

GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT NO. 52 OF 1999

The Forests Act
(Laws, Volume 12, Cap. 199)

The Local Forests (Control and Management)
Regulations, 1999

IN EXERCISE of the powers contained in section *twenty-two* of the Forests Act, the following Regulations are hereby made:

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| 1. These Regulations may be cited as the Local Forests (Control and Management) Regulations, 1999. | Title |
| 2. The Minister may by Gazette Notice declare any Local Forest or part of any Local Forest to be a Joint Forest Management Area. | Declaration of Joint Forest Management Area |
| 3. (1) Where the Minister has declared a Local Forest a Joint Forest Management Area under regulation 2, the Minister shall constitute a Forest Management Committee for that area which shall comprise the following— | Joint Forest Management Committee |
| (a) one person who shall be appointed by the Chief in that area to represent the Chief; | |
| (b) a representative of the Chief Conservator of Forests; | |
| (c) three persons representing the villagers in that area elected by the villagers; | |
| (d) one representative of the local authority in the area; | |
| (e) one representative of holders of licences under the Act in that area; | |
| (f) a representative of the Department of Agriculture; | |
| (g) a representative each from the Department of Water, Lands and Fisheries; and | |
| (h) a representative of the Zambia Wildlife Authority. | |

(2) The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of a Committee shall be elected by the members from amongst themselves.

(3) A Committee constituted under this regulation may invite any person, whose presence is in its opinion desirable, to attend and to participate in the deliberations of a meeting of the Committee but such person shall have no vote.

(4) A member of a Committee constituted under this regulation shall hold office for a period of three years and may be re-appointed for a further like period.

(5) The Minister may dissolve a Forest Management Committee constituted under this regulation if satisfied that the Committee—

(a) has mismanaged the finances of the Committee; or

(b) is engaged in activities inconsistent with the functions of the Committee specified in regulation 4.

Functions of
Forest
Management
Committee

4. (1) The functions of a Committee shall be to manage and develop the Joint Forest Management Area and distribute the benefits amongst the local communities.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of sub-regulation (1) a Committee shall have power to—

(a) develop and implement, in consultation with the Chief Conservator of Forests, management plans for the Joint Forest Management Area aimed at reconciling the various uses of land in that area;

(b) negotiate, in conjunction with the Chief Conservator of Forests, co-management agreements with other stakeholders; and

(c) perform such other functions as the Chief Conservator of Forests may delegate to it.

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