
FORESTRY

DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY

**DECREE OF THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY
NO. : 622/KPTS-II/95 ; DATED : NOVEMBER 20, 1995**

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THE A GUIDELINE FOR COMMUNITY FORESTS

THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY,

Considering

- a. that forests as natural resources bestowed by God the Almighty must be managed and utilized for the people's greatest prosperity with the presence and continuance of their functions being well maintained;
- b. that one of the efforts to reach the goal as referred in letter a above and in the framework of promoting the prosperity and the role of the community in and around forests, it is necessary to issue a regulation on Community Forests;
- c. that in connection with the above matter, it is deemed necessary to stipulate the Decree of the Minister of Forestry of the Guideline for Community Forests.

**Bearing
in mind**

1. Act No. 5/1967;
2. Act No. 5/1990;
3. Act No. 24/1994;
4. Government Regulation No. 64/1957;
5. Government Regulation No. 21/1970;
6. Government Regulation No. 33/1970;
7. Government Regulation No. 28/1985;
8. Government Regulation No. 7/1990;
9. Presidential Decree No. 15/1984;

10. Presidential Decree No. 96/M/1993;
11. Decree of the Minister of Forestry No. 677/Kpts-II/1993.

H A S D E C I D E D :

To stipulate : THE DECREE OF THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY ON THE GUIDELINE FOR COMMUNITY FORESTS

**CHAPTER I
GENERAL PROVISIONS
Article 1**

Referred to in this Decree as :

1. A Community Forest shall be a system of forest management on the basis of its function by involving the community.
2. A Community Forest Area shall be a forest area stipulated for Community Forest activities.
3. A participant shall be a person whose source of income is in a forest area and who voluntarily plays an active role in Community Forests activities.
4. Forest produce from a Community Forest shall be non-timber forest produce commodities.
5. A multi-purpose tree or a Crop of Life shall be a yearly crop which yields non-timber forest produce useful to the community.
6. A Management Plan shall be a plan of activities to be carried out in the area of a Community Forest, encompassing plans on planting, cultivating, protecting/safeguarding, picking, processing and marketing.
7. Head of a Regional Office shall be the Head of a Provincial Office of the Ministry of Forestry.

**CHAPTER II
THE OBJECTIVES OF COMMUNITY FORESTS
Article 2**

Community Forests are aimed at :

- a. Promoting the welfare of the community living around and in a forest.
- b. Raising the quality and productivity of a forest in accordance with its functions and designation.
- c. Maintaining the continuance of forests and the environment.

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**CHAPTER III
FOREST AREAS FOR COMMUNITY FOREST ACTIVITIES**

Article 3

- (1) A forest area where Community Forest activities may be carried out shall be a forest area with the function of a critical protected forest which needs rehabilitation and/or a production forest.
- (2) Community Forest activities cannot be carried out in forest areas having the functions of natural reserves, wildlife preserves, nature-related tourism parks, game hunting parks, national parks or great forest parks.
- (3) A forest area/production forest area on which a forest concession and/or timber estate concession has been given cannot be stipulated as a location for Community Forest activities.
- (4) The Minister of Forestry shall stipulate a protected forest area and or a production forest area as a site for Community Forest activities based on the suggestion of the Head of Regional Office after hearing the suggestions/consideration of the Head of a First-Level Region Forestry Service.
- (5) The procedure for the stipulation of a forest area as an area for Community Forest activities shall be further regulated by the Director General of Reforestation and Land Rehabilitation.

**CHAPTER IV
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMUNITY FOREST ACTIVITIES**

Article 4

- (1) A Community Forest activity is basically implemented by the community or community members living in and/or around a forest the area of which is stipulated as an area for Community Forest activities.
- (2) The Community Forest activities as referred to in paragraph (1) shall encompass planning, planting, cultivating, protecting, picking, processing and marketing.

Article 5

- (1) The types of trees/crops planted in a Community Forest shall be multi-purpose trees/crops or trees of life which are appropriate and suitable to the conditions of the soil and the environment and yield fruits, resins and so forth which are useful to the participants.
- (2) The types of trees/crops as referred to in paragraph (1) shall be further regulated by the Director General of Reforestation and Land Rehabilitation.

**CHAPTER V
THE PARTICIPANTS OF COMMUNITY FOREST ACTIVITIES**

Article 6

- (1) The participants of Community Forest activities may be individuals, groups or cooperatives.

- (2) The individuals, groups or cooperatives shall be appointed as the participants of Community Forest activities by the Head of a First-Level Region Forestry Service on the basis of the suggestions given by a Village Head or the Executive Board of a Cooperative concerned in the knowledge of a Village Head.
- (3) The appointed participants as referred to in paragraph (2) shall make and sign an agreement with a forestry agency in the region on their participation in Community Forest activities and their ability to comply with all prevailing stipulations.
- (4) The sample/model of the agreement shall be stipulated by the Director General of Reforestation and Land Rehabilitation.

Article 7

- (1) The participants of Community Forest activities as referred to in Article 6 paragraph (1) and paragraph (2) proposed by a Village Head of the Head of a Group or the Executive Board of a Cooperative in the knowledge of a Village Head shall be submitted to the Head of a First-Level Region Forestry Service through a Second-Level Region Forestry Service or the Head of a local Second-Level Region Forestry Affairs and Land Conservation Service.
- (2) The participants as referred to in paragraph (1) shall be required to have the following:
 - a. Identity Cards (Xerox copies of Residency Cards for individuals and groups and Xerox copies the deed on the establishment of a Cooperative and Xerox copies of Residency Cards for participants from a Cooperative.
 - b. The map and sketch of the location of the prospective participants' working areas;
 - c. A statement certifying that the participation of a prospective participant in Community Forest activities is voluntary.
 - d. A statement of a prospective participant that he shall fulfil all obligations as referred to in Article 6 paragraph (3) and that he shall be prepared to have the agreement as referred to in Article 13 cancelled.

CHAPTER VI THE RIGHTS OF THE PARTICIPANTS OF COMMUNITY FORESTS Article 8

- (1) A participant who has made and signed the agreement as referred to in Article 6 paragraph (3) shall be entitled to carry out Community Forest activities in the working area already stipulated.
- (2) Every participant shall be allotted a forest area as their working area as follows :
 - a. For an individual, a maximum of 4 (four) hectares.
 - b. For group, a maximum of 4 (four) hectares multiplied by the number of group members taking part as participants.

- c. For a cooperative, a maximum of 4 (four) hectares multiplied by the number of cooperative members taking part as participants.

Article 9

- (1) The participants of Community Forests shall be entitled to pick and utilize non-timer forest produce in their working areas in accordance with what is stipulated in the agreement and on the basis of the prevailing laws.
- (2) The entire forest produce coming from a Community Forest area shall be subject to levies pursuant to the prevailing laws.

Article 10

- (1) All forest produce which will be transported from the collection location to another place, shall be furnished with Documents accompanying the transportation of said forest produce, in accordance with the provisions of the effective legislative regulations.
- (2) All forest produce, originating from an Community forest area, shall be imposed with a levy, in accordance with the provisions of the effective legislative regulations.

CHAPTER VII

THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTICIPANTS OF COMMUNITY FORESTS

Article 11

The participants of Community Forests shall be obligated to :

- a. Directly involve themselves in the process of formulating a management plan and in the implementation of Community Forest activities.
- b. Maintain the security in and around a Community Forest.
- c. Multiplying crops by means of crop enrichment and planting multi-purpose trees/crops of life on idle plots of land.
- d. Re-order the boundaries of their working areas in accordance with what has been agreed upon and expressed in the agreement.
- e. Guard against and prevent a forest fire and take all measures in controlling it.
- f. Guard against and prevent any damage to trees and other forest produce in a Community Forest area by irresponsible parties and/or by cattle or others.
- g. Implement the content of the agreement and comply with the directives, guidance and counselling given by officials and other stipulations in Community Forest activities.
- h. Pay non-timber Forest Produce Contributions (IHH) pursuant to the prevailing stipulation.

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- i. Report any hunting of wildlife, either protected or not protected.

**CHAPTER VII
FINANCING
Article 12**

The costs arising in Community Forest activities shall be borne by the Government.

**CHAPTER IX
THE CANCELLATION OF AN AGREEMENT
Article 13**

- (1) An agreement on participation in Community Forest activities can be cancelled by the Ministry of Forestry if :
- a. A participant of Community Forest activities does not concretely carry out his activities at the latest within 6 (six) months after the signing of the agreement.
 - b. A participant of Community Forest activities abandons his working area and/or does not carry out his activities concretely and continuously for 2 (two) consecutive years.
 - c. A participant of Community Forest activities does not pay the Forest Produce Contribution (IHH) and other levies pursuant to the prevailing laws.
 - d. On the basis of the assessment of the Ministry of Forestry, 5 (five) years after the signing of the agreement the implementation of Community Forest activities do not yield results owing to the participant's neglect.
- (2) The cancellation of the agreement as referred to in paragraph (1) shall be effected after the 3 (three) written reminders have been issued consecutively.

**CHAPTER X
GUIDANCE, CONTROL, SUPERVISION AND NURTURING
OF COMMUNITY FORESTS
Article 14**

- (1) The guidance for and control of Community Forest activities shall be conducted by the Head of a Regional Office.
- (2) The supervision over Community Forest activities shall be conducted by Heads of First-Level and second-Level Region Forestry Services.
- (3) The participants of Community Forest activities shall be nurtured by the Director General of Reforestation and Land Rehabilitation.
- (4) The guideline, guidance, control, supervision and nurturing as referred to in paragraph (1), (2) and (3) and technical directives for Community Forest activities shall be stipulated by the Director General of Reforestation and Land Rehabilitation.

**CHAPTER XI
TRANSITIONAL PROVISION
Article 15**

Community Forest activities already carried out prior to the stipulation of this Decree shall remain under way with the provision that they shall be adjusted to the spirit of this decree.

**CHAPTER XII
CLOSING PROVISION
Article 16**

This decree shall take effect as from the date of stipulation.

Stipulated in	Jakarta
On	November 20, 1995

THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY

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