Pre-Audit Report Trees Outside Forests (Management) Certification



Program for Recognition and Accreditation of Sustainable Management Practices for Agroforestry and Natural Forestry Resources

Indian Forest and Wood Certification Scheme "PRAMAAN"

(Scheme Operating Agency)

Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal



Indian Forest and Wood Certification Scheme PRAMAN Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEFCC), Government of India



Pre-audit Report

Trees Outside Forests (Management) Certification

Name:	
Registration Number	
Adress	
Website	
Contact details:	
Name	
Designation/ position	
Contact no.	
Email	
Certification details:	
Type of certification	
Area under certification	
Number of Divisions	
Standard:	
Type of Audit	
Audit Date	
Audit Team Leader	
Audit Team Members	
Report submission date:	
Management details:	

Name	
Position	
Address	
Phone	
Email	





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1. Introduction

1.1. Details of the Organization:

Estate	Location	License No.	Licensed Activity	Expiry Date

1.2. Location and Area Statement:

Estate	L	ocation	Total area (ha)	Area under
	Latitude	Longitude		plantation (ha)

1.3. Additional Parties Involved (if any): N/A

Organization Name:							
Name of Contact							
Person:							
Organization Address:		Telephone:					
		Fax:					
		Email:					
		Website:					
Nature of Involvement:							

2. Audit Process

2.1. Audit Objectives:

The objective of the pre-audit is to verify compliance with the requirements of the _____ under the Indian Forest and Wood Certification Scheme (IFWCS) "**PRAMAAN**" and management activities against the universal requirements and applicable criteria and indicators.

2.2. Audit Methodology:

The methodology used for the pre-audit was to conduct desk-based assessment, collecting objective evidence with respect to requirements of the standard through site visit, interviews and document verification. The approach for conducting the desk and field audit was a sample-based approach, and the observations were drawn from representative portions of the available data and field information. Simple random sampling was used to select specific data points and field sites for verification. This approach allows for an assessment that reflects the overall system, but it also means that findings are based on a subset of the total population.





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It is important to note that sample-based findings provide insights into the overall system but do not guarantee that all areas operate identically. If gaps were found in the sample, they may indicate potential risks in the larger system. However, the absence of issues in the sample does not confirm full compliance across all operations. The results highlight key areas requiring attention while acknowledging that undetected issues may exist outside the sampled data.

2.3. Stakeholder Consultation:		
2.4. Audit Plan:		
Please see Annexure		
3. Summary of Audit Results 3.1. Non-conformity Report (NCR) (Please tick appropriate box)		
☐ Internal Audit Nonconformity		
☐ Quality Objectives not met		
☐ Client's Complaint		*
☐ Deviation from a Planned Arrangement		
□ Nonconforming Services		
Others, please specify:		
Description of the Nonconformity:	Main NO	
	☐ Major NC	☐ Minor NC
CAR No.	IFMS clause:	
Date Issued	Issued by	
Concerned Division:	Management representative:	
The pre-audit did not identify any non-conform gaps in meeting the requirements of the Indian identified are as follows:		
C1: Maintenance/increase in the extent and	condition of forest and	tree cover
- The		
C2: Maintenance, conservation and enhance	ement of biodiversity in	cluding wildlife
- C3: Maintenance and enhancement of fores regeneration	st health and vitality togo	ether with establishment of
- Current		
C4: Soil and water conservation		
- Whilst		



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C5: Maintenance and enhancement of to	rest resource pro	oductivity							
- Carbon									
Correction/s (Immediate Action/s to be	Responsible	Implementation	Completion Date:						
Taken):	Person/s:	Date:	,						
Consequences: Potential / Actual	Α	ctions Taken / To be T	aken						
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3.2. Audit Conclusion:									
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4. Trees Outside Forests Management Certification Audit Checklist

No.	Particulars	Compliance			Objective Evidence	Assessor's Remark
140.	i artiodiai 3	Yes	No	N/A		
	Universal Requirements					
U1	Management Systems (1)					
U1.1	A documented management plan specific to the area under the scope of certification, ownership status, description of the resources to be managed, land use and socio-economic conditions, and a profile of the adjacent area					
U1.2	A management representative with sufficient expertise and qualification who is accountable, responsible for and committed to maintaining the requirements and effectiveness of this standard and for the continual improvement of the management system, which includes but is not limited to internal audits, management review, health and safety and other social and environmental issues;					
U1.3	Adequate resources needed for the establishment, implementation, maintenance of procedures and processes as per the requirements of this standard					
U1.4	Policies for conducting periodic management reviews to assess compliance with the requirements of this standard					
U1.5	A robust system of internal monitoring and continuous improvement including periodic internal audits (on an annual basis at a minimum) in a planned and systematic manner to ensure compliance with the requirements of this standard					





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No.	Particulars	Yes	No	N/A		
U2	Organisation Structure (1)					
U2.1	A legally defined entity authorized from the competent authority for the activities under the scope of the IFWCS TOF certification					
U2.2	Procedures in place to maintain the applicable requirements of this standard					
U2.3	Well-defined roles and responsibilities of concerned personnel handling/implementing processes and procedures as per the requirements of this standard					
U3	Competence (1)					
U3.1	Establish, implement and maintain procedures and internal processes that ensure all its personnel (permanent, temporary and contractual) involved in the certification process have comprehensive understanding of and are able to fulfil the requirements set out in this standard					
U3.2	Demonstrate the competence and qualification of personnel with respect to the duties and responsibilities they undertake, in terms of the appropriate education, training, or experience					
U3.3	Ensure that all its personnel (permanent, temporary, and contractual workers) receive adequate training and supervision to facilitate the proper implementation of the management plan in accordance with the requirements of this standard					
U4	Subcontracting (1)					
U4.1	Policies for the management of subcontracted activities including monitoring the role and functions of the subcontracted party					





No.	Particulars	Со	mplia	nce	Objective Evidence	Assessor's Remark
NO.	i articulars	Yes	No	N/A		
U4.2	Responsibility for subcontracted work and ensure that the subcontractor complies with all the requirements set out in this standard					
U5	Due Diligence System (information collection, risk assessment and risk mitigation) (1)					
U5.1	Risk Assessment procedure to include criteria for categorizing risks as high, medium, low, or no risk.					
U5.2	Risk assessment to be documented and made available to CB for review, upon request.					
U5.3	Mitigation measures for high and medium-risk areas of activity based on the risk assessment					
U5.4	Documented procedure for information gathering and risk assessment for all areas of activity to comply with national and international regulatory requirements					
U6	Document Control and Record Keeping (1)					
U6.1	Relevant documents related to this standard for a minimum period of Five (5) years					
U6.2	Record keeping system that is transparent and allows easy retrieval of information					





	Compliance/							
No.	Particulars				Objective Evidence	Assessor's Remarks		
NO.	Faiticulais	Yes	Observation Yes No N/A				Objective Evidence	ASSESSOI S REIIIAIKS
C 1	Maintenance and increase in the extent of area under TOF							
I 1.1	Extent of tree plantation/agroforestry (5)							
1.1.1	Documentation of land use/land cover							
1.1.2	Plantation journal							
I 1.2	Extent of utility of TOF (5)							
1.2.1	Percentage of output from TOF used for commercial and non-commercial purposes							
1.2.2	Monetary value of the products used for commercial purposes							
1.2.3	Percentage of raw material met for the wood-based industries (x% of the local volume)							
C 2	Maintenance, conservation and enhancement of biodiversity and ecosystem services through TOF							
I 2.1	Species diversity in TOF (5)							
2.1.1	Composition of the tree and agriculture crops, in terms of species (species diversity) and varieties (genetic diversity) and type of the planting material (seeds, clonal propagation, etc.)							
2.1.2	Species grown in the farmlands are found in the adjoining natural stands							





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2.1.3	List of indigenous and exotic species grown in the farmland					
2.1.4	Composition and diversity of faunal community including mammals, birds, reptiles, insects, earthworms, etc.					
2.1.5	Presence of natural predators or biological control agents					
1 2.2	Protected area network and TOF (5)					
2.2.1	Establishment of wildlife corridors and development of wildlife habitats through plantations					
2.2.2	List of species conserved by developing corridors for protected area network					
I 2.3	Effectiveness of TOF in soil and water conservation (5)					
2.3.1	Total area identified and demarcated for the protection of soil and water conservation					
2.3.2	Number of physical and biological measures/structures for soil and moisture conservation in tree plantations					
2.3.3	Documentation of the impacts of plantations on surface and groundwater in the watershed					
2.3.4	Enhancement in natural regeneration and growth of the saplings in plantations					





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NO.	i aiticulais	Yes	No	N/A	Objective Evidence	Assessor s Remarks
2.3.5	Improvement in land capability					
2.3.6	Riparian zones (area adjacent to rivers/wetlands) identified, defined and protected before harvesting					
2.3.7	Reduced impact logging mechanisms are devised					
1 2.4	Ecological restoration and rejuvenation of degraded and denuded land using TOF (5)					
2.4.1	Wasteland map with the extent and intensity of degradation or denudation					
2.4.2	Land capability classification					
2.4.3	Soil health status					
2.4.4	Methods for managing culturable and non-culturable wastelands					
I 2.5	Potential carbon stock mapping (5)					
2.5.1	Documents on growing stock (volume, biomass, etc.)					
2.5.2	Document on tree and soil carbon stock assessment					





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		Yes	No	N/A		
C 3	Conservation, maintenance and enhancement of productivity and vitality of TOF					
I 3.1	Quality Planting Material (5)					
3.1.1	Documentation of the source of planting material					
3.1.2	Due diligence for assessing quality					
3.1.3	Provenance and genotype verification					
1 3.2	Survival and growth of planted species (5)					
3.2.1	Plantation register with records of survival and growth statistics of different planted species at periodic intervals					
3.2.2	Re-planting of saplings in the successive years					
3.2.3	Annual growth parameter monitoring report including data on Current Annual Increment and Mean Annual Increment, growing stock and other growth parameters					
1 3.3	Rotation period of the tree species (5)					
3.3.1	Long-term projections, strategies and plans for enhancing production					





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NO.	i articulars	Yes	No	N/A	Objective Evidence	Assessor s Remarks
3.3.2	Harvesting plan as per the rotation period fixed at the time of planting tree or deviation, if any					
13.4	Regeneration status of planted species (1)					
3.4.1	Natural regeneration assessment reports					
3.4.2	Practices for promoting assisted/natural regeneration					
I 3.5	Harvesting of trees (5)					
3.5.1	Percentage area harvested for which pre-harvesting surveys have been conducted and harvesting proposal prepared with estimation of level of sustainable harvest for each species		0			
3.5.2	Documentation of age v/s volume of harvested trees					
3.5.3	Cost estimation of the harvest plan is as per the guidelines					
I 3.6	Extent and nature of damage to TOF (5)					
3.6.1	Type and extent of diseases and pest infestations					
3.6.2	Records on the frequency of natural calamities and area damaged					





No.	Particulars	Obs	Compliance/ Observation		Objective Evidence	Assessor's Remarks
		Yes	No	N/A		
3.6.3	Integrated pest and disease management to minimize tree damage and mortality					
3.6.4	Weed management practices to reduce weed competition promoting early canopy closure					
I 3.7	Existence and application of site-specific technologies for enhancing productivity (2)					
3.7.1	Report of potential productivity of the site from reputed R&D and management institutions, NGOs, accredited consultants					
3.7.2	Document showing the chronological list of activities for use of appropriate technologies in site selection, species selection, seed collection, nursery techniques, plantation and its maintenance					
3.7.3	Records of use of local resources and use of indigenous knowledge in raising plantations					
I 3.8	Greater reliance on eco-friendly methods for raising and management of TOF (2)					
3.8.1	Installed renewable energy equipment					
3.8.2	Extent of energy saved					
3.8.3	Extent of use of organic manures/biocontrol agents (compared to total quantity of chemical fertilizers used, if any)					





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		Yes	No	N/A		
3.8.4	Available facility for on-site production of vermicompost					
3.8.5	Integrated pest management					
1 3.9	Optimization of use, value addition and enhancing marketing opportunities of produce from TOF (5)					
3.9.1	Existence and application of local processing and utilization of tree produce					
3.9.2	Effective purchase and supply mechanism with the availability of online platforms					
3.9.3	Market intelligence to provide assistance in the timely disposal of products					
3.9.4	Diversifying the mix of commercial products derived from the forest plantation					
C 4	Socio-economic and cultural benefits of TOF					
I 4.1	Economic and sociocultural benefits generated for local communities (1)					
4.1.1	Records on fruits, fuelwood, fodder etc. used by local community					
4.1.2	Records on employment of local workers in plantations					





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NO.	Faiticulais	Yes	No	N/A	Objective Evidence	Assessor s Remarks
4.1.3	Labour rules are implemented, and labour rights are protected					
4.1.4	No child labour is involved in plantation activities					
4.1.5	Health and safety measures for employees in plantations including health insurance, suitable gears (helmet, hand gloves, etc.), availability of first-aid kit, maintenance of up-to-date safety records in compliance with all applicable laws and/or regulations, etc.					
4.1.6	Cultural values such as recreation, religious worship and tourism are maintained					
I 4.2	Social Impact Assessment (5)					
4.2.1	Social Impact Assessment report	0				
4.2.2	Focus Group Discussion report					
C 5	Policy, legal provisions and guiding documents for the establishment of trees outside forest					
I 5.1	Adherence to the legal framework for establishment of trees outside forest for production, conservation, and socio-cultural needs (1)					
5.1.1	Land ownership documents land lease rules/legal agreement with farmers in case of a company seeking certification on behalf of farmers or a group of farmers					
5.1.2	Registration of plantation with concerned authority as required by the relevant State Acts and Policies					





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5.1.3	Documents on policy/legal requirements regarding tree plantation, harvest and transport consistent with the national objectives and the direction of apex court, if any are available					
5.1.4	List of tree species that require license/permission for cultivation, harvest and sales					
5.1.5	Felling and transit rules					
5.1.6	Applicable rules/legal provisions for disposal/selling of trees in open market or through timber depots					
1 5.2	Institutional framework for research, development and best practices, if any (5)					
5.2.1	Copy of duly approved management plan/micro-plan with guidelines for silvicultural operations (including sustainable harvesting/collection practices) for wood and non-wood produce					
5.2.2	Plantation journal with details and timeline of silvicultural operations, with deviation, if any					
15.3	Assessment of forest structure (5)					
5.3.1	Availability of best package of practices for raising and management of plantation					
5.3.2	Research & Development Plan of institutions					





No.	Particulars		nplia: serva		Objective Evidence	Assessor's Remarks
NO.		Yes	No	N/A		Assessor s Remarks
5.3.3	Availability of adequately trained manpower with the growers or concerned institutes					
5.3.4	Transfer of technology (lab to land) mechanism					
15.4	Guidelines to identify, incorporate, retain, and encourage the adoption of native multipurpose species in TOF (2)					
5.4.1	People's Biodiversity Register from the concerned local body					
5.4.2	Register of number of native and endemic plants retained/adopted					
5.4.3	Guidelines for retention and management of native species					
I 5.5	Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) mechanism (1)					
5.5.1	Written M&E Mechanism					
5.5.2	Periodic M&E reports					





No.	Particulars	Compliance/ Observation			Objective Evidence	Assessor's Remarks
		Yes	No	N/A		
5.5.3	Compliance of the feedback received					
5.5.4	Complaint/suggestion register					





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5. Appendices

a. Map of Location

