



MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CLIMATE CHANGE

DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY

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CLOSURE OF 2022/2023 NATIONAL FORESTRY SEASON

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Climate Change wishes to inform the general public that the 2022/2023 National Forestry Season which was officially launched under the theme “Restore Degraded Forest Landscapes for Livelihood Security” by His Excellency, Dr. Lazarus McCarthy Chakwera, President of the Republic of Malawi on 23rd December, 2022, at Mangochi-Palm Forest has come to an end.

Every year, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Climate Change through the Department of Forestry spearheads tree planting and management activities across the country from 15th December to 15th April the following year with a core purpose of raising awareness on the importance of trees and forests, as well as to promote a culture of planting and managing trees in Malawi.

The general public is therefore informed that to date, approximately 52 million trees covering 20,872.62 hectares, and 738,000 bamboo seedlings have been planted across the country. The average survival rate for 2021/22 season is at 70%.

Therefore, the Ministry is grateful to all the Stakeholders for the overwhelming support rendered towards the noble cause of enhancing Government restoration efforts, and implementing forestry institutional frameworks including Forestry Amendment Act No7. 2020, Malawi National REDD+ Strategy, Malawi National Forest Landscape Restoration Strategy, and National Charcoal Strategy.

In conclusion, the Ministry would like to appeal to the general public to continue collaborating with the Department of Forestry to participate in various tree management activities in their respective jurisdictions. This will accelerate survival rate and eventually help the present and future generations to celebrate the central role of trees and forests in carbon sequestration, environmental protection and enhancing livelihoods and climate resilience.

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