FORESTRY IN TANZANIA

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Land use distribution in Tanzania Mainland

The total land area of Tanzania Mainland is 87 million hectares and 48.1 million hectares which is equivalent to 55% is covered by forests. Protected areas cover 28 million ha (32.5%) while production forests where harvesting is allowed cover 20.1 million ha (22.7%).
Distribution of forests and woodlands areas by ownership classes

- **45%** under village governments;
- **35%** under the Central Government through Tanzania Forest Services Agency (TFS);
- **7%** under Local Government;
- **7%** under private sector;
- **5%** forests in general lands and
- **1%** other ownerships such as sacred forests.

- **Vast area of the unreserved forests and woodlands (67%)** are found in village lands where there is unsustainable management of the resources.
Wood volume

• The total wood volume of TZ mainland is 3.3 billion m³, out of which 3.2 billion m³ (97%) is obtainable from natural forests and 0.1 billion m³ (3%) from planted forests.

• The total annual growth of wood at national level is estimated at 83.7 million m³. However only 42.8 million m³ (half) is available for harvesting at a sustainable level.

• The annual demand of wood is estimated at 62.3 million m³

• The demand exceeds the sustainable supply by 19.5 million m³. Also the forest land are heavily degraded at the rate of 372,000 ha/year.
Wood supply deficit

Figure 2: Mainland Tanzania, projected wood deficit (2014 - 2030)
What to be done

• Therefore, reversing this trend would require a continuous planting of 185,000 ha (equivalent to 280 million trees) per year up to 2030 when the wood deficit will become zero.

• This requires a collective commitment of funding of about US$ 131.5 million per year and US$ 2.4 billion up to year 2030.

Challenges to meet the target of 185,000 ha/year:

➢ Capacity in tree growing and weak institutions
➢ Inadequate Funding and investors
➢ Land ownership and security
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Village Land-use Plans and established plantations
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Objective: To raise awareness and market forest investment opportunities in Tanzania

Organizers: MNRT, Uongozi Institute and Embassy of Finland

Programme: General conference in Dar es Salaam
Field excursion to the Southern Highlands
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