

SOCIETY FOR AFFORESTATION, RESEARCH AND ALLIED WORKS (SARA)

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FSC LONG TERM ADHERENCE POLICY

TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

This is to inform all concerned that SARA (Society for Afforestation, Research and allied works) is currently pursuing Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification. Accordingly, we at SARA, commit ourselves to follow and implement the FSC Principles and Criteria in letter and spirit in all our transactions, procedures, policies and interactions with stakeholders and public. All officers, employees and members of SARA, all associated contractors and associated suppliers, vendors and licensed agents working with SARA are required to follow the guiding principles of Forest Stewardship Council in all their dealings.

The Ten Principles of FSC deal with

- 1. Compliance with Laws and FSC Principles
- 2. Tenure and Use Rights and Responsibilities
- 3. Indigenous People Rights
- 4. Community Relations and Worker's Rights
- 5. Benefits from Forests
- 6. Environmental Impact
- 7. Management Plan
- 8. Monitoring and Assessment
- 9. Maintenance of High Conservation Value Forests
- 10. Plantations

Through the application and implementation of the above Principles and their attendant Criteria, we endeavor to promote the environmentally appropriate, socially responsible and economically viable management of the Farm-forests of SARA and become a role model for sustainable and equitable Farm-forest management for all of India's Farm-forests.

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CHAIRPERSON/DIRECTOR

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