

PUBLIC SUMMARY--2017

- SARA (Society for Afforestation, Research and Allied Works), Bangur Nagar, Dandeli (Uttara Kannada) is highly thankful and grateful for all the stakeholders who have shown their keen interest in our activities. SARA is an FSC® -FM Certified society since 2011 and registered under Karnataka Society act, 1960. The main aim of the society is to provide helping hand to farmer members to strengthen themselves through providing technical expertise, employments through plantation operations and proper guidance for their capacity building.
- Till the year 2017, the operations of SARA have spread over a total area of 49425 acres. During the year 2015, we had planted new area of around 111 acres and undertaken 471 acres of Coppice area. Thereby, the total plantation area reached up to 49425 (20010.12 hectare) & members of 8246. Since 2015 onwards, SARA has decided to maintain the existing plantations with full concentration looking to the yield potential. SARA has also covered Coppice area of around 2570 acres after harvesting of First crop belonging to 581 farmers.

Herewith, detailed summary of SARA plantations operations till the current year:

S.No	Section Name	Total No of SARA Members (till year 2017)	Total area under SARA Operations (Acres)	Harvested Qty in MT (till year 31 st Oct. 2017)
1	Malgi	601	4343	37709
2	Ramnagar	787	2501	25926
3	Koppal	1132	5987	12963
4	Radhanagari/Nippani	1193	6218	14552
5	Chandgad	981	5302	17261
6	Chennamana Kittur	780	6303	15351
7	Khanapur-(North South)	2541	10844	86444
8	T.Nanaji-Gudur (A.P)	197	5466	53425
9	Kulluwali	34	2461	Yet Not started
	TOTAL	8246	49425	263631

(Note: Harvested quantity in MT is considered from September, 2011 to 31st October, 2017)

Harvesting has been done in the plantation of year 2006 to 2011 already and harvesting for 2012 Fresh and Coppice year is almost on completion against which during the year up to 31/10/17 felling have been done in 34671 acres land and extraction of 263631 MT pulp wood have been made.

- During the year 2016-17, SARA Experts has been identified 1 conservation areas having water bodies for the wild animals in Village Malwad in Khanapur South section. These areas are identified and will be maintained by SARA staff.
- During 2016-17 year under Land and Ecological restoration SARA has devoted water body created to feed local staff need within the dense plantations of Kulluwali section covering the area near to 1 Acre. This year same was also maintained and repaired.
- From last five years SARA has explored and trying to access new markets to sell its outcome other than WCPM. In this last year SARA sold some certified wood to a local timber trader on pilot basis but could not get the sufficient orders later on. Further to this SARA is also trying to explore opportunities in pole market also.
- Section wise training is imparted to SARA members and staff covering all aspects of plantation management, health & safety issues as described in training calendar by experts. Health and safety cases are reported and dealt by respective section Manager. Complaints are also received and resolved by the respective section manager according to intensity and frequency.
- No illegal harvesting and use of any kind of pesticide is reported in plantation area till now.
- Financial summaries including budgets, expenditures and expected revenue gained from plantations are available at SARA main office, Dandeli.
- This year also SARA conducted and completed growth monitoring of standing plantations of each year of the all sections to assess the growth and yield of plantation before harvesting and this practise will remain

continue till harvesting. Detailed Report after analysis is still awaited from few sections.

- During 2017, SARA has published another research paper on its ongoing plantation operations (Review Paper) on “Major Plantations on Farmer’s Degraded Lands in Karnataka Supports Agro forestry Promotion and Development: Pioneer Efforts of SARA-WCPM in India” in Forestry Research and Engineering: International Journal (Reference: Volume-1, Issue-1, 2017 Published on 31st August, 2017). This paper would be helpful for the society to explore the markets and to develop the agroforestry in the state.

Annual General meeting was held on 29-08-2017 at Dandeli. All the members from SARA Management committee along with the farmer members were present. Some new resolutions were passed and implemented which are as follows:

- The annual accounts with auditor’s reports for the financial 2016-17 were adopted.
- The new resolution has been passed in AGM that SARA will be conducting EIA and SIA study as per FSC®-FM compliance and to assess any significant Impact negative or positive of SARA plantations on the environment, society and Biodiversity. The study is in progress by third party i.e. M/s Himsacsha Inc., Indore and the detailed report shall be submitted by the party to SARA after completion.
- As per Ban imposed by the Karnataka Government on Development of Eucalyptus nursery and its new plantation after 28th Feb. 2017, no new plantation as well as production of Eucalyptus in nursery will not be taken further by SARA. Further SARA will be taking new fresh plantation of Acacia and other species in future and Coppice plantations of Eucalyptus already harvested considering ban on new Eucalyptus nursery/Plantation.
- Under CSR “Corporate Social Responsibility” program, this year SARA undertaken road repair work of an area of 500 mt for the locals for their movement in Adali Village of Ram nagar section. In Khanapur section SARA donated one water filter and sweets to Children on 14th November, 2017 in Kannada Primary School, Ashok Nagar, Khanapur Taluka of District Belgavi. In Chandgad section one water filter donated in Vidya

Mandir School of Sadegudwale Village of Chandgad Taluka, Kolhapur District. Further note books stationary and sweets were also distributed among children's day on 14th November, 2017. In Kittur/Kuluwalli section, SARA participated in Independence Day and attended flag hosting ceremony. Further, Note books were also distributed among Children. While in Malgi Section, Note book and stationary were distributed among children of Government Primary Higher Secondary School, Dharma Colony Malgi Village, Sirsi. SARA also donated one water filter in Vidya Mandir, Antroli Village of Bhudargarh Taluka of Kolhapur District. In Koppal section one water filter & sweets distributed in Government Primary School, Irakalagada village of Koppal District on Children's Day (14 November,17). This year SARA also developed One Medicinal Garden of important medicinal plants in Bangur Nagar Campus on World Environment day (5th June, 2017). SARA is also one model plot of different clones of Eucalyptus in Bangur Nagar Degree College of Art Science and Commerce since 2015.

1. This year SARA requested to WCPM to increase the felicitation charges from Rs. 20/MT to Rs. 50/MT looking to the current market trends and increase in labours wages and expenses to maintain the staff and offices in various sections. In this connection WCPM has happily agreed upon on Rs. 50/MT from Rs. 20/MT. This will be effective from 01-04-2017.

All above information is true as per SARA management. Stakeholders and general public can verify the above information at SARA office and section offices.


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Date: 16th December, 2017

VICE-CHAIRMAN (SARA)