

OVERVIEW OF THE NATIONAL FOREST POLICY REVIEW PROCESS

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1. Overview of forest resources in Tanzania

Forest Type	Area (ha) * 1000	Percent of total forestland (%)
Montane forests	995.3	2.1
Lowland forests	1,656.5	3.4
Mangroves	158.1	0.3
Plantations	554.5	1.2
Closed woodlands (with > 40% canopy cover)	8,729.0	18.2
Open woodlands (with 10 -40% canopy)	35,997.3	74.8
Total (ha) * 1000	48,090.7	100

1. Overview of forest resources..

Tenure holders	Area (Ha) * 1000	Percentage (%)
Central government	16,610.6	34.5
Local governments	3,107.4	6.5
Village governments	21,975.1	45.7
Private	3,515.9	7.3
General land	2,733.8	5.7
Not known land	98.7	0.2
No data (ownership not recorded)	49.2	0.1
TOTAL	48,090.7	100

2. Instruments used for managing forest resources in Tanzania

- National Forest Policy, 1998
- Forest Act No. 14 , 2002
- Forest Regulations, 2004
- National Forest Programme: 2001 - 2010

3. The Policy Review Process

- The review process was initiated in **2006** culminating in a draft policy in 2016.
- The sector decided in 2017 to refresh the policy by undertaking **further stakeholder consultations**.
- **Appointment of Task Force members (14):** -
 - MNRT(FBD, Wildlife, TFS, Policy and Planning (DPP);
 - Ministry of Energy and Minerals;
 - Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries;
 - Ministry of Lands, Housing and Human Settlements;
 - VPO-Environment;
 - Development partners (FAO);
 - CBOs MJUMITA.
- Consulting Stakeholders in all the **seven zones** of the forest sector in Tanzania.

3. The Policy Review Process

- **They represented various groups:** farmers, pastoralists, NGOs, CBOs, Private business persons and companies, industrialists, village leaders, local governments, district leadership, regional leadership, central government (TFS); representatives of academic and research institutions, Associations (TAF) and Tanzania's development partners.
- **Three key studies were undertaken:**
 - ✓ Land/forest tenure,
 - ✓ Community based forest management (CBFM) and
 - ✓ The roles of forests in food security.

BAADHI YA HOJA ZA WADAU

- *Taratibu za kupata hati miliki ni ndefu.*
- ***Kilimo cha kuhamahama*** na malisho ya wanyama vinachangia sana katika uharibifu wa misitu na hasa uoto wa asili (*natural regeneration*).
- *Utathmini wa misitu haufanyiki kama inavyopaswa.*
- *Uthamanishaji wa misitu haujawahi kufanywa kabisa, hivyo mchango wake kwa uchumi unaonekana hafifu (3.5% of GDP).*
- *Misitu karibu yote inavunwa hovyona uharibifu wa mioto ni mkubwa.*
- ***Ushirikishi wa jamii*** katika umiliki wa misitu ya hifadhi hauna tija ya kuridhisha kwa jamii husika.
- ***Upandaji miti*** hautoshelezi kujaza pengo la mahitaji ya mazao timbao.
- *Wenye miti binafsi hawatambuliwi na hawapewi motisha vya kutosha.*
- ***Uchomaji mkaa bado unaendelea na ni chanzo kikubwa cha uharibifu wa misitu.***

POLICY AREAS

- Forest land tenure and management
- Forest Ecosystem Conservation and Management
- Forest industry development
- **Forest products and Services utilization**
- Forest Investment
- Human and Institutional Capacity
- Regional and international cooperation
- Crosscutting Issues

Proposed policy statements

- *Ensure efficiency in the **production and use** of wood fuel and **formalize** the associated business.*
- *Promote establishment of **wood fuel plantations** especially to meet energy demand in rural and peri-urban populations .*
- *Promote and support **migration to alternative sources of energy.***

4. Current status

- Preparation of the New Draft of the National Forest Policy of 2017
- Preparation of the Action plan
- Hold nationwide final validation workshop
- Submit the draft to NAFAC (NATIONAL FORESTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE) - Section 10 of Forest Act.
- Submit the draft to MNRT – Management
- Submit the draft to Cabinet Secretariat for approval

5. Future plans

- **To review:**
- Forest Act No. 14 , 2002 (CAP 323 R.E 2002)
- Forest Regulations, 2004 (GN No.153 of 2004)
- **To update:**
- National Forest Programme: 2018 – 2027
- Existing guidelines

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