

Annex 1 Terms of Reference

Forest and Vegetation Baseline Study

Focus

It was decided that the Wildlife Resources Survey will be excluded from this consultancy and carried out through a separate consultancy. The resource assessment shall be done with the aim of developing participatory forestry inventories and should thus focus on general forest/vegetation status and inventory of species utilised by local communities, the standing stock and estimation of sustainable harvesting levels. The resource assessment will include the major Non Wood Forest Products. The socio-economic baseline survey will identify the most important species for utilisation by communities and will thereby provide indication for which species the forest survey should concentrate on.

Consultants and Duration of Assignment

NWMP	Per Christensen (International)	3 person months or 52,2 working days
One local consultant (to be identified)		3 person months or 52,2 working days

Scheduling of Input

The team will start medium January 2000.

Output

A forest and vegetation baseline survey in the two pilot areas.

Preliminary Terms of Reference

- Develop simple methods to make inventories of major woodland products,
- Establish practical, unambiguous and acceptable ways of demarcating boundaries to serve the drafting of Woodland Management Plans,
- Undertake participatory mapping and description of woodland resources on common land and farm land with concerned villagers,
- Undertake participatory woodland and natural resource inventories,
- Analyse growth potential and regeneration capacity,
- Estimate sustainable harvesting levels,
- Describe potential for improving growth potential through active management interventions,
- Provide support to training of District staff in carrying out inventories, interpretation of maps, mapping exercises etc.
- Identify suitable indicator for monitoring status of vegetation and establish benchmark indicators for monitoring in year 3.