

PUBLIC SUMMARY—2020

- 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 on pulpwood plantations, employments through plantation operations and proper guidance for their capacity building.
- Till Oct 31, 2020, the operations of SARA have spread over [**CPP (Fresh) +FFM+CPP (Coppices)+Coppices (UTG)**] plantation of a total area of **56111 acres & members of 9367**. 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 & Coppice area under technical guidance of SARA of around **5895** acres after harvesting of First crop belonging to **925** farmers.
- 2019 rainy season onwards, SARA Management has gone for extension of plantation, started **new Farm Forestry Model (FFM)** under technical guidance to Farmers (FMUs) and distributed the clonal plants of Eucalyptus & Casuarina ,Eucalyptus pellita seedlings to **266 FMUs and Covered the areas of 791 Acres upto Oct.31,2020**.
- In addition to harvesting of plantation, Sara Management has also decided to extend the **Coppice plantation Under Technical Guidance (UTG) of SARA and 3325 Acres area covered under 314 No's FMUs upto Oct31,2020** .
- Addition of suitable Eucalyptus clones & Casuarina clones is in progress considering continuous rains during rainy season compared to existing clones .Specific attention is paid for land preparation by SARA team for survival and growth of plantation.
- The detailed summary of SARA plantations operations till Oct.31,2020 is given below :

S.No	Section Name	Total No of SARA Members (till year 2020)	Total area under SARA Operations (Acres)	Harvested Qty in MT (till year 31 st Oct. 2020)
1	Malgi	696	4956	49367
2	Ramnagar-Ankola	877	3038	42159
3	Koppal	1154	6363	16593
4	Radhanagari-Nippani	1237	6875	19708
5	Chandgad	1076	6147	27814
6	Chennamana Kittur	825	6714	18951
7	Khanapur-(N&S)	3130	14091	125610
8	T.Nanaji-Gudur (A.P)	197	5466	53425
9	Kulwalli	34	2461	Yet Not started
	TOTAL	9367	56111	353627

(Note: Harvested quantity considered from 01stSeptember,2011 to 31st October,2020)

Harvesting has been done in the 2006 to 2014 plantations and harvesting for 2015 Fresh and Coppice is almost on completion against which during the year up to 31/10/2020 felling have been done in **47198 acres** land and extraction of **353627 MT** pulp wood have been made.

- During the year 2015, The SARA Experts have identified one conservation area having water bodies for the wild animals in Village Malwad in Khanapur South section. This area is identified and maintained by SARA staff.
- During the year 2017, under Land and Ecological restoration, SARA has developed **water body** to feed local staff need within the dense plantations of Kulwalli section covering the area near to **1 Acre**. This year also same was maintained and repaired.
- From last nine years, SARA has explored and supplied to the WCPM FSC® 100% certified pulp wood and protecting farmer's interest.
- Section wise training with intensive frequency is imparted to SARA members and staff covering all aspects of plantation management, health & safety issues as described in training calendar and frequency 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, illegal activities and use of any kind of pesticide are reported in plantation area till now.

- Financial summaries including budgets, expenditures and expected revenue from plantations are available at SARA main office, Dandeli.
- **During 2020** also, SARA conducted and completed growth monitoring of standing plantations of each year of all the sections to assess the growth and yield of plantation before harvesting and this practice will remain continue till harvesting. Further under its continual improvement programme, SARA undertaken a detailed study on **wood testing** to assess the suitable species with better returns, looking to its demand and acceptance in the market for farmer community. WCPM helped SARA for detailed testing through its R&D facilities.

Annual General meeting was held on **30-09-2020** 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 year 2019 - 2020 were adopted.
- As per resolution passed in earlier SARA AGM that SARA would 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. In this regard, a detailed study was undertaken in all the sections by the expert team of **M/s Himsacsha Inc. Indore (Madhya Pradesh)** to know the significant negative and positive impact on Environment and Society.
- Looking to the **stay on 29th January, 2019** on ban imposed by the Karnataka Government on Development of Eucalyptus nursery and its new plantation after 28th Feb. 2017, SARA again **initiated** appropriate action on distribution of seedling & clonal eucalyptus plants /Casuarina /Subabul /Acacia mangium plants to farmers and raising plantations **under Technical Guidance of SARA**. FSC FM Certification of these plantations in favour of 100% FSC[®] pulp wood. Further, SARA is focusing this year on Coppice Plantations of Eucalyptus which are free from Ban to undertake with farmers by providing them Technical Guidance and Market assurance with better rates without any investment at SARA end. The same has been approved by SARA management.
- As per resolution passed, SARA management would be promoting CSR activities in the plantation fields and decided to distribute the Mask and sanitizers during the Covid -19 periods to various gram panchayat to cover all the section of Plantations.

Under "**Corporate Social Responsibility**" (CSR) program, during Covid -19 Period, in **Kittur and Kulwalli Section**, SARA has distributed mask at Kulwalli camp and gram panchayat, Kittur

on Sep.21, 2020. **In Khanapur Section**, SARA has distributed mask and sanitizers at Gram panchayat, Ramgurwadi on Sep.18, 2020. **In Ramnagar Section**, distributed mask and sanitizers to Gram panchayat, Jagalpet Village on Sep.15, 2020. **In Malgi Section**, distributed mask to Gram panchayat, Pala on Sep.21, 2020. **In Nippani Section**, SARA has distributed mask to Shree Mahalaxmi Temple & high school at Pattankudi village on Sep.23, 2020.

In order to augment immunity and save us from COVID-19 pandemic, SARA team persuaded to farmers, school teachers, Gram Panchayats and Social workers to develop a small herbal garden in their homes. The herbs includes TULSI (*Ocimum tenuiflorum*), GILDY (*Tinospora cordifolia*), GHRUTKUMARI (Aloe vera), Lemon Grass (*Cymbopogon citratus*), VASA or ADUSA (*Justicia adhatoda*), Haldi (*Curcuma longa*), ADRAKH (*Zingiber officinale*), KALMEGH (*Andrographis paniculata*), SHURPUNKHA (*Tephrosia purpuria*).

SARA is also maintaining Medicinal Garden of important medicinal plants in Bangur Nagar Campus and one model cum demonstration plot of different clones of Eucalyptus in Bangur Nagar Degree College of Art, Science and commerce since 2015. Clone wise growth monitoring for this year concluded during October-2020

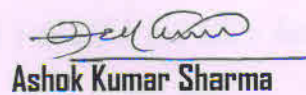
SARA has undertaken plantation in schools on "World environment day" by planting of Cashew, Badam, Neem etc.

All above information are true as per SARA management. Stakeholders and General public can verify the above information at SARA office and Section offices.



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