

Forest Resource Management and Logging Activities in Kenya

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26 March 2020 – Kisumu, Kenya – Access to a new resource has been added to the PM World Library (PMWL) related to solving global environmental problems. The new resource is titled: [Taskforce report on forest resource management and logging activities in Kenya](#), by the Republic of Kenya’s ministry of environment and forestry and published in The Forest Report in April 2018.

The forest sector in Kenya contributes about Kshs. 7 billion to the economy and provides a lot of employment opportunities. Most of the country’s economic sectors rely on environment-based resources for their sustenance. Being the country’s water towers, forests ensure adequate quality and quantity of water and are also sinks of greenhouse gases which contribute to climate change mitigation. The global recommended minimum forest cover for a country is 10% while Kenya’s is estimated to be at 7.4%. Depletion of forest cover in the country is alarming and if not addressed urgently, it has the potential to rollback strides towards the attainment of Vision 2030 and the government’s Big Four Agenda.

The Kenya Forest Service (KFS) is the lead agency in the management of forests in the country. Over the past 25 years, there has been massive destruction of forests due to excision, settlements established without following due process, encroachment, illegal logging and unsustainable grazing. It is estimated that 1.6 million tons of charcoal are produced in Kenya annually. Fuel wood harvesting is on an upward trajectory in the country. The forests hold a very high diversity of habitats, fauna and flora but some forests in Kenya exist only on paper. A total ban on the logging of trees should be imposed, tariffs and duties imposed on timber and timber products and illegal settlers should be evicted. On the other hand, tree growing should be promoted.

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[Taskforce Report on Forest Resource Management and Logging Activities in Kenya](#) (2018). A report by the Environment and Forestry, Republic of Kenya, April. There is an alarming depletion of forest cover in the country. The global minimum requirement of a country's forest cover is 10% while Kenya's is estimated at 7.4%, therefore, a taskforce was formed to look into the issue. Though it is evident that such environmental issues might affect the country's economy in the long run, it should be understood that it will end up making a global impact as well. To read report, go to <http://www.environment.go.ke/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Forest-Report.pdf> ([Ogutu](#))

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