

THE FORESTS (MERU) RULES

L.N.502/1959,
L.N.236/1964,
L.N.303/1964 .

1. These Rules may be cited as the Forests (Meru) Rules.

2. These rules shall apply to the Central Forests specified in the Second Schedule, and shall be additional to any other rules applicable to all Central Forests made under the Act:

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

3. Any person residing in the Meru Land Unit may -

(a) take for fuel dead fallen wood for his or her personal domestic use without licence in such parts of the forest areas to which these Rules apply as a forest officer may direct, taking into consideration the proper management and silvicultural treatment of the Central Forests; and fuel may only be cut with a panga or native chopping tool; communal collection of fuel for domestic use in ox-carts or by donkeys may be permitted in areas specified by a forest officer;

(b) (b)collect and take wild berries and fruits for his own consumption, without licence;

(c)place and visit honey barrels under a licence issued by a forest officer, without charge, so that all honey barrel owners may be registered; the right to hang honey barrels shall be limited to members of the Meru tribe and to such other persons resident within the Meru Land Unit as are approved individually by the Meru County Council.

(d)collect and take Miugu creepers of species other than Landolphia species (wild rubber vine), without licence;

(e)enter and sleep, for a period not exceeding two weeks, within a Central Forest for genuine tribal ceremonies connected with circumcision, handing over of the ruling age grade and certain dances, and at such time take such forest produce as is required by custom for those taking part, without licence;

(f)cut and take thatching grass at places approved by a forest officer, without licence.

4. Subject to provisions of rule 9, all forest produce taken by any other person either on his own behalf or on behalf of any private firm or body, including the Meru County Council, shall be paid for at the royalty rates at the time in force for that produce (with the exception of poles and withies required for the erection of schools and medical buildings and the requirements of paupers as certified by chiefs or the Meru County Council, on which no royalty shall be paid), and shall be cut and removed under the direction of a forest officer.

5. No grazing of goats shall be allowed in the Central Forests to which these Rules apply.

6. No other cattle as defined in the Act shall be allowed to graze in the Central Forests except under a grazing licence from or under the direction of a forest officer, who shall take into consideration the carrying capacity of any grazeable areas.

7. No burning of vegetation of any kind shall be allowed in the Central Forests, except on the instructions of a forest officer.8. No cattle as defined in the Act shall enter the Central Forests for the purpose of transit or access to water and salt licks except by the stock routes and to the watering places specified in the First Schedule.

9. Notwithstanding the provisions of rules 4 and 7 -

- (a) in the Njuguni, Munguni and Thuuri Central Forests, the collection and removal of pottery clay and the burning of the pottery at places prescribed by a forest officer and use of dead fallen fuel for the purposes of burning the pottery by Mwimbi members of the Meru tribe, in the case of Njuguni and Munguni, and by Tigania members of the Meru tribe, in the case of Thuuri, shall be allowed, without licence;
- (b) in the Nyambeni Central Forest, the extraction and removal of red ochre for use within the Meru Land Unit, but not for export therefrom, shall be allowed, without licence, to members of the Meru tribe from a place near the Muhura spring;
- (c) in the Nyambeni, Ngaia and Kieiga Central Forests, the collection of Mivuno leaves for medicinal purposes shall be allowed, without licence, to members of the Meru tribe.

10. A forest officer who issues permits and licences under these Rules shall keep a register of all permits and licences issued by him.

FIRST SCHEDULE

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STOCK ROUTES AND WATERING PLACES WHICH MAY BE USED
FOR CATTLE

<i>Central Forest</i>	<i>Stock Routes</i>	<i>Watering Places</i>
1. Upper Imenti	Kikongoro kia Gaithranga Kikongoro kia Mwira Ngombe Kikongoro kia Nkireri Kikongoro kia Nthimbiri Kikongoro kia Karere Njia ya Karinga Njia ya Igoki Njia ya Njoroegoro Njia ya Ntakira	Mburi ya Ntakira Nkunga Mburi ya Nthimbiri Githima kia Njigi
2. Lower Imenti	Njia ya Kikundu Njia ya Munitu Njia ya Chugu Njia ya Mulanthankari Njia ya Ruiru to Kieru Njia ya Thuura	Kuru Kinyaritha
3. Nyambeni	Njia ya Kamboo Njia ya Kathaiene	Kioi Thangatha
4. Ngaia	Antubetwe	Nil
5. thuuri	Nil	Nil
6. Kieiga	Miathene-Mikinduri Road	Kiandui Karuruno
7. Thunguru	Njia ya Themwe	Nil
8. Kijegge-Kanthakame-Thamantu	Main stock routes between Kijegge and Kanthakame. Stock route between Thamantu and Kanthakame	Muganka Kiguru Mutwati Mtendera
9. Mutharanga	Home's old road on east face of Mutharanga	Nil
10. Kierera	Nil	Nil
11. Ntugi	Nil	Nil
12. Kigingo (and Thamakunge)		Machakuru rock Kwandue Kinyaka during rains Ndungo
13. Maatha	Stock route between Mathaa and	Kithambarumi

	(Kiambua)	Kiambua	Wakingo
14.	Mutejwa (and Kandutho)	Stock route between Mutejwa and Kandutho. Bingorotaingwa Stock route West to East through Mutejwa to Tana River	Karokwaro
15.	Munguni	Stock route between Munguni and Kitunga	Nil
16.	Njuguni	Mwilolelo across centre of hill Katabara (if Mwilolelo not sufficient)	Uli Murarangu Kitunju Nachoma
17.	Kiagu	Nil	Nil
18.	Kibithewa	Njia ya Kinjo	Nil

SECOND SCHEDULE

(r. 2)

Central Forest

Acres

1.	Upper Imenti	28,600
2.	Lower Imenti	6,166
3.	Ngaia	10,230
4.	Nyambeni	14,400
5.	Kibithewa	510
6.	Kieiga	1,330
7.	Thuuri	1,796
8.	Kiagu	3,341
9.	Thunguru	1,282
10.	Kikingo	3,030
11.	Maatha	1,580
12.	Mutejwa	3,370
13.	Ntugi	3,286
14.	Njuguni	5,990
15.	Mutharanga	715
16.	Kijegge	8,081
17.	Munguni	470
18.	Kierera	1,950
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