



COMMUNITY BASED FORESTRY AND AGOFORESTRY PROGRAMME INCENTIVE UNIT



The Forestry incentive programme is to reverse the cycle of deforestation degradation on private lands, by encouraging the reforestation of such lands by private landowners. The programme is targeted at private landowners, especially those with large parcels, who are willing to commit their land and other resources to relatively long term forestry and agro—forestry projects.

The objects of this programme includes:

- Promotion of sustainable land use practices
- Development and promotion of economically viable forestry and agro-forestry systems
- Optimization of timber production on private lands.
- Generation of employment opportunities in rural/agricultural communities

PROGRAMME REQUIREMENT

To be eligible for the programme farmers must:

- Own at least 1 hectare or 2 ½ acres of land with the intention of planting forest trees.

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE PROGRAMME?

You can do so by calling or visiting the incentive unit at our:

NORTH OFFICE

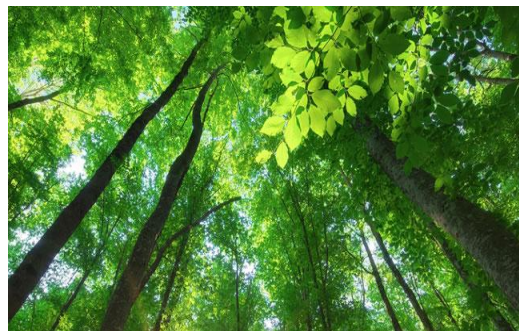
On Mondays at Farm Road, St. Joseph
Tel: 225-3817/3818

SOUTH OFFICE

On Tuesdays at Balisier Avenue,
Pleasantville, San Fernando
Tel: 653-9280/225-3764

E-mail us at:

privateforestryfd@gmail.com



HOW DOES THE LANDOWNER BENEFIT

Increased timber production – both quantity and quality.

Economic and environmental benefits can be obtained.

Opportunities for investment in new, but sustainable and economically viable areas eg: Christmas tree production, handicraft and eco-tourism.

Sites can be protected from adverse effects of soil erosion and degradation. Also, restoration and improvement of soil and water resources on land.

Improved knowledge and understanding of Forest Management practices.

HOW DO WE ASSIST

Officers of the Incentive Unit will visit your estate and advise you on the best management practices suited for your estate.

We will conduct field workshops and produce brochures and bulletins to assist you with the management of your estates.

We will conduct follow up visits on your estate to further assist you whenever needed.

INCENTIVES OFFERED

Rehabilitated Watershed

This incentive encourages landowners to plant forest seedlings on their land.

A minimum of four hundred (400) seedlings should be planted per hectare of land and owners are given back 50% of the cost up to \$2,500.00 per hectare

Machinery and Equipment

Incentive: 50% of the cost up to \$25,000.00.

Farmers involved in rehabilitation of watersheds, taungya gardens and the establishment of fire traces and nature trails are eligible for incentives on the following:

- Chainsaws with 21” bar or less
- Brush cutters (Weed trimmers)
- Rakes and Cutlasses

Establishment of Perimeter Fires Traces

Incentive: 20 % of the cost up to \$250.00 per km

Fires traces are established by:

- Completely clearing a strip of land, no less than 3m wide, of all flammable material.

- Cutting vegetation to no more than 5cm (2”) high. A minimum of 1 km of trace is to be cleared and must be completed by the end of March and maintained until June.
- Keeping of records of inputs and associated costs.

Vehicles

Farmers become eligible for this subsidy when a minimum of 2 hectares of land is rehabilitated in nay year, with a minimum of 4 hectares targeted fir rehabilitation.

- New 4 wheel drive pickup / Jeep – 15 % of the purchase price up to a maximum of \$30,000.00.
- Imported 4 wheel drive pickup / Jeep – 15 % of the purchase price up to a maximum of \$25,000.00.
- New 2 wheel drive pickup / Jeep – 15 % of the purchase price up to a maximum of \$20,000.00.
- Imported 2 wheel drive pickup / Jeep – 15 % of the purchase price up to a maximum of \$15,000.00.

Incentives for vehicles shall be paid in five (5) annual tranches each equivalent to one-fifth of the annual value of the incentive.

Documents needed: Certified copy of ownership, Receipt pf purchase of vehicle and Certificate of Road Worthiness and Valuation (for used vehicles)

Nature Trails

Establishment of Nature Trails – **15 % of the cost up to \$500.00 per kilometer.**

Nature trails must be 1km in length and 2m in width

Taungya Land Clearing

Taungya is a system whereby the farmer / tenant is allowed to grow food / agricultural crops simultaneously with the Forestry Division’s establishment of forest trees. The farmer shall be allowed to occupy the site for a maximum of two (2) years and a minimum of one (1) hectare of land must be cultivated and maintained.

Total incentive not to exceed **\$800.00 per hectare** for land clearing under this system.

