

**FORESTS ACT**  
**CHAPTER 60:01**

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## CHAPTER 60:01

## FORESTS ACT

AN ACT to make provision for the conservation and control of  
forests.

1961 Ed.  
Cap. 80.  
25 of 1958.

[6th August 1959]

Commencement.

## PART I

## PRELIMINARY

1. This Act may be cited as the –

Short title.

FORESTS ACT.

2. In this Act –

Interpretation.

“Court” means Magistrate’s Court;

“State land” includes –

- (a) the waste or vacant land of the State within the State; and
- (b) all lands vested in Government whether by forfeiture, escheat, purchase or exchange;

“Director” means the Director of Forestry and Wildlife;

“forest officer” includes forest supervisors, forest rangers, forest guards and any other persons appointed to exercise any or all of the powers vested in a forest officer under this Act;

“forest offence” means any offence punishable under this Act;

“forest reserve” means any area declared by the President by Notice in the *Gazette* to be a forest reserve;

“forest produce” includes –

- (a) the following when found in or brought from any forest reserve, State land, or protected forest, that is to say, trees, timber, firewood, branches, poles, bamboos, leaves, flowers, fruits, seeds, roots, bark, charcoal, creepers, fibres, plants, gums, oils, resins, sap, rubber, honey, wax, humus, earth;

(b) such things found in or brought from any forest reserve, State land, or protected forest or any other places in the State as the President may by Notice in the *Gazette* declare to be forest produce.

“livestock” includes cattle, horses, mules, asses, goats, sheep, pigs and such other animals as the President by Notice in the *Gazette* may declare to be livestock.

“private land” means any land the freehold or leasehold of which is vested in any person, family, company, corporation or religious body;

“prohibited area” is any area within a forest reserve, State land, or protected forest into which entry is forbidden when this is necessary for any of the purposes of this Act;

“protected forest” means any area of private land declared by the President by Notice in the *Gazette* to be a protected forest;

“remnant” includes parts of trees that have fallen of which some part has already been worked or destroyed by fire or otherwise;

“timber” includes trees and bushes whether standing, fallen or felled, stumps of trees, and any wood whether sawn, split, hewn or otherwise fashioned.

## PART II

### FOREST RESERVE AND PROTECTED FOREST

Proclamation of forest reserves. [12 of 1990].

**3.** (1) The President may by Order declare any area of State land to be forest reserve. Every forest reserve shall be surveyed and a description of the boundaries giving bearings and distances shall be published in the Order.

(2) No land shall be granted, devised or sold within a forest reserve.

Proclamation of protected forest.

**4.** The President may by Order declare any private land to be protected forest whenever in his opinion this appears to be necessary for any of the following purposes:

(a) for protection against storms, winds, rolling stones, floods and landslides;

- (b) for the prevention of soil erosion and landslide or the formation of ravines and torrents, and of the deposit of mud, stones, and sand, upon agricultural land;
- (c) for the prevention of wastage of resources of timber and for securing the proper management of timber lands;
- (d) for the maintenance of water supplies in springs, rivers, canals and reservoirs;
- (e) for the protection of roads, bridges, airstrips and other lines of communication;
- (f) for the preservation of health.

5. When any area of private land is declared to be protected forest the President shall, by Order, make Rules to regulate or prohibit within any such protected forest –

Power to make Rules applicable to protected forest.

- (a) the falling, cutting, lopping and burning of, or any injury to, any trees or timber;
- (b) the breaking up or clearing of lands for cultivation;
- (c) the pasturing or straying of livestock;
- (d) the setting of fire; and
- (e) any other act which appears to be prejudicial to the purposes set out in section 4.

6. (1) Any forest officer may enter any area declared to be protected forest at any time without notice, and carry out such surveys or works, as the President may in writing direct, in connection with the purposes set out in section 4.

Power to enter and carry out works.

(2) Upon any private land being declared a protected forest the Director shall cause the area to be marked out and kept defined and shall have right of access for this purpose as hereinbefore provided.

7. If, after the first publication of any Order declaring any land to be protected forest, any act is committed contrary to the Rules made by the President for the regulation thereof, and the act is proved to the satisfaction of the Magistrate to have been committed subsequent to the date of the publication, the act shall be presumed to have been committed by the owner or occupier of the land, unless he proves to the

Liability of occupier or owner of protected forest for any breach of rules.

satisfaction of the Magistrate that he has in no way contributed, directly or indirectly, to the commission of the act and that he with all diligence has given such information or evidence as may lead to the discovery of the offender; but the owner of any land declared to be a protected forest may in writing request the Director to supervise and manage the land on his behalf; and from and after the taking in charge of the land by the Director the foregoing provisions of this section shall cease to apply to the owner or occupier of the land.

Compensation  
when lands are  
proclaimed  
protected forest.

8. (1) When the owner of any land declared to be a protected forest, claims that he ought to be pecuniarily compensated in relation to the constitution of the protected forest, he shall within three months of the Order lodge at the Ministry of Trade a statement of his claim with full particulars of his estimated loss.

(2) On the claim being lodged the President shall appoint a Forestry Board consisting of –

- (a) the Director;
- (b) such person as the claimant may nominate; and
- (c) such other person, as may be agreed upon by the President and the claimant, to be Chairman of the Board.

(3) The Board shall hear the claimant and consider his claim and make recommendations to the President. If the Board is not satisfied that the owner can be adequately compensated by the granting of special permits or by the making of special regulations with regard to the land declared to be a protected forest, they shall recommend a sum of money to be paid as compensation and the President may instruct the Accountant General to pay such sum of money from the general revenue of the State as compensation to the owner of the land.

Voluntary  
protection.

9. (1) The owner of any land may, with a view to the formation or conservation of forest thereon or the conservation of natural resources, represent in writing to the Director his desire –

- (a) that the land be supervised or managed on his behalf by the Director in such manner as may be agreed upon; and
- (b) that any or all of the provisions of this Act or Rules made thereunder be applied to the land.

(2) In such case the President may by Order apply to the land



such provisions of this Act or Rules made thereunder as he may consider suitable to the circumstances and as may be desired and as agreed upon by the applicant.

### PART III POWERS OF THE DIRECTOR

10. The Director may from time to time issue licences or permits for any purpose for which a licence or permit is required under this Act and may revoke, cancel, suspend or curtail such licences or permits. No right of any kind whatsoever shall be exercised or acquired in or over any forest reserve except under a licence or permit issued by the Director and subject to such terms and conditions as the Director may think fit to impose.

Powers to issue licences and permits.

11. The Director may dispose of forest produce by auction or tender or otherwise.

Sale by auction.

12. The Director may offer to public tender the exclusive right to take timber or other forest produce from any area of forest reserve or from any area of land upon which the Government has any right to timber or other forest produce, for such period and under such conditions as may be approved by the President.

Exclusive licence.

### PART IV POWER TO MAKE RULES

13. (1) The President may from time to time make Rules for all or any of the following purposes:

Power to make rules.

- (a) prohibiting or regulating the felling, cutting, damaging, taking, working, burning, or sale of timber and other forest produce from forest reserves, and State lands;
- (b) prescribing the fees and royalties payable on timber and other forest produce;
- (c) prescribing the purposes for which licences and permits are required; prohibiting the counterfeiting, alteration, or obliteration of licences and permits; providing for the termination, revocation, and forfeiture of licences, and requiring the holders of licences to keep books and

to render returns and accounts and to submit their books for inspection;

- (d) prohibiting or regulating the transport by land or water of timber and other forest produce in transit;
- (e) prohibiting or regulating cultivation, residing, camping, squatting, or building in forest reserve or on State land;
- (f) prohibiting or regulating any such acts or omissions as are likely to endanger forest reserve or State land by fire or otherwise;
- (g) controlling the entry of persons or livestock into forest reserve or State land;
- (h) prohibiting or regulating the marking of timber and forest produce and the manufacture, use and possession of timber marking instruments;
- (i) providing for the protection of boundary marks and survey marks surrounding and within forest reserve;
- (j) providing for the seizure, confiscation and disposal of any forest produce taken, sold or possessed in contravention of this Act or of any tools, implements, marking instruments, vehicles, or livestock by means of which any offence against this Act has been committed;
- (k) prohibiting or regulating hunting and fishing in forest reserve and on State land;
- (l) generally for the better carrying out of the purposes of this Act.

Penalties.

(2) Any Rules made under this Act may impose for the breach thereof a fine of one thousand five hundred dollars and imprisonment for six months.

## PART V

### POWERS OF FOREST OFFICERS

Powers of  
interrogation,  
search, seizure,  
and arrest.

**14.** A forest officer or police officer is hereby empowered –

- (a) to interrogate any person found in possession of forest produce;

- (b) to call upon any person committing or reasonably suspected by the officer of having committed an act for which a licence, permit or pass is required by this Act, to produce such licence, permit or pass;
- (c) whenever he reasonably suspects any person of having committed an offence against this Act or of being in possession of forest produce in respect of which an offence against this Act has been committed, to search the person and property of such person or any property in such person's possession or control;
- (d) to seize and detain any forest produce which he reasonably suspects of having been obtained or removed in contravention of this Act;
- (e) to seize and detain any property which he reasonably suspects has been used in committing an offence against this Act;
- (f) to arrest any person reasonably suspected by him of being concerned in a contravention of this Act who refuses to give his name and address or gives a name and address believed by the officer to be false or who is, in the officer's opinion, liable to abscond.

15. Every person making an arrest under section 14(f) shall, without unnecessary delay, take or send the person arrested before a Magistrate, or the officer or non-commissioned officer in charge of the nearest police station, to be dealt with according to law.

Arrested person to be taken before Magistrate without delay.

16. Any person who assaults or obstructs any forest officer or police officer or any person acting in his aid or assistance in the execution of any duty under this Act is liable to a fine of three thousand dollars and to imprisonment for six months.

Penalty for assaulting or obstructing.

17. (1) When any person is reasonably suspected of having committed any offence against this Act, the Director may compound the offence by accepting on behalf of Government from such person a sum of money not exceeding five hundred dollars by way of compensation for the offence which such person is suspected of having committed; and when any property has been seized as liable to confiscation, to release the same on payment of the value thereof as estimated by such officer.

Authority to compound offences. [12 of 1990].

(2) On payment of the sum of money or the value, or both, as the case may be, the suspected person, if in custody, shall be discharged, the property (if any) seized shall be released, and no further proceedings shall be taken against such person or property in respect of the suspected offence.

(3) All moneys received under this section shall be paid into the Treasury.

## PART VI GENERAL

Amount of damage may be assessed and recovered in addition to penalty.

18. (1) When any offender has been convicted of a forest offence the Court may in addition to any other penalty assess the amount of any damage which may have been caused by the offender and cause the same to be recovered in like manner as if it were a fine or in the case of unauthorised establishments, buildings, enclosures, huts, or standing crops within a forest reserve or on State land, may order the removal of the same within such period as may be fixed and the restoration of the places to their previous conditions, and if the removal has not been effected within the period fixed as aforesaid all the establishments, buildings, enclosures, huts, or standing crops shall become the property of the Government and may be disposed of by the Director in such manner as he may consider proper.

Offence committed by agent or servant.

(2) If anyone convicted of a forest offence is found to be the agent or servant of another person the Magistrate may hear the other person, and unless he is satisfied that the commission of the offence was not a consequence of the other person's instigation, neglect or default, order the other person to pay the amount of any damage assessed.

Recovery of penalties.

19. (1) Any offence under this Act may be prosecuted and any penalty incurred may be imposed or recovered on the complaint of a forest officer or member of the police service.

(2) All such complaints may be made at any time within two years from the time when the matter of complaint arose.

Right of forest officer to conduct case.

(3) When any forest officer makes a complaint against any person, any other forest officer may appear before the Magistrate who is trying or inquiring into the matter of the complaint, and shall have the same privileges as to addressing the Magistrate and as to examining the witnesses adduced in the matter as the forest officer who made the complaint would have had.

20. When in any proceedings taken under this Act or in consequence of anything done under this Act, a question arises as to whether any tree or forest produce is the property of the Government, or whether any land is Government land, the tree or forest produce shall be presumed to be the property of the Government, and the land shall be deemed to be Government land until the contrary is proved.

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Presumption as to  
ownership of  
produce or land.

## SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION

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3/1977.

### FOREST RESERVE (NORTHERN FOREST) ORDER

*made under section 3*

Commencement.

[27th January 1977]

Short title.

1. This Order may be cited as the –

FOREST RESERVE (NORTHERN FOREST) ORDER.

Declaration of  
forest reserve.  
Schedule.

2. The Northern Forest, the boundaries of which are set out in the Schedule, is hereby declared to be a forest reserve for the purposes of the Act.

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### SCHEDULE

**NORTH:** From a point known as G191 on the plan of the Forest Reserve situated 4,000 feet north-west of Morne Turner in the heights of Syndicate, thence along a line traced on the ground in an easterly direction for a distance of 14,000 feet to triangulation point T121 in the heights of Bense, thence in a south-easterly direction for a distance of 6,000 feet to a point known as G17 thence in a northerly direction for 2,000 feet to a point known as R293 thence in an easterly direction for 6,000 feet to a triangulation point known as Benjamin.

**EAST:** From Benjamin the line demarcated on the ground continues in a northerly direction for 2,200 feet to a point known as R228 thence in a south-easterly direction for 1,200 feet to a point known as R222 then southerly for 11,000 feet to a triangulation point known as T124 thence easterly for 9,000 feet to a triangulation point T113 at Crapaud Jupa thence south-easterly for 700 feet to a point known as N273 thence southerly for a distance of 5,000 feet to a point N253, thence south-easterly for a distance of 4,300 feet to a point N232 thence in a north-easterly direction for a distance of 4,000 feet to a triangulation point T95 also known as Entwistle. From Entwistle the line continues northerly for a distance of 1,000

feet to a point N200, then easterly for 2,000 feet to point N188 thence southerly for 6,000 feet to Deux Branches at point 151 on the public road.

**SOUTH:** From point 151 at Deux Branches, the line follows the public road to triangulation point T166 also known as Mome Charles. From Mome Charles the line is westerly for a distance of 10,000 feet to triangulation point known as Coo-Coo Mayco thence westerly for 10,000 feet to point H109, thence southerly for 2,000 feet, to a point known as W10.

**WEST:** From W10 the line goes westerly for a distance of 1,800 feet thence northerly for 3,000 feet to point W45, thence north-westerly for a distance of 8,000 feet to point TR260 known as Mome Apien. From Mome Apien the line goes in a north-westerly direction for 14,000 feet to a triangulation point on Mome Resources, then north-westerly for a distance of 3,600 feet then north-easterly for a distance of 3,600 feet to the Picard River, thence along the Picard River in a north-westerly direction for a distance of 11,000 feet, thence north-easterly for 3,800 feet to point G191.

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[Subsidiary]

*Stewart Hall Catchment Area  
(Protected Forest) Order*

## SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION

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10/1975.

### STEWART HALL CATCHMENT AREA (PROTECTED FOREST) ORDER

*made under sections 4 and 5*

Commencement.

[29th May 1975]

Short title.

1. This Order may be cited as the –

STEWART HALL CATCHMENT AREA  
(PROTECTED FOREST) ORDER.

Area declared  
protected forest.

2. The portion of land described in the Schedule is hereby declared  
to be a protected forest.

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### SCHEDULE

**NORTH:** From a point on the L'Imprevue ridge situated 1,000 feet to the East of the L'Imprevue triangulation mark called "L'Imprevue", the northern boundary follows the watershed which is indicated by a survey line cut on the ground in an easterly direction for a distance of 4,400 feet to the public road at Sylvania, thence through Sylvania and Middleham Estates continuing in a north-easterly direction along the watershed for a distance of 6,000 feet to the boundary of Middleham estate.

**EAST:** From the boundary point of Middleham Estate marking the end of the northern boundary of this catchment, the eastern boundary follows the eastern boundary of Middleham Estate for a distance of 750 feet, along a survey line thence through Middleham Estate in a southerly direction for a distance of 1,850 feet.

**SOUTH:** From the end of the eastern boundary the survey line indicating the watershed follows a south-westerly direction for 1,000 feet to Hope Estate, thence in a westerly direction



along the watershed through Hope Estate for a distance of 8,700 feet to a point on the watershed situated over the valley in which lies the village of Cockrane and separating this catchment from the Cockrane Valley Catchment.

WEST: From the end of the southern boundary the western boundary follows a survey line in a north-westerly direction along a public road for a distance of 1,150 feet, thence along a ridge for a distance of 350 feet, thence along the public road for a distance of 600 feet thence in a north-north-west direction for a distance of 1,100 feet to the intake. From the intake the boundary runs in a north-north-west direction through Springfield Estate to a point 1,200 feet away, thence along a survey line in an easterly direction through Mount Joy Estate for a distance of 450 feet; thence in a north-easterly direction for a distance of 800 feet, thence northerly for a distance of 500 feet, thence easterly for 200 feet, thence north-westerly for a distance of 2,400 feet to the top of the L'Imprevue Ridge.

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**SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION**

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**STEWART HALL WATER CATCHMENT RULES****ARRANGEMENT OF RULES****RULE.**

1. Short title.
2. Interpretation.
3. Acts prohibited in the protected forest.
4. Rules applying to existing dwelling houses.
5. Offences.
6. Application for authorisation to construct, alter or extend an individual sewage disposal system.
7. Issue of authorisations for approved works.
8. Power to enter and carry out works.

**SCHEDULE.**

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## SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION

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### STEWART HALL WATER CATCHMENT RULES

11/1975.

*made under section 5*

[29th May 1975]

Commencement.

1. These Rules may be cited as the –

Short title.

STEWART HALL WATER CATCHMENT RULES.

2. In these Rules –

Interpretation.

“Authority” means the Central Water Authority;

“pesticide” means any product proposed or used for controlling  
pests or weeds.

3. No person shall in the Stewart Hall protected forest –

Acts prohibited in  
the protected  
forest.

(a) fell, cut, take, work, burn, injure, or remove any forest  
produce;

(b) squat, reside or build any hut or other living place or  
livestock enclosure, or construct or re-open any saw pit or  
road;

(c) set fire to any grass or under-growth or light or assist in  
lighting any fire or leave unattended a fire which he has lit  
or caused by his negligence before the fire has been thor-  
oughly extinguished, or leave therein any object or material  
or substance likely to cause fire;

(d) graze livestock or allow livestock to trespass;

(e) hunt, kill or capture any wild animal, bird or fish unless he  
is the holder of a licence or permit to do so, issued under  
section 10 of the Act;

(f) wash in any river or stream any equipment used for apply-  
ing pesticides;

(g) wash in any river or steam containers which contain or have  
contained pesticides;

- (h) store or apply pesticides;
- (i) carry out any planting other than reforestation on slopes over 20 degrees;
- (j) construct, alter or extend individual sewage disposal system unless he holds a valid authorisation to do so issued under section 10 of the Act and of these Rules.

Rules applying to existing dwelling houses.

4. In addition to rule 3 with regard to existing dwelling houses the following subrules on location, design and operation of sanitary facilities shall apply:

- (a) there shall be no direct discharge of any sewage, sludge, household or industrial waste, to any river flowing through the area;
- (b) no septic tank system, individual sewage-disposal system, cesspool or privy shall be nearer than 300 feet from the centre line of any river or stream flowing through the area;
- (c) every septic tank system, individual sewage-disposal system, cesspool or privy shall be of such size, construction, design and materials as the Authority may approve;
- (d) the quality of any household or individual effluent shall be subject to the approval of the Authority;
- (e) every effluent from any swimming pool should be applied slowly over a 6-12 hour period and shall be so chlorinated as to carry a residual chlorine content of not less than 0.4mg/1 after 30 minutes contact time.

Offences.

5. Any person who contravenes rules 3 or 4 or the conditions of any authorisation issued to him under section 10 of the Act and of these Rules is liable to a fine of thirty thousand dollars and to imprisonment for one year. Furthermore he will be liable for any costs incurred by the Authority in the removal of unauthorised works.

Application for authorisation to construct, alter or extend an individual sewage disposal system.

6. Applications for authorisation to construct, alter or extend an individual sewage system shall be in Form 1 as set out in the Schedule and shall be addressed to the Director.

7. Under the authority given to him by section 10 of the Act the Director may, subject to these Rules, issue the following authorisation that is to say, an authorisation to the person or company named to construct, alter or extend an individual sewage disposal system. Every such authorisation shall be in Form 2 as set out in the Schedule.

Issue of authorisations for approved works.

8. The Central Water Authority may enter the Stewart Hall protected forest at any time without notice, and may carry out such surveys or works as the Minister may in writing direct, in order to satisfy the provisions of section 4 of the Act.

Power to enter and carry out works.

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## SCHEDULE

### FORM 1

Section 7.

#### APPLICATION TO THE DIRECTOR FOR LICENCE TO CONSTRUCT, ALTER OR EXTEND AN INDIVIDUAL SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM

I/We ..... of (address) .....  
hereby apply to –

Construct*	)	an individual	
Alter	)	sewage disposal	<i>Location</i>
Extend	)	system at	

Complete plans of the proposed works with substantiating data are attached.

.....  
*Signature of Applicant*

.....  
*Date*

.....  
*Signature of witness.*

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\* Delete whichever is not applicable.

Section 7.

## FORM 2

**AUTHORISATION TO CONSTRUCT, ALTER OR EXTEND AN INDIVIDUAL  
SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM**

AUTH. NO.

Authority to      construct )\*  
                   alter        ) an individual sewage  
                   extend     ) disposal system at .....

as specified in application No. .... of ..... is granted to  
 ..... of .....

Subject to the following conditions:

- (1) The work shall begin within 30 days of the date of issue of this licence.
- (2) The work shall be completed within ..... months of the date of issue of this licence.
- (3) Failure to comply with these conditions, without written approval of the Authority, shall be deemed to invalidate this licence. The licensee will then be liable for any costs incurred by the Authority in the removal of the unauthorised works.

Signed:

*Central Water Authority*on behalf of the *Director*

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\* Delete whichever is not applicable.

**SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION**

**FORESTS RULES**

**ARRANGEMENT OF RULES**

**RULE.**

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**SCHEDULE.**

## SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION

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### FORESTS RULES

17/1972.  
[12 of 1990].

*made under section 13*

Commencement.

[26th October 1972]

Short title.

**1.** These Rules may be cited as the –

FORESTS RULES.

Interpretation.

**2.** In these Rules –

“Form”, identified by a number, means the Form of that number as set out in the Schedule;

Schedule.

“Minister” means the Minister responsible for Agriculture.

Acts prohibited  
in forest reserves.

**3.** No person shall in any forest reserve –

- (a) fell, cut, take, work, burn, injure or remove any forest produce;
- (b) squat, reside or build any hut or other living place or livestock enclosure, or construct or re-open any saw pit or road;
- (c) set fire to any grass or undergrowth or light or assist in lighting any fire or leave unattended a fire which he has lit or caused by his negligence before such fire has been thoroughly extinguished, or leave therein any object likely to cause fire;
- (d) graze livestock or allow livestock to trespass;
- (e) clear, cultivate or break up land for cultivation or any other purpose;
- (f) be in possession of any implement for the cutting, taking, working or removal of forest produce;
- (g) hunt, kill or capture any wild animal, bird or fish unless he is the holder of a licence or permit to do so, issued under section 10 of the Act and these Rules.



4. No person shall on State lands fell, cut, take, work, burn, injure or remove any forest produce unless he is the holder of a licence or permit so to do issued under section 10 of the Act and these Rules.

Acts prohibited on State lands.

5. No person shall move any logs or any wood whether sawn, split, hewn or otherwise fashioned or any charcoal by road or water unless he is the holder of a permit to do so issued under the Act and these Rules; but this prohibition shall not apply to the movement of wood fashioned by a sawmill licensed under rule 9 or to imported coniferous timber.

Acts prohibited in connection with the movement of certain classes of forest produce.

6. Any person who –

Forest offences.

(a) contravenes rules 3, 4 and 5 or the conditions of any licence or permit issued to him under section 10 of the Act and these Rules allowing him to do any of the acts prohibited under rules 3, 4 and 5;

(b) knowingly receives or is in possession of any forest produce in respect of which a forest offence has been committed;

(c) without authority makes upon or fixes to any forest produce a mark used by any forest officer for any purpose under these Rules to indicate that such forest produce is the property of the State or to indicate that forest produce may lawfully be cut or removed, or removes, damages or defaces any boundary mark, beacon or notice posted or erected to indicate the boundary of a forest reserve;

(d) without authority alters, obliterates or defaces any stamp, mark or sign placed upon forest produce by or on the authority of a forest officer, or counterfeits or alters any licence or permit which may be issued under these Rules,

is liable to a fine of seven hundred and fifty dollars and to imprisonment for six months.

7. Under the authority given to him by section 10 of the Act the Director of Forestry and Wildlife may, subject to these Rules, issue any of the following licences:

Issue of licences to take forest produce.

(a) a licence authorising the person or company named therein to collect and remove a specified quantity of forest produce other than timber. Every such licence shall be in Form 2;

Form 2.

- (b) a licence authorising the person or company named therein to fell certain trees or to cut a specified quantity of timber for his own personal use or for the purposes of local trade. Every such licence shall be in Form 3;
- Form 3.
- (c) a licence authorising the person or company named therein to cut a specified quantity of timber for the purpose of making charcoal. Every such licence shall be in Form 4;
- Form 4.
- (d) an exclusive licence authorising the felling and working of logs in specified areas within such concession areas as may be granted under section 12 of the Act, such exclusive licences shall conform to the terms and conditions of any agreement made at the time of granting of the concession area and to any subsequent amendments but removal of logs from the area will be subject to the issue of a permit under rule 9 of these Rules.

Issue of permits relating to other acts within forest reserves.

8. Under the authority given to him by section 10 of the Act, the Director of Forestry and Wildlife may issue subject to these Rules –

- (a) a permit for the specific purpose stated in the permit authorising the person named to clear, cultivate or break up land in a forest reserve. Every such permit shall be in Form 7;
- Form 7.
- (b) a permit for hunting or fishing within a forest reserve but subject to the provisions of the Fisheries Act and the Forestry and Wildlife Act, and subsidiary legislation made thereunder.
- Ch. 61:60.  
Ch. 60:02.

Issue of permits to move certain classes of forest produce.

9. Under the authority given to him by section 10 of the Act, the Director of Forestry and Wildlife may, subject to these Rules, issue a permit authorising the removal of logs, or any wood whether sawn, split, hewn or otherwise fashioned or any charcoal or other forest product by road or water. Every such permit shall be in Form 6.

Form 6.

Sawmill licence.

10. No sawmill or other manufacturing plant using logs as raw material shall be installed or operated without a licence issued by the Director of Forestry and Wildlife. Licences so issued shall be in such form and subject to such conditions as may be decided according to the circumstances of each case and shall be renewable yearly. A fee of seventy-five cents shall be charged for the issue of the licence and for each renewal.

**11.** All licences and permits issued under rules 7, 8, 9 and 10 are subject to the conditions printed thereon or to such other conditions as may be endorsed thereto.

Licence and permit conditions.

**12.** (1) Applications for licences to fell, cut, take and work timber shall be in Form 1 and shall be addressed to the Director of Forestry and Wildlife. The applications shall state clearly the nature and quantity of the timber required, the purpose for which it is wanted, the area or locality in which it is proposed to cut or extract the same, and the name and address of the applicant.

Application for licences for timber.  
Form 1.

(2) A fee of one dollar and fifty cents shall be payable with each application made under this rule and the fee shall be paid before any licence is issued under rule 7.

**13.** (1) The rates of royalty to be charged and collected by the Director of Forestry and Wildlife in respect of licences issued for trees and timber under rule 7(b) shall be at the rates in force at that time as laid down in the tariff authorised by the Minister under rule 31(1).

Rates of royalty on forest produce and permit fees.

(2) The rates of royalty to be charged and collected by the Director of Forestry and Wildlife in respect of licences issued for other forest produce under rules 7(a) and (c) shall be at the rates in force at the time as laid down in the tariff authorised by the Minister under rule 31(1).

**14.** (1) When a licence is to be issued to cut timber under rule 7(b), the royalty shall be based upon the standing tree according to the girth measurement of the tree and the species at the rates prescribed at that time in the tariff authorised by the Minister under rule 31(1). The licensee shall make a payment to the Treasury of the royalties before the issue of the licence.

Method of measurement of trees and timber and of payment of royalties on trees.

(2) When a licence is to be issued to take and convert timber from a fallen tree under rule 7(b) the royalty shall be based on the cubic content of the merchantable logs which may be derived from the tree and shall be at the rates prescribed at that time in the tariff authorised by the Minister under rule 31(1); and the licensee shall not convert the tree before the issue of the licence and payment of the royalty.

**15.** No tree of the species specified in the tariff authorised by the Minister under rule 31(1) shall be felled if its girth measured at four feet three inches from the ground or in the case of a buttressed tree at a point

Minimum girth limit.

one foot above the buttresses is less than the minimum girth specified in the tariff authorised by the Minister under rule 31(1).

No movement of logs or timber until passed.

**16.** No logs or timber taken under a licence shall be moved from the place where it was felled until each piece of timber to be so moved and the stump of the tree from which it is derived have been marked with a forest division pass hammer and if the Director of Forestry and Wildlife so directs with the marking hammer or marking instrument of the licence holder and a permit authorising the removal has been issued by the Director of Forestry and Wildlife under rule 9.

Duration of licence to take timber.

**17.** The period during which a licence shall have effect shall be limited to six months but the licence may be extended by and at the discretion of the Director of Forestry and Wildlife for further periods which shall not exceed six months in any case or eighteen months in aggregate.

Assessment and payment of royalties on other forest produce.

**18.** (1) Royalties on fire wood, bamboo, tan bark, palm seeds, aroma, palm roots, mountain cabbage, palm leaves, pickets and grass shall be made on the basis of the units of measurement given in the tariff authorised by the Minister under rule 31(1).

(2) Assessment of the forest produce shall be made by a forest officer at such place as the licensee may be directed by the forest officer. The licensee shall pay into the Treasury the royalty due on the produce collected under the licence within seven days of the assessment failing which the produce will be seized and will be forfeited to the State.

(3) No forest produce shall be removed from the place of assessment before payment of royalty has been made and the particulars of the revenue receipt entered upon the reverse of the licence by a forest officer.

(4) The revenue receipt in respect of royalties and fees paid on forest produce shall be in Form 5.

Form 5.

Cancellation of licences and permits.

**19.** Any licence or permit issued under these Rules shall be liable to cancellation by the Director of Forestry and Wildlife for failure to comply with any of its conditions.

Transfer of licences or permit.

**20.** No licence or permit shall be transferred except with the approval of the Director of Forestry and Wildlife.

21. Within fifteen days from the date of expiry of any licence or permit the holder thereof shall cause it to be returned to the office from which it was issued.

Return of licence or permit.

22. The Director of Forestry and Wildlife may register any marking hammer or marking instruments presented to him and shall issue a registration certificate therefor on payment of a fee of twenty-five cents. The registration shall be valid for a period of one year, on the expiry of which the marking hammer or marking instruments shall again be presented to the Director of Forestry and Wildlife for re-registration or defacement as the case may be. The Director of Forestry and Wildlife may refuse to register any marking hammer or marking instrument giving an impressing he considers unsuitable.

Registration and defacing of marking instruments.

23. (1) Any forest officer or police officer seizing any forest produce or any property under sections 14(d) and (e) of the Act shall within a period of three days make a report on the seizure to a Magistrate; but when the forest produce with respect to which an offence is believed to have been committed is the property of the State and the offender is unknown then it shall be sufficient if the officer makes a report within seven days of the circumstance to the Director of Forestry and Wildlife.

Seizure and disposal of forest produce.

(2) Any property seized under section 14(e) of the Act shall be forfeited to the State and if the offender is unknown may on the order of a Magistrate be sold or otherwise disposed of by the Director of Forestry and Wildlife as the Magistrate shall direct and the proceeds of any sale shall be paid into the Treasury; but such an order shall not be made until a period of twenty-eight days has elapsed since the discovery of the offence and the intention to seek a Magistrate's order for disposal has been announced by the Director of Forestry and Wildlife in notices to be displayed for seven days upon the notice boards of the police station and Village Council offices nearest to the scene of the offence.

(3) In the event of a claim of ownership being made for any forest produce or property seized under section 14(d) and (e) of the Act then the claimant shall prove to the satisfaction of the Magistrate that the forest produce was not obtained from a forest reserve or from State land or that the claimant had sufficient licence or authority in that behalf before the Magistrate shall order its release.

(4) Any forest produce or property seized under section 14(d) and (e) of the Act shall be marked in such a manner indicating that the same has been seized.

Forfeiture.

**24.** (1) When any person is convicted of a forest offence, all forest produce in respect of which the offence has been committed, and all tools, ropes, chains, vehicles, and livestock used in the commission of the offence, is liable by order of the convicting Magistrate to be forfeited to the State or be otherwise dealt with as the convicting Magistrate, in the particular circumstances of the case, thinks just. The forfeiture may be in addition to any other penalty or compensation prescribed for the offence.

(2) Anything or any livestock mentioned in this rule shall, if forfeited to the State, be taken possession of by the forest officer empowered in this behalf, and in any other case may be disposed of in such manner as the Magistrate may order.

(3) In lieu of the forfeiture of any property other than forest produce the Magistrate may order the owner thereof to pay a fine of one thousand five hundred dollars unless he proves to the satisfaction of the Magistrate that he in no way by his actions or negligence conduced to the commission of the offence.

Sale of articles.

**25.** The Magistrate may, notwithstanding anything in these Rules, direct the sale of any property seized under section 14 of the Act which is subject to speedy or natural decay, and may deal with the proceeds as he might have dealt with the property, if it had not been sold.

Declaration of forest roads.  
Cap.179.  
(1961 Ed.).

**26.** The Minister may declare any road intended primarily for the extraction of forest produce or for access to a forest reserve to be a forest road provided that the order shall not be made in respect of a road or a public road as defined in the Roads Ordinance or any Act replacing that Ordinance.

Director of Forestry and Wildlife to control forest roads.

**27.** The Director of Forestry and Wildlife shall have control of all forest roads.

Director of Forestry and Wildlife may close forest roads.

**28.** The Director of Forestry and Wildlife may close any forest road whenever he thinks it necessary to do so either to repair it or to preserve it from undue damage in wet weather. The Director of Forestry and Wildlife in any forest road may –

- (a) erect barriers;
- (b) establish control points;

- (c) require visitors to obtain a road pass;
- (d) refuse entry to any vehicle, which by reason of its weight or construction he considers likely to damage the road or any bridges, culverts or crossings thereon;
- (e) prohibit the use thereon of riding animals, pack animals or draught animals.

**29. Any person who –**

Offences in respect of forest roads.

- (a) unlawfully removes or destroys or wilfully interferes with or damages any barrier lawfully erected upon a forest road; or
- (b) without the permission of the Director of Forestry and Wildlife uses any forest road upon which a barrier has been lawfully erected; or
- (c) uses or drives any vehicle upon a forest road after the Director of Forestry and Wildlife has refused the entry of the vehicle upon the road; or
- (d) uses or rides any riding animal, pack animal, or draught animal on a forest road while the use or riding of such an animal is prohibited by the Director of Forestry and Wildlife;

is guilty of an offence.

**30. Any person who contravenes rule 29 is liable on summary conviction to a fine of seven hundred and fifty dollars and to imprisonment for six months.**

Penalties in respect of offences connected with forest roads.

**31. (1) The Minister shall by Order fix the rates at which royalty shall be payable in respect of trees of different species and firewood derived from them and other forest produce taken under licence or permit from forest reserves or State lands and shall also by Order fix the minimum girths below which such trees shall not be felled and may from time to time alter the rates and minimum girths, and the rates and minimum girths so fixed shall be embodied in a list to be known for the purposes of these Rules as the tariff.**

Procedure for fixing fees and royalties and other matters. [12 of 1990].

(2) Copies of the tariff with all corrections to date shall be kept at the Treasury and at all Sub-Treasuries and at the office of the Director of Forestry and Wildlife and shall be available for perusal on application during office hours by any member of the public. Copies of the tariff

with all corrections to date shall also be available for sale at the same office to any applicant on payment of a fee of fifty cents a copy.

Rule 12.

## SCHEDULE

### FORM 1

#### Application to the Director of Forestry and Wildlife for Licence to take Forest Produce.

##### Part (1)

I/We ..... of .....  
hereby apply to take the following forest produce:

Locality	Purpose	Species	Quantity or Nature of Forest Produce

.....  
*Signature of Applicant.* ..... *Date*

*Witness* .....

##### Part (2)

I recommend that a Licence in Form ..... for .....  
be granted to the applicant and I certify that on ..... I  
inspected and measured the following tree/trees which were also marked with  
a Pass Hammer at the base.

Locality	Species	Girth at Breast Height	Pass Hammer No.

.....  
*Forest Officer.*



Part (3)

Fees of one dollar and fifty cents collected in respect of the above application for which Receipt No..... of ..... has been issued.

.....  
for *Accountant General*.

Part (4)

Application for licence/permit approved/refused, Licence No. .... of ..... issued.

.....  
*Director of Forestry and Wildlife.*

.....  
*Date.*

FORM 2

Rule 7(a).

**Licence for Forest Produce other than Timber from Forest Reserve or State Land.**

Licence No .....

Licence to extract/collect the under-mentioned forest produce from Forest Reserve/State land at..... during the period..... to ..... is hereby granted to ..... of ..... under the Forests Rules and subject to the following conditions:

1. That this licence is not transferable. It may not be sub-let nor may the licensee allow any person to work under it on payment to him of any consideration whatsoever.
2. This licence expires on ..... and must then be returned within fifteen days to the Forest Officer whether the whole of the produce has been extracted or not.
3. That the licensee pays to the Sub-Collector at ..... the royalty due on all the forest produce to be extracted or collected under this licence before it is issued.
4. That this licence together with every receipt for money paid in respect of it must always be kept with the licensee or his agent in the forest while forest produce is being cut, extracted or collected, and must be produced on the demand of any Forest Officer or member of the Police Service.

5. That the licensee only cuts for firewood or rods such green standing trees as are pointed out to him or his agent by the Forest Officer and are stamped with the Government Pass Hammer for this purpose.
6. That all forest produce extracted or collected under this licence must be brought to ..... for inspection and check and that the licensee shall not move from such place, dispose of or consume any of the forest produce until it has been checked or measured by the Forest Officer and a permit has been duly issued to remove same.
7. That no tree may be felled for the purpose of extracting "Mahot", "Cable", "Lianes", "Sequine", "Meby", "Tan Bark", or "Orchids". No tree must be cut or injured except branches under three inches in diameter.
8. Breach of any condition of this licence or of any of the rules under which it is issued renders it liable to cancellation in addition to the forfeiture of all claims to forest produce cut or collected under it.

Kind of produce .....

Amount of quantity or names of men to be employed .....

.....

Date ..... 19 .....

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*for Director of Forestry and Wildlife.*

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FORM 2

*Reverse of Licence*

Produce	Royalty Value	No. of Receipt	Date of	Initials of inspecting officer and date of inspection.

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FORM 3

Rule 7(b).

**Licence to cut Timber in Forest Reserve or on State Land.**

Licence No. ....

Licence to cut the under-mentioned trees or timber from Forest Reserve/State land at ..... during the period ..... to ..... is hereby granted to ..... of ..... under the Forests Rules and subject to the following conditions:

1. That this licence is not transferable, nor may it be sub-let, nor may the licensee allow any person to work under it on payment to him of any consideration whatever.
2. That the licensee only cuts such trees or such remnants as are stamped for cutting under this licence with the Government Pass Hammer by the Forest Officer, and before cutting such trees or remnants marks the stumps below the felling point or such portions of the remnants as are to be left over, with his registered mark or his initials in paint or tar in letters not less than three inches high, and with the serial number allotted by the Director of Forestry and Wildlife in such a way that such marks are visible at the expiration of the licence.
3. That no timber cut under this licence shall become the property of the licensee until all royalties and dues payable under it have been paid and until the timber has been removed under a removal permit duly granted for that purpose.
4. That the licensee pays at the Sub-Collector's office at ..... at rates prescribed in the Forests Rules, the royalty due under the licence before it is issued.
5. That the Director of Forestry and Wildlife may require that any tree cut under this licence must be sawn into boards, planks, or scantlings at the place where the tree is cut.
6. That this licence together with every receipt for money paid in respect thereof must be kept in the possession of the person in charge of the work in the forest as long as the timber is being cut, converted, or removed. It must be produced on the demand of any Forest Officer or member of the Police Service, and it must be returned to the Forest Officer not later than fifteen days of its expiry, or on any previous date on which the work under it has been completed.

7. That no timber is removed from the place where any tree or remnant is cut or worked until the whole of the marketable timber obtainable from such tree or remnant has been cut and paid for, and has been inspected, measured, and stamped with the Government Pass Hammer by the Forest Officer and until a removal permit has been issued. No removal permit shall be granted until all pieces of timber obtained that exceed half a cubic foot in measurement have been clearly marked by the licensee with his initials in paint or tar, and with the serial number of the tree.

8. That this licence must be produced when a removal permit is applied for, in order that the number and date of expiry of the removal permit and the quantity of timber to be removed may be endorsed on it by the officer issuing the removal permit.

### FORM 3

#### *Reverse of Licence*

The date of expiry of the removal permit must not be later than the date of expiry of the licence.

9. That on the expiry of this licence any timber cut under it and left in the forest shall remain the property of the State unless an extension of this licence has on the application of the licensee, been granted. A charge of fifty cents may be made for any such extension.

10. Breach of any condition of this licence or of any of the Forest Rules under which it is granted renders it liable to cancellation in addition to the forfeiture to all claims to timber cut under it.

Date .....  
for *Director of Forestry and Wildlife*

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#### TO BE FILLED IN AT THE REVENUE OFFICE

Payment to be made according ..... measurement

Serial No.	Species	Girth or Quantity	Royalty value	No. of Receipt	Date of Payment

TO BE FILLED IN BY THE FOREST OFFICER

Serial No.	Species obtained	Amount	Initial of inspecting officer and date of inspection.

DETAILS OF REMOVAL PERMITS

No. of Permit	Date of issue	Date of expiry	Species and quantity of timber and dimensions.

FORM 4

Rule 7(c).

**Licence to cut Timber to burn Charcoal in Forest Reserve  
or on State Land.**

Licence No. ....

Licence to cut timber to burn charcoal on Forest Reserve/State land at ..... is granted to ..... of ..... under the Forests Rules and subject to the following conditions:

1. This licence is not transferable.
2. This licence expires on ..... and must be returned to the Forest Officer, within fifteen days of expiry.
3. The licensee must pay the royalty due to the Sub-Collector at .....
4. This licence together with every receipt for money paid in respect of it must always be kept with the licensee or his agent in the forest while wood is being cut or charcoal extracted and must be produced on the demand of any forest officer.

5. On the expiry of the licence all wood cut and all charcoal obtained under it and left on Government lands shall remain the sole property of the State.
6. The licensee may only open charcoal pits on sites indicated by the Forest Officer.
7. No shed, hut, or other temporary structure shall be erected without the permission of the Forest Officer and any such structure must be destroyed on the expiry of the licence.
8. The licensee shall only cut such trees as are stamped with the Government Pass Hammer.
9. The licensee may be called upon to pay royalty rates for any trees not stamped with the Government Pass Hammer and carelessly knocked down or damaged by the licensee or his agent.
10. The licensee shall not begin the burning of his pit until it has been measured by the Forest Officer and this licence issued.
11. Royalty shall be paid at the rate of ..... per stacked cord. (One cord 8 feet x 4 feet x 4 feet).
12. Breach of any condition of this licence or of the Forests Rules renders it liable to cancellation in addition to the forfeiture of all claims to wood or charcoal obtained under it.

Date .....

.....  
for *Director of Forestry and Wildlife.*

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FORM 4

*Reverse of Licence*

Dimension of pits	No. of cords	Royalty value	No. of Receipt	Date of Payment	Initials of inspecting officer.

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FORM 5

Rule 18(4).

Revenue Receipt

..... Revenue Office .....

Date ..... 19 .....

Received from ..... of .....

the sum of ..... dollars and ..... cents being the amount payable in respect of the under-mentioned trees or forest produce to be cut, collected, or extracted, fees for extension of licences, or compensation for a forest offence.

No. of trees or quantity of forest produce	Species of trees or nature of forest produce	Girth ft. ins.	Value \$	Licence No.	Form No. and Remarks

Licence Fee .....50 cts.

Total .....

.....  
for Accountant General.

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Rule 9.

## FORM 6

*Removal Permit*

No.....

Permission is hereby granted to ..... of  
 ..... to remove from Forest Reserve/State/  
 Private Land at ..... to ..... the  
 following timber, firewood or other produce:

Licence No.	Type of produce	Serial No. of trees or logs	Species	Dimensions of pieces	No. of pieces or quantity

Inspected by .....

Date of issue .....

Date of expiry .....

.....  
 for *Director of Forestry and Wildlife*.

*N.B.* This permit must be returned to the office of issue within fifteen days.

Rule 8(a).

## FORM 7

**Licence for a specific purpose in connection with Forestry authorising  
 clearing and cultivation in Forest Reserve.**

Permission is granted to ..... of ..... to  
 clear and cultivate an area of approximately ..... acres  
 situated at ..... in the  
 ..... Forest Reserve during the period  
 from ..... to .....  
 for the purpose of



- (a) improving the existing forest,
- (b) establishing plantations of timber or firewood, and subject to the following conditions:
  1. That this licence is not transferable, nor may it be sublet, nor may the licensee allow any person to work under it on payment to him of any consideration whatever.
  2. Clearing and cultivation shall be confined to the area marked out for this purpose by the Director of Forestry and Wildlife.
  3. No trees marked for retention by the Director of Forestry and Wildlife shall be felled, cut, burned, or otherwise injured.
  4. The following agricultural crops only may be cultivated:
    - (a) Dasheen, tannia, yams, sweet potatoes;
    - (b) Maize, peas, beans, pigeon peas;
    - (c) Bananas, plantains.
  5. The licensee shall clear and cultivate the whole area allotted to him and protect and preserve any naturally grown trees or saplings marked or otherwise indicated by the Director of Forestry and Wildlife for retention, any seeds sown, and any young trees planted under the instructions of the Director of Forestry and Wildlife.
  6. The licensee shall keep all young trees, which it is desired by the Director of Forestry and Wildlife to establish, free from suppression by weeds, vines, and undergrowth, and shall plant and tend his agricultural crops in such a manner that they shall not interfere with the growth of the trees.
  7. The licensee shall not remove or displace any stake or other mark placed by the Forest Officer to indicate the position of any seed sown, any naturally grown or artificially planted seedlings, or any stump, cutting, or transplant.
  8. The licensee shall be required to sow trees, seeds or to plant out trees under the supervision of the Director of Forestry and Wildlife. The Director of Forestry and Wildlife and his agents shall be free to enter the area at any time without let or hindrance.
  9. The licensee shall not be required to pay any fee for the use of the land but in lieu he shall be required to tend any trees which it may be desired to establish, to the satisfaction of the Director of Forestry and Wildlife.

10. On failure to comply with any of the conditions to this licence the licensee shall be given one month's notice in writing by the Director of Forestry and Wildlife to quit the area granted under this licence, and at the end of this period the licence shall be deemed to have been cancelled.

*Reverse of Licence*

11. In his discretion the Director of Forestry and Wildlife may grant the licensee a period of six months from the date of cancellation or of expiration of this licence in which to reap any agricultural crops which may have been planted, and any crops remaining on the area at the end of the period shall be forfeited to the State.

12. In the event of the eviction of the licensee for contravention of or non-compliance with any of the conditions of this licence no claim for compensation in respect of any clearing work carried out, or in respect of any crops forfeited, will be entertained by Government.

13. Any licensee who steals or destroys the crops of another licensee shall be evicted from the area by the Director of Forestry and Wildlife.

14. In consideration of the satisfactory establishment of the trees sown, planted and tended by the licensee under conditions 8 and 6 the Director of Forestry and Wildlife engages to pay the sum of EC\$            per acre to the licensee.

15. In any dispute arising as to whether or not the licensee has failed to comply with any of the conditions of this licence the decision of the Director of Forestry and Wildlife shall be final, and in the event of the licensee continuing to clear and cultivate after the date of cancellation of his licence he shall be liable to prosecution under rule 2(e) of the Forests Rules.

16. This licence grants to the licensee the use of the land allotted for the production of certain agricultural crops during a specified period and no right of any kind whatsoever shall be exercised or acquired over the land or over any forest produce standing thereon. On the expiration of the licence any agricultural crops, including trees, palms, shrubs and climbers yielding agricultural produce, whether planted by the licensee or not, shall become the property of the Government.

Date.....

.....  
*Director of Forestry and Wildlife.*