



## **PUBLIC VIEWS ON DISPOSAL (HARVESTING) OF FOREST PLANTATION MATERIALS IN PUBLIC FORESTS**

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**Respondents Name.....** **County.....**

**Nearest Forest Station.....** **Forest Conservancy.....**

**Tel:**..... **Emails:**.....

Kenya Forest Service (KFS) is a State corporate established under *The Forest Conservation and Management Act, No. 34 of 2016*. The mandate of KFS is to provide for the development and sustainable management, including conservation and rational utilization of all forest resources for the socio-economic development of the Country and for connected purposes.

Pursuant to Section 43 of FCMA, 2016, all plantation forests in public forests shall be managed on a sustainable basis for the production of wood and other forest products and services for **commercial purposes**.

In compliance with the Constitution of Kenya 2010, statutory laws, regulations and guidelines on public participation, KFS requests your views regarding disposal of 5,000 hectares of mature, over-mature and commercial thinning material. Kindly submit your views by filling this form and submit to the nearest KFS Forest Station, County Forest Office, Regional Conservancy office, KFS Headquarters or email it to [plantation@kenyaforestservice.org](mailto:plantation@kenyaforestservice.org).

Your views should be received on or before **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> December, 2023**.

**Please give your views on the following:**

1. Do you support the lifting of moratorium on harvesting of mature trees and over mature trees in Forest Plantations?

Yes  No

Give reasons for your response.....

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2. KFS disposes Forest Plantation Materials (Harvesting and thinning) as per the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act, No. 33 of 2015. Are you satisfied with this process? Yes  No

Give reasons for your response.



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3. Mature/over-mature Forest Plantations are harvested through clear felling of the allocated sub-compartments as per the authorized felling plans. Are you satisfied with the process? Yes  No

(a) Give reasons for your response .....

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(b) Harvesting of Forest Plantations is subjected to Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), harvesting rules, 2009 and other internal guidelines to mitigate any negative impacts. Are you satisfied with these environmental and social safeguards?  Yes  No

Give reasons for your response .....

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4. Forest Plantations are established by law to provide wood and other forest products and services for commercial purposes. Do you support these objectives? Yes  No

Give reasons for your response .....

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5. Clear felling of a forest plantation is followed by establishment of new plantation through Non-Residential Cultivation (NRC). The system allows communities to benefit through crop farming as they tend the young trees. Do you support this livelihood system for tree establishment?  Yes  No

Give reasons for your response .....

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6. Any other comment? .....

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Signature..... Date.....