

THE FORESTS (WEST POKOT) RULES

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1966, 2nd Sch.

1. These Rules may be cited as the Forests (West Pokot) Rules, and shall apply to the Tangasia and Kapkanyar Forests as defined by Proclamation No.102 of 1941, and shall be additional to any other rules applicable to those Central Forests under the Act:

Provided that where the provisions of these Rules conflict with any of those rules the provisions of these Rules shall prevail.

2. For the purposes of these Rules -

"District Commissioner" means the District Commissioner, West Pokot;

"the Central Forests" means the Tangasia and Kapkanyar Forests.

3. Any member of the Suk tribe living within the West Pokot District may, within the Central Forests and with the consent in writing of a forest officer, cut and remove without charge any trees, other than those specified in the First Schedule, for building poles for his own personal or domestic use but not for sale or barter:

Provided that were, in the opinion of a forest officer, the felling and removal of the trees specified in the First Schedule is compatible with good forest management, those trees may be cut and removed for similar purposes with the written permission of the forest officer.

4. The Chief Conservator may, with the consent of the Provincial Commissioner, Rift Valley Province, by notice in the Gazette, add to or remove from the First Schedule any species of trees.

5. Any person living in the West Pokot District may without any charge or permit -

- (a) take or collect dead wood for firewood;
- (b) take or collect the bark of dead trees for thatching beehives;
- (c) pick wild berries and fruit for his own consumption;
- (d) cut and remove creepers and lianes for building purposes;
- (e) for the making of honey barrels, fell and utilize any trees specified in the Second Schedule or any dead or fallen trees of any other species;
- (f) cut and utilize bamboo foliage for stockfeed;
- (g) depasture his stock in the open grasslands within the central Forests;
- (h) be in possession of poisoned weapons that may be needed in defence of his stock;
- (i) cultivate such grasslands as may be chosen by the district Commissioner or forest officer.

6. Any person living in the West Pokot District may, with the written permission of the district Commissioner or a forest officer -

- (a) depasture his stock within forest-covered land;
- (b) construct huts and bomas for his stock within the open grasslands of the said Central Forests;
- (c) construct and use roads and paths through the Central Forests.

7. No burning shall be allowed within the central Forests except with the permission of the District commissioner or a forest officer and between the dates 1st November and 31st December each year.

8.
(1)
Any
person who does
any of the acts
specified in rule
6 without the
consent in
writing of the
district
commissioner or
a forest officer,
or who burns
contrary to rule
7, or who

without the consent in writing of a forest officer cuts or removes any of the trees for the time being specified in the First Schedule shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine not exceeding one thousand shillings or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, or to both.

(2) A person who has been convicted of an offence under these Rules may be ordered to remove his hut and his stock from the Central Forests.

FIRST SCHEDULE

(rr. 3 and 4)

<i>Botanical name</i>	<i>West Pokot name</i>
Podocarpus milanjianus.....	Ben
Podocarpus gracilior.....	Sesaito
Polyscias Kikuyuensis.....	Okun
Sideroxylon adolfi-frederici	Seiti

SECOND SCHEDULE

(r. 5)

Botanical name

West Pokot name

Ficus spp.....

Makong'we