

THE FORESTS (KWALE) RULES

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1. These Rules may be cited as the Forests (Kwale) Rules, and shall apply to the following Central Forests, namely, Jombo, Marenje, Mkongani (North) Mkongani (west), together with such other Central Forests in the Kwale District as may from time to time be designated, 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 those other rules the provisions of these Rules shall prevail.

2. (1) Within any Central Forest to which these Rules apply, no person shall cut or remove any tree except with the permission of a forest officer and on payment of such royalty charges as may be specified from time to time.

(2) Except as provided by rule 4. no person shall fell any tree under these Rules unless and until it has been marked for felling by a forest officer or by any person appointed for that purpose by a forest officer.

3. any person residing in the Kwale District may, without any charge or permit, in any Central Forest to which these Rules apply -

- (a) take or collect dead or fallen wood for firewood for his own personal and domestic use only;
- (b) take and collect thatching grass or palm leaves for thatching his own buildings;
- (c) pick wild berries and fruits, or dig up edible roots, for his own consumption;
- (d) cut and remove creepers and lianes for building purposes;
- (e) take stock other than goats to such watering places within the forest areas as are adjacent to grassland and along stock routes specified and approved by a forest officer;
- (f) graze stock other than goats on all open grassland and on such interior glades as are specified by a forest officer to the limit of a carrying capacity per acre approved by the Divisional Forest Officer Coast, but access to these shall be confined to routes specified by a forest officer; and
- (g) collect honey from honey barrels registered free with a forest officer.

4. Any person residing in the Kwale District may, by first obtaining permission from a forest officer, on the recommendation of the chief of his location, without any charge, in any of the forest areas to which these Rules apply, cut and remove poles not exceeding six inches in diameter at base for the purpose of constructing a house for his own occupation:

Provided that poles of the following species shall not be cut -

- Chlorophora excelsa - Mvule.
- Alzelia quanzensis - Mbambakofi.
- Albizia sp. - Mchani.
- Brachystegia sp. - Mrihi
- Manilkara cuneifolia - Ngambo.
- Trachylobium verrucosum - Mtandarusi.
- Bombax rhodognaphalon - Msufi Mwituu.
- Brachylaena hutchinsii - Muhuhu.
- Any exotic species.

5. No person shall burn grass in any forest area except with the permission of a forest officer and under the supervision of a forest guard.