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FORESTRY ACT, 1997

(No. 11 OF 1997)

FORESTRY (COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION) RULES, 2001

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by section 32 of the Forestry Act, 1, HARRY IAN THOMSON, Minister of Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, make the following Rules—

PART I—PRELIMINARY

- Short title      1. These Rules may be cited as the Forestry (Community Participation) Rules, 2001.
- Interpretation    2. In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires—  
 “community” includes village natural resources management committees, local authorities, by whatever name called, non-governmental organizations and the private sector.

PART II—COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

- Objectives of community participation    3. The objectives of community participation shall be—  
 (a) to promote co-management of forest resources;  
 (b) to sustainably manage forests on customary land;  
 (c) to empower the community in the management of forest resources in forest reserves and forests on customary land;  
 (d) to promote community tree-planting and management;  
 (e) to promote the role of men, women and the youth in the management of forest resources;  
 (f) to enhance sustainable management, conservation and utilization of forest resources; and  
 (g) to share costs and benefits between the Department of Forestry and the community in regard to forest produce from customary land forests and forest reserves.
- Duties of a community    4.—(1) A community shall have the responsibility of conserving and managing the forest resources within its area of jurisdiction in collaboration with the Director of Forestry.

(2) Without derogating from the generality of the provisions of sub-rule (1), a community shall have power to—

- (a) develop a <sup>licensing</sup> ~~recording~~ system in collaboration with the Director of Forestry;
- (b) enforce any forestry regulations as mandated by the Director of Forestry;
- (c) seize any forest produce reasonably believed to have been obtained in contravention of the Act; and
- (d) to convey to the Board and the Director its recommendations on the conservation and management of forest resources.

5. A community may, for the proper management of its affairs, under these Rules, form such committees as the community may deem appropriate. Committees of a community

6. A community shall adopt a constitution by which the operations of that community shall be governed. Constitution of a community

7. A community shall, with the assistance of the Director of Forestry, prepare a management plan for purposes of ensuring sustainable forest management, conservation and utilization. Management plan

8. The Director of Forestry shall have access to all records kept by a community pursuant to these Rules. Access to records

9. Except where it is unnecessary or impracticable to do so, regulations and any other subsidiary legislation related to the sustainable conservation, management and utilization of forestry resources shall not be made or amended unless the Director of Forestry has carried out consultations with the community. Consultations on forestry plans, regulations, etc.

10. A community may request meetings with the Director of Forestry to discuss management plans, regulations or any other subsidiary legislation or amendment thereto. Meetings with the Director

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