

National Agro-forest Policy 2076 (major highlights)

1. Background :

The act of integrally practicing Agriculture, livestock and Forest activities on the same piece of land is Agro-forestry practice. Agriculture, livestock and Forest sectors have significantly contributed in the Nepalese Economy. Agro-forestry practice was initiated in 1972 A.D in Bara, Tamagadhi where trees and other crops were grown together and this practice was extended to other Terai districts from Bara.

2. Problems and challenges:

The problem and challenge have been created in the conservation, development and promotion of Forest and Conservation areas. The opportunities have also been created to develop agro-forestry models with appropriate species of plants in these areas. Although some simplification have been made in the transportation and selling of some Tree species found out of Nepal, there still lies hurdles in transportation and selling of tree species leading to problems in practicing Forest species in the agricultural area.

3. Need of new Policy:

Due to the unclear policy, problems have been created in freely transporting trees and Non-timber forest products in Agro-forests. Also, there exist a dire need of Agro-forest Policy 2076 in order to address the issues of Agro-forestry practice including Loan and Insurance facility to the farmers involved in Agro-forestry model, facility of taking loan by using trees as collateral etc.

6. Policies and strategies:

6.1.5 Facilitation will be done in the transportation and selling of produced Forest based products from Agro-forestry practice.

6.3.1 Agro-forest system will be recognized as industry and will be developed and extended.

6.4.1 Necessary provisions will be made in order to support for Loan and Insurance for Agro-forests. Also, the provision will be made for using trees as collateral for taking loans.

6.5.2 In specified areas, Agro-forestry models will be tested and referred.

6.5.4 Provisions will be made in the registration of Agro-forest models.

6.6.5 The structures for Agro-forest models will be developed that minimizes the Human-wildlife conflict and will be extended to necessary areas.

6.7.3 Needed support and services will be provided to employees and technicians willing to receive higher education in Agro-forestry subject.