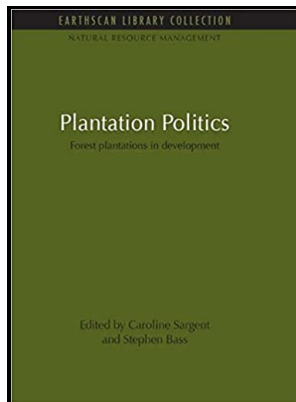


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At their best, industrial plantations can become a major asset to local development by providing raw materials, infrastructure, employment, income and environmental and recreational services. Advantages of smallholder plantations include: Little or no demand for fiscal support; farmers can intercrop, and thus increase productivity on the land; most small-scale farmers have ancestral land where they can grow tree crops without title; tree crops provide extra income in the long run for the farmer; it can help build assets and wealth for the farmer; it does not damage the environment like large scale plantations since the farmer would already have land; large-scale processors can out-source tree growing to small scale farmers; good strategy to reduce rural poverty; and easy to plant in previously forested open spaces. However, this should not be the monopoly of ZAFFICO.

Forest plantation development

Forest plantation owners require access to land and tree tenure. Most financiers may be willing to fund forest projects that will yield revenue between 3 and 5 years, but may be reluctant to fund a project with the gestation period of more than 20 years.

Forest plantation development

Replanting and new field establishment have been hampered by lack of funds and inadequate technical and professional staff due to recruitment freeze. Some of the challenges that inhibit the private sector to participate in this area are: a Lack of funding.

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Other remedies are: the Forestry department must explore public-private partnership PPP for the district plantations that so that it can concentrate on managing the natural resources and regulate the industry.

Forest plantation development

Complex plantations, whether established from scratch or within natural forest, are more suitable in most cases, where they are subject to numerous different claims and needs. The existence of markets for timber, support from institutions like the forestry department that may provide forest extension services, and the availability of land to local communities provides an option to the large-scale plantations.

Forest plantation development

This is mainly grown at village level.

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