

DENR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 38

SUBJECT: Development of a Minimum of Twenty Percent (20%) of the Land Allocation in Integrated Social Forestry (ISF) Projects Into Tree Farms and/or Tree Plantations.

Pursuant to Department Administrative Order No. 97, Series of 1988, and in line with the National Forestation Program of the government, portions of lands covered by Stewardship Contract (CSC)/Community Forest Stewardship Agreement (CFSA) shall be developed into tree farms and/or tree plantations in accordance with the following guidelines:

SECTION 1. Tree Farm/Plantation Development in ISF Project Areas. Integrated Social Forestry Program participants shall devote at least twenty percent (20%) of their allocated lands exclusively for tree farming and/or tree plantation. The species to be planted shall depend on the site conditions and the purpose of the plantation. The Social Forestry Technician (SFT) and/or Social Forestry Officer (SFO) shall assist the program participants in the selection of suitable timber, pulpwood, fuelwood or fruit tree species to be planted.

SECTION 2. Site Selection. The SFO/SFT shall assist the program participants in selecting the portions of their land allocation most suited for tree farming giving due consideration to slope gradient, soil conditions and present vegetative cover; areas not or least feasible for agricultural production shall be given priority in the site selection. The tree farms/plantation may be contiguous or in patches provided that the total allocated land as reflected in the Certificate of Stewardship Contract/Community Forest Stewardship Agreement.

SECTION 3. Definition of Terms.

- a. Tree Farm is used in this Order refers to any small forest land or tract of land exclusively planted to tree crops of economic value for their fruits, flowers, leaves, barks, extractives or wood thereof.
- b. Tree plantation refers to a tract of land planted to tree crops primarily for wood.

SECTION 4. Development of Scheme.

Tree farm/plantation development shall be incorporated in the individual agroforestry development plan as prescribed in BFD Circular No. 12, Series of 1986. This should be accomplished within a five-year period from the approval of the CSC/CFSA as prescribed in BFD Circular No. 29, Series of 1985.

Projects existing for five years or more before the enactment of these guidelines where tree farms/plantations have not been developed shall be given one (1) year from the date hereof to develop such tree farm/plantations.

In areas covered by Community Forest Stewardship Agreements, tree farms/plantations shall be developed either in communal or individual basis depending on the consensus of the participants/organization.

Agroforestry by intercropping cash crops with tree crops as main crop shall be allowed for this purpose, but only in areas suitable for such kind of development as determine by the Social Forestry Officer.

SECTION 5. Technical and material assistance. The SFOs/SFTs shall provide technical assistance to the program participants in the development of tree farms/tree plantations. The DENR, through the CENROs concerned, shall provide seedlings, seeds, plastic bags and other material assistance to the program participants for the purpose.

SECTION 6. Reporting. Accomplishment of tree farm/plantation development in ISF projects shall be included in the quarterly and annual accomplishment reports of ISF projects using additional form (Annex "A"), copy furnished the National Forestation Program (NFP) Working Group.

SECTION 7. Repealing Clause. This Order supersedes all existing forestry rules and regulations inconsistent herewith.

SECTION 8. Effectivity. This Order shall take effect immediately.

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Secretary

Signed on May 9, 1989