

FORESTRY ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

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Background

- Transformation and growth of the Forestry sector
- Equity in the value chain
- Skills development and capacity building
- Transport infrastructure
- Support to SMMEs
- Timber supply shortages (sawn timber)
- Post settlement support and extension services
- Afforestation licenses
- Funding of Forestry development programmes and projects



Current status



- The Department is still in process of investigating the possibility of using General Authorisations for small-scale woodlots in Mzimvubu WMA.
- The MOA that will result in the streamlining of the legislative requirements of the three authorising Departments will be signed in October 2009
- Basic assessment studies to identify land with potential for afforestation have been conducted in Limpopo, KwaZulu-Natal, Mpumalanga and Eastern Cape

Recommendations

- Put mechanisms and institutional arrangements in place to implement the sector Charter in enterprise development
- Complete the study on the assessment of transport infrastructure requirements in the sector and input to the transport master plan
- Finalize the strategy to support the SMMEs sector
- Timber supply and afforestation strategy finalized and implemented
- Investigate the possibility of an alternate delivery service mechanism
- Streamline the afforestation licensing process
- Set up a fund to support forestry development projects

