horizontal and vertical structures and the diversity of species such as mixed stands, with the aim of also maintaining or restoring landscape diversity; and the use of traditional management practices that create valuable ecosystems on appropriate sites.
3. Avoiding exploitation of protected, threatened and endangered plant and animal species for commercial purposes (except in accordance with trade authorized under CITES), and, where necessary, implementing measures for their protection and, where relevant, to increasing their population.
4. Ensuring that keystone species are protected during harvesting in accordance with the requirements of the Code of Practice and Guidelines, and that no Bulletwood (*Manilkara bidentata*) trees are harvested without the written permission of the Commissioner of Forests or an authorized GFC Officer.
5. Avoiding the use of genetically modified trees within the forest management area.
6. Maintaining or enhancing the protective functions of forests for society within the forest management area, including their potential role in: erosion control; flood prevention; water purification; climate regulation; carbon sequestration; and other regulating or supporting ecosystem services.
7. Ensuring that forest management planning recognizes the importance of all socio-economic functions of forests and has clearly defined strategies to respect and enhance these functions.
8. Seeking and incorporating appropriate forest-related experience and traditional knowledge, innovations, and practices such as those of forest owners, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), local communities, and Indigenous peoples in the management of the forest and rewards the use such knowledge.
9. Ensuring that its forestry operations contribute to, and enhance local economies, including the well-being of forest-dependent communities.

Signed (Director):



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