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J.1. Current Conditions of Forestry in the Study Area

J.1.1 Forest Vegetation

Forest vegetation in Vietnam is classified as mountainous hardwood forests, tropical deciduous broadleaved forests, tropical dry deciduous broad-leaved forests, tropical lowland evergreen broad-leaved forests, tropical swamp forests and mangrove forests. The Study Area is located in the tropical swamp forest zone.

An extensive swamp (closed flood plain) called the Plain of Reed lies to the northwest of the Mekong River which runs along the southwestern boundary of the Study Area and acidic sulfate soil is distributed at the closed flood plain. While natural forests of *Melaleuca cajuputi* which can withstand such acidic sulfate soil and which grow in standing water used to be distributed in this area, the construction of irrigation channels has now turned most of the area into paddy fields. Today, no natural forests are observed in the Study Area and most forests are plantations of *Melaleuca cajuputi*. In addition, *Eucalyptus camaldulensis*, *Bambusa* spp. and others have been planted, mainly along roads and canals.

J.1.2 Current Forest Conditions

In general, the subject area of forestry is divided into stocked areas and unstocked areas. As of June, 1999, the forestry area in the Study Area is 14,850 ha, of which stocked areas comprise 8,994 ha and unstocked areas 5,856 ha (source: Department of Agriculture and Rural Development of Dong Thap Province and Tien Giang Province).

All forests statistically accounted for are plantations and no natural forests are said to exist. In 1994, the total forest area in the Study Area was 9,455 ha, indicating a subsequent decline of the forest area by 4.9% to the present size. Forests currently cover a mere 3.1% of the entire land. With the addition of the area of fruit and perennial crop cultivation of 26,981 ha (source: GIS survey by Sub NIAPP in 1999), green tracts of land account for approximately 12% of the entire land. From the viewpoint of environmental conservation, the role played by fruit trees in the Study Area cannot be ignored.

Forests in the Study Area are found predominantly in three districts, i.e. Tam Nong, Thap Muoi and Cao Lanh. Tam Nong District accounts for 38.5% or 3,467 ha of the entire forest area, followed by Thap Muoi District at 37.6% or 3,384 ha and Cao Lanh District at 20.7% or 1,866 ha. Therefore, these three districts account for some 97% of the entire forest area.

From the functional point of view, forests in the Study Area are classified as protection forests (2,287 ha), special use forests (2,821 ha) and production forests (3,886 ha). Protection forests consist of 2,203

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ha of environmental conservation forests in Tam Nong District and 84 ha of national border protection forests in Thanh Hong District. Special use forests consist of 2,808 ha of national park in Tam Nong District and 13 ha of historic sites in Cao Lanh District. Production forests are found in Cao Lanh District (1,853 ha), Thap Muoi District (1,182 ha), Tam Nong District (659 ha), Cai Be District (161 ha) and Thanh Hong District (31 ha).

In terms of the planted species, *Melaleuca cajuputi* is by far the most popular species, accounting for 98.4% (8,847 ha) of the forest area, followed by *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* (1.6% or 147 ha). 54.7% of *Eucalyptus* forests are national border protection forests in Thanh Hong District. The reason for this overwhelming dominance of *Melaleuca cajuputi* is that the widely distributed acidic sulfate soil in the Study Area acts as a restricting factor for the selection of species. It appears certain that *Melaleuca cajuputi* is primarily selected as a useful species because of its suitability for this type of soil.

The tree age composition of *Melaleuca cajuputi* (except Tien Giang Province) is 17.3% for trees of 1 - 3 years, 43.0% for trees of 3 - 6 years, 27.8% for trees of 6 - 9 years and 11.9% for trees of nine years or more. In the case of *Eucalyptus camaldulensis*, trees of 1 - 3 years account for 31.6%, trees of 3 - 6 years account for 29.7%, trees of 6 - 9 years account for 29.0% and trees of 9 years or more account for 9.7%. The tree age composition of *Melaleuca* production forests is 23.9% for trees of 1 - 3 years, 17.1% for trees of 3 - 6 years, 31.1% for trees of 6 - 9 years and 27.9% for trees of nine years or more. Given the cutting period of some 10 years for *Melaleuca cajuputi*, the tree age composition is not particularly bad as trees of 6 years or more enjoy a high proportion despite the relatively small proportion of trees of 3 - 6 years. *Melaleuca* protection forests show that they are in the midst of improvement because of the dominance of young stands with trees of 3 - 6 years accounting for 75.3%, followed by trees of 1 - 3 years accounting for 14.2% and trees of 6 - 9 years accounting for 10.5%. In the case of special use forests, most of which are *Melaleuca* forests in national parks, trees of 1 - 3 years account for 31.4%, trees of 3 - 6 years account for 51.5% and trees of 6 - 9 y ears account for 37.1%. As there are sites waiting for planting, it can be inferred that some 30 years or more will be required for these forests to achieve the target forest type.

In terms of ownership, national forests account for 65.1% (5,851 ha) of the forest area while private forests account for the remaining 34.9% (3,143 ha). The largest concentration of national forests is found in Tam Nong District (3,172 ha), accounting for 54.2% of the entire national forest area. National forests are also found in Cao Lanh District (1,866 ha), Thap Muoi District (729 ha) and Thanh Hong District (84 ha). Private forests are predominantly found in Thap Muoi District (2,655 ha or 84.5%), followed by Tam Nong District (295 ha), Cai Be District (161 ha) and Thanh Hong District (31 ha).

The current forestry work sites in national forests are described below.

(1) Gao Giong Agroforestry-Fishery Enterprise

This production forest of 1,407 ha is located on a work site of 1,658 ha in Cao Lanh District. The planting species is *Melaleuca cajuputi* and the tree age composition (in terms of area) is 19.4% for trees of 1 - 3 years, 7.9% for trees of 3 - 6 years, 24.8% for trees of 6 - 9 years and 47.9% for trees of nine years or more.

(2) Cao Lanh Prison Camp

This production forest of 62 ha is located on a work site of 82 ha in Cao Lanh District. The planting species is *Melaleuca cajuputi* and the tree age is 1 - 3 years.

(3) Dong Thap Province Police's Prison Camp

This production forest of 384 ha is located on a work site of 501 ha in Cao Lanh District. The planting species are *Melaleuca cajuputi* (363 ha) and *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* (21 ha). The tree age composition (in terms of area) of the former is 70.2% for trees of 1 - 3 years, 23.7% for trees of 6 - 9 years and 6.1% for trees of nine years or more. All *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* trees fall in the age bracket of 1 - 3 years.

(4) Xeo Quyt Historical Vestiges Area

This special use forest of 13 ha is located on a work site of 50 ha in Cao Lanh District. The planting species is *Melaleuca cajuputi* and the tree age is nine years or more.

(5) Dong Cat Agroforestry-Fishery Enterprise

This production forest of 590 ha is located on a work site of 745 ha in Thap Muoi District. The planting species are *Melaleuca cajuputi* (575.5 ha) and *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* (14 ha). The tree age composition (in terms of area) for the former is 14.4% for trees of 1 - 3 years, 63.3% for trees of 3 - 6 years, 19.5% for trees of 6 - 9 years and 2.8% for trees of nine years or more. All *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* trees are nine years old or more.

(6) Environmental Conservation Forest

This protection forest of 140 ha is located on a work site of 140 ha in Thap Muoi District. The planting species is *Melaleuca cajuputi* and the tree age is 1 - 3 years.

(7) Tram Chim National Park

This special use forest of 2,808 ha is located on a work site of 7,588 ha in Tam Nong District. The planting species is *Melaleuca cajuputi* and the tree age composition (in terms of area) is 11.4% for trees of 1 - 3 years, 51.5% for trees of 3 - 6 years and 37.1% for trees of 6 - 9 years.

(8) Giong Gang Agroforestry-Fishery Enterprise

This production forest of 364 ha is located on a work site of 394 ha in Tam Nong District. The planting species is *Melaleuca cajuputi* and the tree age composition (in terms of area) is 15.0% for trees of 1 - 3 years and 85.0% for trees of nine years or more.

(9) Border Protection Forest

This protection forest of 84 ha is located on a work site of 94 ha in Thanh Hong District. The planting species are *Melaleuca cajuputi* (4 ha) and *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* (80%). The tree age composition (in terms of area) for the latter is 31.6% for trees of 1 - 3 years, 15.3% for trees of 3 - 6 years and 53.1% for trees of 6 - 9 years. All *Melaleuca cajuputi* trees are 1 - 3 years old.

J.1.3 Scattered Plantations

In Vietnam, plantations are created in the form of scattered plantations where trees are planted along roads, irrigation channels and rivers and around houses in a scattered manner and concentrated plantations where trees are planted in a concentrated manner on bare land, etc. The forest area referred to in 1.2 is that of concentrated plantations.

In the Dong Thap Province area within the Study Area, 39,719,000 trees were found in scattered plantations as of 1st October, 1997, showing a year on year increase of 5.6%. By district/town, Thap Muoi District accounted for the largest share of 46.1%, followed by Cao Lanh District (18.8%) and Thanh Hong District (14.0%). These three districts, therefore, accounted for 79% of all scattered trees. As of 1st October, 1996, the principal species planted were *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* (Bach dan), *Melaleuca cajuputi* (Tram), *Bambusa* spp. (Tre; Truc; Tam vong), *Samanea saman* (Cong), *Sarcocephalus* sp. (Gao) and *Hopea odorata* (Sao). The most eminent was *Eucalyptus camaldulensis*, accounting for 42.6%, followed by *Melaleuca cajuputi* (34.6%) and *Bambusa* spp. (19.2%). These three species accounted for 96% of all trees.

In the Tien Giang Province area within the Study Area, 11,100,000 scattered trees were found as of 1996, consisting of 7,800,000 trees in Cai Be District and 3,300,000 trees in Cai Lay District.

J.1.4 Forest Management

The interview survey conducted at four national forest sites (Gao Giong Agroforestry-Fishery Enterprise, Dong Thap Province Police's Prison Camp, Dong Cat Agroforestry-Fishery Enterprise and Giong Gang Agroforestry-Fishery Enterprise) found the following forest management techniques for production forests.

The planting stock is either purchased from a nursery or other sources. In the case of *Melaleuca cajuputi*, the seeds collected from one's own stand may be used. The purchase price per planting stock is 60 - 70 VND (maximum of 100 VND) for *Melaleuca cajuputi* and 40 - 60 VND for *Eucalyptus camaldulensis*. The height of the planting stock is 0.9 - 1.5 m for Melaleuca cajuputi and 0.1 - 0.2 m for *Eucalyptus camaldulensis*. In the case of *Eucalyptus camaldulensis*, tall planting stock tends to die. Ground preparation is conducted manually or is assisted by machinery.

The planting season is around October for *Melaleuca cajuputi* and March - April or around November for *Eucalyptus camaldulensis*. Bare stock is used for *Melaleuca cajuputi* while potted seedlings are used for *Eucalyptus camaldulensis*. The planting distance is 0.4 x 0.4 m, 0.5 x 0.5 m, 0.7 x 0.7 m or 1 x 0.5 m for *Melaleuca cajuputi* and 0.5 x 0.5 m or 1 x 2 m for *Eucalyptus camaldulensis*. The direct seeding of *Melaleuca cajuputi* is conducted at a rate of 40 liters/ha (20 kg/ha).

While fertilizer is not used for *Melaleuca cajuputi*, fertilizer is used at some sites for *Eucalpytus camaldulensis*.

The survival rate of *Melaleuca cajuputi* is 60 - 90% and a planting density of some 20,000 seedlings/ha can achieve a survival rate of 85 - 90%.

Weeding is not conducted in the case of *Melaleuca cajuputi* but the practice varies from one site to another in the case of *Eucalyptus camaldulensis*. If weeding is conducted, it is conducted once or twice within one year of planting.

Thinning may be conducted once or twice for *Melaleuca cajuputi*. The first thinning is conducted for 5 - 6 year old trees and the second thinning is conducted when the trees are 7 - 8 years old although thinning is not conducted at all at some sites. In the case of *Eucalyptus camaldulensis*, thinning is not carried out at a majority of sites. Thinning is conducted by farmers free of charge and the thinned wood is given to these farmers.

The cutting period is 10 - 13 years (minimum tree height of 6 - 7 m) for *Melaleuca cajuputi* and 6 - 12 years (minimum tree height of 12 m) for *Eucalyptus camaldulensis*. While clear cutting is the normal practice, selecting cutting at a rate of 1,500 trees/ha/year is conducted at some *Melaleuca cajuputi* plantations. The produced wood is used as construction timber. *Melaleuca cajuputi* is particularly used as piles.

J.1.5 Forestry Production

In the Dong Thap Province area within the Study Area, the annual production volume of industrial roundwood was 111,000 m3 as of 1st October, 1997, showing a year on year increase of 53%. Of this volume, 53% came from concentrated plantations and 47% came from scattered plantations, indicating the importance of the latter. Production from concentration plantations predominantly took place in Thap Muoi District (75%) and Cao Lanh District (23%). Thap Muoi District had a production forest area of 1,181 ha, equivalent to 64% of the 1,853 ha production forest area in Cao Lanh District. The high production volume level of the former implies that production activities took place at 2,203 ha of protection forests. By district/town, Thap Muoi District was the leading production district with 50,000 m³, followed by Cao Lanh District with 43,000 m³ and Hong Ngu District with 7,000 m³. Combined together, these three districts accounted for 89% of the industrial roundwood produced in Dong Thap Province.

The annual production volume of fuelwood as of 1st October, 1997 was 186,000 ste (1 ste = 0.75 m³), a year on year increase of 22%. 30% and 70% of this 186,000 ste were produced by concentrated plantations and scattered plantations respectively, indicating the principal importance of the latter in terms of fuelwood production. By district/town, Thap Muoi District produced the largest volume of 51,000 ste, followed by Cao Lanh District with 48,000 ste and Thanh Binh District with 28,000 ste. Combined together, these three districts accounted for 68% of the fuelwood produced in Dong Thap Province.

The production volume of *Bambusa* spp. in the same one year period was 2,238,000 pieces, a year on year increase of 32%. By district/town, Cao Lanh District produced the largest number of 694,000 pieces, followed by Cao Lanh District with 490,000 pieces and Thanh Binh District with 326,000 pieces. Combined together, these three districts accounted for 67% of bamboo production in Dong Thap Province.

The production volume of bamboo shoots in the same one year period was 147,000 kg, a year on year increase of 232%. By district/town, Cao Lanh District was the largest production area, accounting for 60,000 kg, followed by Cao Lanh Town with 45,000 kg and Tam Nong District with 13,000 kg. Combined together, these three top bamboo shoot production districts and town accounted for 80% of the bamboo shoot production in Dong Thap Province. No statistics on forest products are available for the Tien Giang Province area within the Study Area.

J.1.6 Consumption of Forest Products

The consumption volume of sawn timber in Dong Thap Province in 1996 was 54,360 m³, consisting of 43,360 m³ for rural houses, 5,000 m³ for urban houses, 2,000 m³ for boats, 1,600 m³ for school fixtures, 1,400 m³ for roads and bridges and 1,000 m³ for furniture. This volume can be converted to 83,630 m³ of logs (conversion rate of 65%) (source: Department of Agriculture and Rural Development of Dong Thap Provincial Government). Given the population of 1,553,000 in 1996, the annual wood consumption per capita (excluding fuelwood; converted to logs) was 0.05 m³. However, the same Department estimates that the minimum annual consumption per capita was 0.1 m³ for wood (excluding fuelwood) and 0.5 ste for fuelwood. In addition, 51,000 m³ of sawn timber (equivalent to 78,461 m³ of logs) is said to be imported annually from Cambodia and other provinces.

In 1998, Cai Be and Cai Lay Districts in Tien Giang Province consumed 52,000 m³ of industrial roundwood (piles accounting for 15,000 m³), 15,000 m³ of fuelwood and 30 tons of honey (source: Department of Agriculture and Rural Development of Tien Giang Provincial Government). Given the combined populations of Cai Be and Cai Lay Districts of 635,000 in 1997 and the population growth rate of Tien Giang Province in 1997, the combined population of these two districts in 1998 is estimated to be 645,000, resulting in an annual consumption per capita of forest products for these two districts of 0.08 m³ of logs, 0.02 m³ of fuelwood and 46.5 g of honey.

J.1.7 Estimation of Fuelwood Demand

The Sub-FIPI conducted a fuelwood consumption survey in six provinces lying along the southwestern border of Vietnam, i.e. Song Be, Tay Ninh, Long An, Dong Thap, An Giang and Kien Giang, and established an annual fuelwood consumption per capita of 0.2 m³. The master plan for 2010 for Dong Thap Province predicts that the provincial population in 2010 will be 1,870,000. The population of Dong Thap Province in 1997 was 1,581,000 while the population of the Dong Thap Province area within the Study Area was estimated to be 849,000 (based on the district/town population in 1997, the district/town area and the district/town area within the Study Area). Accordingly, the population of the Dong Thap Province area within the Study Area in 2010 is estimated to be 1,004,000. Assuming that the annual fuelwood consumption per capita in the Dong Thap Province area within the Study Area is 0.2 m³, the fuelwood demand in 2010 is estimated to be 200,800 m³.

The annual fuelwood consumption volume per capita in Cai Be and Cai Lay Districts in Tien Giang Province in 1998 was 0.02 m³. The master plan for 2010 for Tien Giang Province predicts that the provincial population in 2010 will be 2,176,000. The population of Tien Giang Province in 1997 was 1,744,000 while the population of the Tien Giang Province area within the Study Area was estimated to be 473,000 (based on the district/town population in 1997, the district/town area and the district/town area within the Study Area). Accordingly, the population of the Tien Giang Province area within the

Study Area in 2010 is estimated to be 590,000 and the fuelwood demand in the Tien Giang Province area within the Study Area in 2010 is estimated to be 11,800 m³.

J.1.8 Stand Increment

According to Axel Bergman (1990), the average annual increment of Eucalyptus camaldulensis and *Melaleuca* spp. in the Mekong Delta was 15 - 25 m³/ha (rotation period of 5 - 8 years) for the former and 7 - 10 m³/ha (rotation period of 10 - 12 years) for the latter (Overseas Agricultural Development Association, "Study Report for Fast Growing Species Processing and Utilization Project in the Mekong Delta", 1998).

Nguyen Van Duyet conducted an increment survey on *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* and *Melaleuca* spp. in the Phung Hiep area in the Mekong Delta (Forest Inventory and Planning Institute, "Study on Forestry Development, General Development Project of Quan Lo, Phung Hiep Area - Mekong Delta", 1991). According to the survey, the average annual increment of *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* is less than 2 cm for DBH, less than 1.5 m for tree height and 10 m³/ha for volume at sites with poor growth conditions, 2 - 4 cm for DBH, 1.5 - 2.5 m for tree height and 12.8 m³/ha for volume at sites with moderate growth conditions and 4 cm or more for DBH, 2.5 m or more for tree height and 15.6 m³/ha for volume at sites with excellent growth conditions. The annual volume growth of *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* reaches its peak at an age of 5 - 10 years.

The average annual increment of *Melaleuca* spp. is less than 0.4 m for DBH, less than 0.4 cm for tree height and 4.3 m³/ha for volume at sites with poor growth conditions, 0.5 cm for DBH, 0.6 m for tree height and 6.0 m³/ha for volume at sites with moderate growth conditions and 0.6 cm or more for DBH, 0.8 m or more for tree height and 7.7 m³/ha for volume at sites with excellent growth conditions. The growth of *Melaleuca* spp. is fast upto an age of 10 years and slows down thereafter. At an age of 25 years, *Melaleuca* spp. can reach a DBH of 18 cm, a tree height of 13 m and a volume of 120 m³/ha.

J.1.9 Forest Fires

In Dong Thap Province, forest fires have occurred every year since 1994: 25 cases in 1994, 38 cases in 1995, 15 cases in 1996, five cases in 1997 and 19 cases in 1998. The forest area lost due to fire was 138 ha in 1994, 682 ha in 1995, 64 ha in 1996, 12 ha in 1997 and 9 ha in 1998. The amount of damage was 200 million VND in 1994, 3,200 million VND in 1995, 130 million VND in 1996, 60.5 million VND in 1997 and 56 million VND in 1998. However, the number of forest fires, the forest area lost and the amount of damage have generally begun to decline since 1995. In 1998, even though the number of forest fires increased compared to 1997, the small scale of these fires meant a decline of both the forest

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area lost and the amount of damage to their lowest levels since 1994. Forest fires are said to be caused

by hunters of birds, snakes and field mice and by those collecting honey.

No forest fires have been recorded in Cai Be and Cai Lay Districts in Tien Giang Province since 1994.

Melaleuca spp. is liable to fire damage because its high essential oil content makes it more combustible

than other species. At concentrated plantations in particular, fire damage tends to spread because of the

extensive area of these plantations and monitoring difficulties, making the implementation of forest fire

prevention and control measures extremely important.

J.1.10 Wood Price

According to the results of interviews which took place at national as well as private forests in the Study

Area, the standing tree price per ha of Melaleuca cajuputi is 35 - 60 million VND for trees of 10 - 13

years of age.

Interviews at national forests in Cao Lanh District found the following log price at the roadside for

Melaleuca cajuputi.

4.8 m in length, 3.8 - 4.5 cm in top end diameter

: 10,000 VND

4.8 m in length, 3.0 - 3.5 cm in top end diameter

: 4,500 VND

Interviews at private forests in Thap Muoi District found a standing tree price of 15,000 VND for trees of 10 years of age or more (6 - 7 m in height), 200,000 VND for trees of 20 years of age or more (15 m

in height) and the following log price at the roadside for Melaleuca cajuputi.

4.7 m in length, 4 cm or more in top end diameter : 12,500 - 13,000 VND

4.7 m in length, less than 4 cm in top end diameter : 11,500 VND

4.0 m in length, 4 cm or more in top end diameter : 10,000 VND

4.0 m in length, less than 4 cm in top end diameter : 7,000 VND

2.8 m in length, 4 cm or more in top end diameter : 6,000 VND

2.8 m in length, less than 4 cm in top end diameter : 5,000 VND

Interviews at private forests in Thap Muoi District found that Melaleuca cajuputi sold as fuelwood is

normally cut to some 30 cm in length and that a bundle of 0.3 m in width, 1 m in length and 1 m in

height is sold as a unit. The unit price is 35,000 VND.

At the Gao Giong Agroforestry-Fishery Enterprise site in a national forest in Gao Lanh District, a

bundle of fuelwood (0.3 m in width, 1 m in length and 1 m in height) is sold at 20,000 VND.

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Interviews with middlemen operating in Cai Lay District found that they purchase *Melaleuca cajuputi* logs in Long An Province and sell them in My Tho City in Tien Giang Province at the following prices.

4.7 m long log: purchase price - 10,500 VND, sales price - 11,000 VND

4.0 m long log: purchase price - 4,000 VND, sales price - 4,500 VND

3.0 m long log: purchase price - 2,500 VND, sales price - 3,000 VND

J.1.11 Rural Questionnaire Survey

The results of the questionnaire survey conducted on 500 rural households in the Study Area as part of the Study show that income from forest products accounts for an average of a mere 0.9% of the total household income. The highest proportion of 1.3% is recorded in Thap Muoi District. The ratio of households using fuelwood is as high as 80% and Hong Ngu and Cao Lan Districts show an especially high ratio of more than 90%.

The planting area per household is 643 m² for concentrated plantations and 93 m² for scattered plantations. The planting purposes include the sale of wood, collection of daily necessities, collection of fuelwood and production of building timber. The most popular planting species is *Melaleuca cajuputi*, accounting for 81% of the planted trees, followed by *Eucalyptus* sp. at 14%. Other planting species include *Bambusa* spp., mango, longan, orange and papaya.

J.1.12 Existing Planting Plans

The planting plan upto 2010 for Dong Thap Province has a target of concentrated plantation area of 19,289 ha and the target of planting 200 million trees in scattered plantations. In the case of Tien Giang Province, while there is no plan for concentrated plantations in Cai Be and Cai Lay Districts, the target planting of 10,300,000 trees and 8,800,000 trees, totalling 19,100,000 trees, in scattered plantations in Cai Be District and Cai Lay District is planned.

Given the forest area of 8,833ha in Dong Thap Province as of June, 1999, the new planting of 10,456 ha will be required to meet the target for concentrated plantations. This figure can be translated to the new planting of 7,391 ha in the Dong Thap Province area within the Study Area. As the Study Area only has some 2,000 ha of unused land where new planting can be conducted, excluding the Tram Chim National Park (based on the results of the GIS survey conducted by the Sub-NIAPP in 1999), it will be extremely difficult to meet the target.

In regard to scattered plantations, as the number of trees in scattered plantations in Dong Thap Province as of 1996 was 54,859,000, 145,141,000 new trees, a 265% increase, must be planted to meet the target. The number of trees in scattered plantations in Cai Be District and Cai Lay District as of 1996 was 7,800,000 and 6,300,000 respectively, totalling 14,100,000. In order to meet the target, therefore, the planting of 5,000,000 new trees, i.e. a 35% increase, will be required in these two districts.

Given the present total road length (of national, provincial, inter-district and inter-commune roads) of 712 km, the total canal length (of the national waterway system and main, Grade 1, Grade 2 and Grade 3 canals) of 4,760 km and the total embankment length of 264 km (source: Dong Thanh Provincial People's Committee, "Project on Establishment of Greenbelts for Flood Prevention in Dong Thanh Province 1995 - 2000"), planting along roads and canals at 1 m intervals will require a planting width of 35 m to achieving the planting of 200 million trees in scattered plantations. Even if the planting distance is narrowed to 50 cm, a planting width of 9 m will still be required. This target appears quite difficult in view of the present land use.

In Tien Giang Province, existing canals (Grade 1 and Grade 2) and roads (national, inter-provincial and inter-district roads) have a total length of 1,199 km and 619 km respectively (source: FIPI, "Planning for Scattered Tree and Forest Plantation, Mekong Delta Area", 1997). Based on the respective area of each district, Cai Be and Cai Lay Districts are estimated to have a combined canal length of 418 km and road length of 216 km. The planting of new trees along these roads and canals with a planting distance of 1 m will require a planting width of 30 m to achieve the target planting of 19,100,000 trees. A planting distance of 0.5 m will reduce the required planting width to 8 m. Planting along Grade 3 canals or lower grade canals will be necessary to approach the planting target.

J.2. Master Plan

J.2.1 Objective

The objective of the Study on forest management is to contribute to improving the rural environment, stabilizing and increasing the income of farm households and enhancing the living standard of farmers through forest conservation and the supply of fuel wood required by local people.

J.2.2. Planning Items

In regard to national forests, the present forests will be further fostered together with concentrated planting at appropriate sites. Border protection forests will be created along border zones. Environmental conservation forests will be created mainly in private forest areas where there is concern in regard to a decrease of the forest area and also in areas which are unsuitable for agriculture. Scattered planting will be conducted along roads, canals and embankments for the purpose of supplying fuel wood for local people. Concentrated planting will also be conducted at unused land which is located outside government forest areas. Extension activities will be conducted for plantation management by local people.

J.2.2.1 Concentrated Planting at Government Forestry Areas

Unused land where planting appears feasible in government-owned production forest areas includes 47 ha at the Gao Giong Agroforestry-Fishery Enterprise site, 7 ha at the Cao Lanh Prison Camp site, 31 ha at the Dong Thap Province Police's Prison Camp, 15 ha at the Dong Cat Agroforestry-Fishery Enterprise site and 3 ha at the Giong Gang Agroforestry-Fishery Enterprise site, totalling 103 ha. Concentrated planting will be planned for these areas. *Melaleuca cajuputi* will be planted and management will be conducted by each body in accordance with its own management principles.

Although the Tram Chim National Park has 4,307 ha of unused land, this unused land cannot be entirely converted by forests given the prime objective of restoring the wetland vegetation described as the "Plain of Reed". Of the 4,307 ha of unused land, 370 ha has been secured for planting and concentrated planting will be planned for this area. *Melaleuca cajuputi* will be planted and the administrative body of the National Park will manage the plantations in accordance with its development principles.

J.2.2.2 Concentrated Planting Outside Government Forestry Areas

The GIS land use survey conducted by the Sub-NIAPP in 1999 in the Study Area found 574 ha and 148 ha of unused land in Thanh Hong District and Thanh Binh District respectively, totalling 722 ha.

Concentrated planting in these areas will be planned for the purposes of supplying fuelwood for local people and preventing soil erosion, floods and wind damage. Prior to the preparation of a detailed plan, work to confirm the location, shape, size, number of sites, land ownership and other relevant matters relating to this unused land will be necessary.

Melaleuca cajuputi will be planted at a density of 20,000 trees/ha. Thinning will be conducted annually for trees of four years of age through nine years of age to lead the forest to a stand density of 4,000 - 5,000 trees/ha at an age of 10 years old, followed by selective cutting with a cutting cycle of 10 - 13 years. Cutting sites will be regenerated. Plantations will be managed by the People's Committee of the relevant communes.

J.2.2.3 Environmental Conservation Forest zone

Environmental conservation forest zone will be created in an area of approximately 17,000 ha mainly located in three communes lying in the northern part of Thap Muoi District, namely Thanh Loi Commune, Hung Thanh Commune and Truong Xuan Commune, for the purposes of preventing floods, conserving water, ensuring biological diversity and regulating the climate. This area will include an existing 2,063 ha of private forests and 140 ha of national forests. Concentrated planting will be planned at 900 ha of unused land. *Melaleuca cajuputi* will be planted at a planting density of 10,000 trees/ha. Thinning will be conducted annually for trees of four years of age through nine years of age to lead the forest to a stand density of 2,000 - 3,000 trees/ha at an age of 10 years old. Scattered planting along roads, canals and ridges between paddy fields will be planned for a paddy field area of approximately 14,000 ha which excludes the planned area for concentrated planting and existing private and national forests. 660,000 *Melaleuca cajuputi* trees will be planted for this purpose. The planting method will be double line planting with a planting distance of 1 m. In the case of planting along ridges, single line planting with a planting distance of 1 m will be employed for ridges running north-south and the planting distance will be increased to 10 m for ridges running east-west.

New canals with a total length of 80 km will be created at existing forests without canals and at the newly planned concentrated planting sites for forest fire control. A watch-tower and monitoring station will be constructed at five sites. The DARD of the Dong Thap Provincial Government will be responsible for the supervision of planting and the management of new plantations.

J.2.2.4 Border Protection Forest

A border protection forest will be planned for the border zone with Cambodia in Hong Ngu District and Thanh Hong District for border security and flood prevention. This forest will be 46 km in length and 100 m in width and will cover a total of 460 ha. *Bambusa* spp. will be planted at a distance of 10 x 10

m. The DARD of the Dong Thap Provincial Government will be responsible for the supervision of planting and management of this border protection forest.

J.2.2.5 Scattered Planting

Scattered planting along roads, embankments and canals will be planned in areas other than Cai Be District and Cai Lay District for the purposes of supplying fuelwood for local people and preventing soil erosion, floods and wind damage. No scattered planting will be planned for Cai Be District and Cai Lay District under the Study because of the facts that (i) the fuelwood consumption in these two districts is lower than in other areas, (ii) the limbs and tops of abundant fruit trees can be available as fuelwood and (iii) there are already many scattered plantations.

A total of 13,826,000 trees will be planned for scattered planting and these will be distributed in Thanh Hong District (1,931,000), Hong Ngu District (1,350,000), Tam Nong District (3,071,000), Thanh Binh District (1,212,000), Cao Lanh Town (241,000), Cao Lanh District (2,904,000) and Thap Muoi District (3,117,000). The planting species will be *Melaleuca cajuputi* (60%), *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* (20%) and other species (20%), such as *Acacia auriculiformis*, *Acacia hybrid*, *Hopea odorota* (Sao den), *Dipterocarpus alatus* (Dau), *Mangifera* sp. (Xoai), *Bambusa* spp., *Sarcocephalus* sp. (Gao), *Samanea samana* (Cong), *Combretum quadrangulare* (Tram bau) and *Pithecellobium dulce* (Me nuoc).

The planting density will be 20,000 trees/ha (planting distance of 0.5 x 1 m) for *Melaleuca cajuputi* and 10,000 trees/ha (planting distance of 1 x 1 m) for *Eucalyptus camaldulensis*. Planting will be conducted in August through December for *Melaleuca cajuputi* and May through December for *Eucalyptus camaldulensis*. Fertilizer will be applied in the case of the latter. Supplementary planting will be conducted if the dead tree ratio is high. Weeding will be conducted in the first three years if necessary.

In the case of *Melaleuca cajuputi*, thinning will be commenced at four years of age and will be continued annually upto nine years of age. The thinning rate will be around 20% for the first thinning and around 10% thereafter. The cutting period will be approximately 10 years. The annual cutting rate will be 10% or less and cutting sites will be regenerated.

In the case of *Eucalyptus camaldulensis*, thinning will be conducted twice at 3-4 years of age and 6-7 years of age. The thinning rate will be around 30% each. The cutting period will be approximately 10 years. The annual cutting rate will be 10% or less and cutting sites will be regenerated. Scattered plantations will be managed by the People's Committee of the relevant communes.

J.2.2.6 Extension Program

Extension training will be planned to facilitate scattered planting and concentrated planting outside government forest areas. The People's Committee of the relevant communes will be approached to select approximately two members for training and those selected will receive training on the management method in the first, third and five years of planting operation. As there are 83 communes in the relevant districts, the total number of trainees is expected to be approximately 170. Training will be conducted at the extension training station to be set up under the Agricultural Support Plan.

J.2.2.7 Annual Work Plan and Project Cost Estimate

The Project term will be 6 years and Project cost is estimated to be 25,769 million VND.

J.2.3 Effect of Plan Implementation of Fuelwood Supply

The likely supply volume of fuelwood for the year 2010 following the implementation of the Plan is estimated for the Dong Thap Province area within the Study Area.

While the planned area for concentrated planting in national production forests is 103 ha, the total planned area for concentrated planting and the number of trees for scattered planting under the Environmental Conservation Forest Zone Plan are 900 ha and 660,000 trees respectively. Outside government forestry areas, concentrated planting is planned for 722 ha and the scattered planting of 14,549,000 trees is planned (concentrated planting and scattered planting by the Environmental Conservation Forest Zone Plan is excluded). Assuming the *Melaleuca cajuputi* is the sole planting species with a planting density of 10,000 trees/ha for scattered planting to create environmental conservation forest zone and 20,000 trees/ha for other sites, scattered planting is equivalent to a planting area of 793 ha (of which 66 ha is inside environmental conservation forest zone), resulting in a total planned planting area of 2,518 ha. The expected yield with the planting through 6 years (the planting of 420 ha a year for five years and of 418 ha in the sixth year) and with the cutting period of 10 years (cutting sites are regenerated following year) is calculated using the yield table for *Melaleuca* stands in the Mekong Delta area given in the Handbook of Forest Inventory and Planning of the FIPI.

The final cutting volume in the 10th year will be 67,000 m³, by that time 129,000 m³ of wood will be produced by thinning. Assuming that the branch volume percent is 30%, the branch volume will be 59,000 m³. The planned planting area mainly aimed at producing fuel wood is 1,449 ha, accounting for 58% of the total planned planting area. Accordingly, the supply of 39,000 m³ of fuel wood is feasible from the final cutting volume. The total yield until 10th year, including the thinned volume and the branch volume, which can be supplied as fuel wood is 227,000 m³ or an average of 23,000 m³ a year.

Similarly, total yield from 11th year to 20th year was calculated. The total final cutting volume will be 403,000 m³ and total thinning volume will be 174,000 m³. The total yield, which can be supplied as fuelwood is 580,000 m³ or an average of 58,000 m³ a year.

At present, the Dong Thap Province area within the Study Area has 3,725 ha of production forests, 2,287 ha of protection forests and 2,821 ha of special use forests in addition to an estimated 39,719,000 trees in scattered plantations. Using the yield table for *Melaleuca* forests in the Mekong Delta area mentioned earlier, the feasible fuel wood supply volume from existing production forests is estimated. The expected stand volume at 10 year old production forests is 596,000 m³ with a thinned wood volume of 257,000 m³. Assuming a branch volume percent as 30%, the branch volume is 256,000 m³. Accordingly, 3,725 ha of production forests is expected to supply 60,000 m³ of industrial round wood and 51,000 m³ of fuel wood on annually average.

The feasible supply volume of fuelwood from existing scattered plantations is also estimated. Of the existing 39,719,000 trees in these plantations, 31,752,000 are for wood production (bamboo is excluded). Percentage of number of trees by species in existing scattered plantation was estimated using the survey results in 1996. By species, Eucalyptus camaldulensis and Melaleuca cajuputi are believed to account for 53% and 43% respectively. In calculating the feasible fuelwood supply volume, 31,752,000 trees for wood production are assumed to entirely consist of these two species. Using the relative ratio of each species, the number of Eucalyptus camaldulensis trees and Melaleuca cajuputi trees is assumed to be 17,464,000 (55%) and 14,288,000 (45%) respectively. The standing tree volume of trees aged 10 years is assumed to be 0.06 m³ (calculated assuming stand density of 10 years old forest of Eucalyptus camaldulensis as 2,000 - 2,500 trees/ha in the results of forest growth in the report by FIPI; 'Study on forestry development, General development project of Quan Lo, Phuung Hiep area-Mekong delta') for Eucalyptus camaldulensis and 0.03 m³ (calculated using yield table) for Melaleuca cajuputi. Based on an assumed branch ratio of 30%, the feasible annual supply volume is put at 192,000 m³. As of October, 1997, the production volume of scattered plantations in the area in question was broken down to 35% of industrial roundwood and 65% of fuelwood. Based on the same ratios, 31,750,000 trees in scattered plantations can presumably produce an average of 67,000 m³ of industrial roundwood and 125,000 m³ of fuelwood annually. Accordingly, it is estimated that existing production forests and scattered plantations in the Dong Thap Province area within the Study Area have combined potential to produce 176,000 m³ of fuelwood annually on average.

Given the above estimates, the Dong Thap Province area within the Study Area will be able to supply 199,000 m³ of fuelwood a year on average up to 10th project year, and 234,000 m³ of fuelwood a year on average afterward with the implementation of the Plan. As the estimated fuelwood demand in the area in 2010 is 201,000 m³, there should be sufficient supply capacity to meet the fuelwood demand in

future. This prospect is further boosted by the availability of additional fuel wood supply from existing bamboo stands and protection forests.

Economic benefit of fuel wood production with the implementation of the Plan was estimated. Of fuel wood production, final cutting volume was estimated by stumpage price, and thinning volume and branch volume and fuel wood price. As the planned planting area mainly aimed at producing fuel wood is 1,449 ha, total final cutting area is 1,449 ha. Final cutting area is assumed to be 242 ha a year from 10th project year to 14th project year and to be 239 ha in 15th project year (final cutting sites are regenerated the following year), and the first final cutting site of 242 ha is assumed to be cut again as final cutting in 20th project year. Total volume of thinning wood and branch is estimated to be 188,000 m³ up to 10th project year and 346,000 m³ after 10th project year up to 20th project year. The stumpage price of Melaleuca cajuputi of 10 years old is assumed to be 60,000,000 VND/ha. The fuelwood price of Melaleuca cajuputi is assumed to be 35,000VND for a stacked volume of 0.3 m in width, 1 m in length and 1 m in height. The solid volume percentage is assumed to be 70%. The total benefit is estimated to be 45,900,000,000VND up to 10th project year, and 144,600,000,000VND after 10th project year, and 14,460,000,000,000VND after 10th project year, and 14,460,000,000,000VND after 10th project year, and 14,460,000,000,000VND after 10th project year.

J.2.4 Recommendations

While Melaleuca spp. are very important planting species for acid sulfate soil areas, their present (1) use is mainly restricted to producing piles for building materials and fuel wood. It is, therefore, essential for the scope of use to be expanded. *Melaleuca* spp. can be used as charcoal, pulpwood and floor wood. A minimum diameter of approximately 5 cm and 25 cm will be necessary for pulpwood and floor wood respectively. As the normal planting density of 20,000 trees/ha or more is designed to produce piles, new silviculture techniques, including those regarding the planting density and thinning method, must be introduced to make new uses possible. The preferred diameters for charcoal wood, pile wood, pulpwood and floor wood are all different, making the effective use of thinned wood possible. From this viewpoint, the establishment of a production method which promises optimal production efficiency is essential. In addition to the development of new uses, efforts must be made to improve the quality of *Melaleuca* spp. and to promote their growth. A Melaleuca hybrid which is currently at the experimental stage is said to enjoy some 50% faster growth than Melaleuca cajuputi and the introduction of this hybrid will certainly increase the increment. Another effective way is to select fine trees in the present Melaleuca forests for breeding purposes. What appear to be crucial here is the early implementation of an experimental project for (i) the breeding of Melaleuca spp. as well as the introduction of a Melaleuca hybrid for increased increment and qualitative improvement, (ii) tests to develop new

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- wood uses, such as charcoal, pulpwood and floor wood, etc. (iii) establishment of a production system to cater for new uses, and (iv) examination of the profitability of operation.
- (2) Suitable planting sites for Melaleuca cajuputi extend widely in Dong Thap Province, Tien Giang Province and Long An Province and, therefore, the formulation of an integral forest management plan for these three provinces will be effective in terms of forest conservation and forest management.
- (3) In many parts of eastern Tam Nong District and northern Thap Muoi District, the single cropping of rice is currently conducted despite the poor local soil conditions which are unsuitable for farming. Attempts should be made to obtain the consent of local people for comprehensive operation involving agriculture, forestry and fishery.
- (4) While the introduction of various facilities for visitors in the Tram Chim National Park is desirable, proper attention should be paid to the construction work of such facilities so as to avoid any adverse impacts on the ecosystem of the National Park.

Table J-1-1. Existing forest conditions in the Study Area

(unit: ha)

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Province			Dong	Thap		Tien	Total
						Giang	
District		Cao Lanh	Thap Muoi	Tam Nong	Tan Hong	Cai Be	
Existing fore	est area	1,865.72	3,384.23	3,467.44	115.46	161	8,993.85
Tree species	Melaleuca	1,844.71	3,370.02	3,467.44	3.90	161	8,847.07
	Eucalyptus	21.01	14.21	0.00	111.56	0	146.78
Forest	Special use	13.18	0.00	2,808.05	0.00	0	2,821.23
function	forest						
	Protection	0.00	2,202.56	0.00	84.20	0	2,286.76
	forest						
	Production	1,852.54	1,181.67	659.39	31.26	161	3,885.86
	forest						
National	National	1,865.72	729.27	3,172.07	84.20	0	5,851.26
forest/	forest						
private	Private forest	0.00	2,654.96	295.37	31.26	161	3,142.59
forest							

Source: Surveyed by DARD of Dong Thap and Tien Giang Province at June 1999

Table J-1-2 Change of forest area in the Study Area

(unit: ha)

								(unit: ha)
Item	Province	Classificat	ion	Year1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
By town/	Dong Thap	Town:	Cao Lanh					
district		District:	Tan Hong	120	134	164	165	202
			Hong Ngu					
			Tam Nong	2,987	3,060	3,076	2,869	2,833
			Thanh Binh					
			Cao Lanh	1,866	2,080	2,005	1,776	1,951
			Thap Muoi	4,321	4,154	4,192	4,182	3,936
		Subtotal		9,294	9,428	9,437	8,992	8,922
	Tien Giang	District:	Cai Be	161	161	161	161	161
			Cai Lay					
		Subtotal		161	161	161	161	161
	Total			9,455	9,589	9,598	9,153	9,083
By tree	Dong Thap	Melaleuca		9,174	9,294	9,273	8,827	8,720
species		Eucalyptus		120	134	164	165	202
1		Subtotal		9,294	9,428	9,437	8,992	8,922
	Tien Giang	Melaleuca		161	161	161	161	161
		Eucalyptus						
		Subtotal	<u> </u>	161	161	161	161	161
	Total	Melaleuca		9,335	9,455	9,434		8,881
		Eucalyptus		120	134	164	•	202
		Total		9,455	9,589	9,598		9,083
By forest	Dong Thap	Special use	e forest	2,100	2,200	2,200	2,100	2,118
function		Production	forest	7,094	4,471	4,431	4,055	4,035
		Protection		100	2,757	2,806	2,837	2,769
		Subtotal		9,294	9,428	9,437	8,992	8,922
	Tien Giang	Special use	e forest					
		Production	forest	161	161	161	161	161
		Protection						
		Subtotal		161	161	161	161	161
	Total	Special use	e forest	2,100	2,200	2,200	2,100	2,118
		Production		7,255	4,632	4,592	4,216	4,196
		Protection	forest	100	2,757	2,806	2,837	2,769
		Total		9,455	9,589	9,598	9,153	9,083

Source: Department of Agriculture and Rural Development of Dong Thap and Tien Giang provinces

^{*1:} Including only towns/ districts located in Study Area: Cao Lanh town, Tan Hong district, Hong Ngu district, Tam Nong district, Thanh Binh district, Cao Lanh district, Thap Muoi district

^{*2:} Including only towns/districts located in Study Area: Cai Be district, Cai Lay district

Current conditions of forestry work sites in the Study Area (June, 1999) Table J-1-3.

(unit:ha)

Province	Province District	Forestry work site	National	Forest	_	Total f	Total forestry area													
			forest/ private	function						Existi	Existing forest					Ch	Unused land			Others
			forest					Me	Melaleuca forest	st			Eucalypi	Eucalyptus forest			Wi	Wild land Wild land covered by water	Wild land covered by water	
				_					Forest age*	age*				Forest age	je je					
				_				1-3	3-6	6-9	over 9	1	1-3 3	3-6	6	over 9				
Dong Thap	Cao Lanh	Gao Giong Agroforestry - Fishery Enterprise	- National Production	Production	1,657.51	1,407.12	1,407.12	273.30	111.00	349.03	673.79	0.00				1	118.65	46.63	72.02	131.74
		Cao Lanh Prison Camp	National	Production	82.32	61.81	61.81	61.81				0.00					16.59	7.03	9.56	3.92
		Dong Thap Provincial Police's National Prison Camp		Production	501.09	383.61	362.60	254.57		86.06	21.97	21.01 2	21.01				31.17	31.17		86.31
		Xeo Quit Historical Monument	National	Special use	20.00	13.18	13.18				13.18	0.00					14.86	14.86		21.96
	Thap Muoi	Dong Cat Agroforestry -Fishery National Production Enterprise	National	Production	745.16	589.67	575.46	82.59	364.52	112.16	16.19	14.21				14.21	72.97	14.97	58.00	82.52
		Environmental Conservation National Forest	National	Protection	139.60	139.60	139.60	139.60				0.00					0.00			
		Environmental Conservation Private Forest		Protection	2,496.61	2,062.96	2,062.96	169.96	1,662.29	230.71		0.00				8	381.98	376.07	5.91	51.67
		Private forest	Private	Production	592.00	592.00	592.00			592.00		0.00					0.00			
	Tam Nong	Tram Chim National park	National	Special use	7,588.00	2,808.05	2,808.05	320.52	1,445.60	1,041.93		0.00				4,3	4,307.02 4,	4,307.02		472.93
)	Giong Gang Agroforestry- National Fishery Enterprise		Production	393.70	364.02	364.02	54.48			309.54	0.00					3.18	2.73	0.45	26.50
		Private forest	Private	Production	317.52	295.37	295.37	146.85	148.52			0.00					7.41		7.41	14.74
	Tan Hong	Border Protection Forest	National	National Protection	93.88	84.20	3.90	3.90				80.30	25.39	12.30	42.61		4.43	4.43		5.25
)	Private forest	Private	Production	31.26	31.26	0.00					31.26		31.26			0.00			
Tien Giang	Cai Be	Cai Be Private forest	Private	Production	161.00	161.00	161.00					0.00					0.00			
Total					14,849.6	8,993.85	8,847.07	1,507.58	3,731.93	2,411.89	1,034.67	146.78 4	46.40	43.56	42.61	14.21 4,958.26		4,804.91	153.35	897.54
Source:	Departm	Source: Department of Agriculture and Rural Development of Dong Thap and Tien Giang provinces	elopment of	Dong Thap an	d Tien Gian	g provinces										_				

Source: Department of Agriculture and Rural Development of Dong Thap and Tien Giang

Table J-1-4. Existing tree number of scattered plantation in the Dong Thap province area within the Study Area

(unit:

266,829228,698 30,016,958 7,229,026 2.952,793 21,315 39,719,315 3,075,329 7,498,067 3,598,070 3,289,257 41,984 37,629,511 383,527 101,22131,751,757 469,491trees) Thap Muoi|Cao Lanh|Total 59,956 6,281,5505,092,669 1,184,128 4,753 756 7.288.132 5,729,280 1,498,896 14,090 46,165 717,354 28,541 1,211,808 999,864 97,854 746,651 district 82,275 6,706 1,920,820 17,781,203 18,321,000 910,405 17,158,570 13,810 967,248 5,2471,076,940 793,000 9,340 16,731,680 753,947 769,850 51,887 741,994 85,490district 56,067 2,933 828,776 1,885,352 918,880 24,4021,038,199 53,845 276,762 255,465 19,386 1,911 262,377 241,539 17,905 district Ngu Tam Nong Thanh Binh 3,683 485 32,340 46,033 2,662,625 2,992,675 997,305 2,190 520996,055 289,899 277,714 1,963,030 302,710 1,662,887 11,700 300,000 district 1,415 2,343 2,142,1991,911,076 40,619 1,349 22,696 1,881,442 246,18914,568 213,239 209,160 2,664 .967.590 15,895 170,162[66,470]district Lanh Tan Hong Hong 5,592,810 6,1205,580,012 8,360 9,282 29,153 3,540,735 1.841.959 210,116705,842 3,538,820 1,835,658 723,015 689,680 10,042 740,657 205,534 district 27,563 88,519 88,989 61,4268,362 955,248 14,287 ,248,304 278,769 684,554 540,576 129,769 14,209 117,356 28,837 0 town Caoforestry forestry forestry forestry Total number of existing trees Total number of existing trees New planting trees of year New planting trees of year For wood For wood ${
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Note: Above data were estimated using the survey data by Department of Agriculture and Rural Development of Dong Thap province

Existing tree species of the scattered plantation in the Dong Thap province area within the Study Area (1/10/1996) Table J-1-5.

		Cao Lanh Tan Hong Hong Ngu Tam Nong Thanh	Fan Hong	Hong Ngu	Fam Nong	Fhanh	Thap Muoi	Thap Muoi Cao Lanh Total	Total
		town	district	district	district	Binh	district	district	
						district			
Study Area (ha)		8,362	29,153	22,696	46,033	24,402	51,887	46,165	228,698
Number	Hopea odorata	16,844	2,212	20,054	3,650	2,127	12,969	53,960	111,816
of trees	Eucalyptus camaldulensis	159,080	3,435,341	1,781,004	929,853	622,240	5,094,542	4,007,748	4,007,748 16,029,808
	Melaleuca cajuputi	25,888	5,945	3,094	702,699	11,516	11,516 11,393,230	894,251	13,036,623
	Samanea saman	21,802	45,019	73,468	16,860	150,215	37,805	80,751	425,920
	Sarcocephalus sp.	55,154	52,218	3,822	9,825	42,677	193,134	55,959	412,789
	Bambusa spp.	955,248	1,841,959	246,189	996,055	1,038,199	967,248	1,184,128	7,229,026
	Other forest plants	14,287	210,116	14,568	3,683	53,845	82,275	4,753	383,527
	Total	1,248,303	5,592,810	2,142,199	2,662,625	1,920,819	17,781,203	6,281,550	37,629,509
Percentage	Hopea odorata	1.35	0.04	0.94	0.14	0.11	0.07	98'0	0.30
of the	the Eucalyptus	12.74	61.42	83.14	34.92	32.39	28.65	63.80	42.60
number	camaldulensis								
of trees	Melaleuca cajuputi	2.07	0.11	0.14	26.39	09.0	64.07	14.24	34.64
	Samanea saman	1.75	08.0	3.43	0.63	7.82	0.21	1.29	1.13
	Saroocephalus sp.	4.42	0.93	0.18	0.37	2.22	1.09	0.89	1.10
	Bambusa spp.	76.52	32.93	11.49	37.41	54.05	5.44	18.85	19.21
	Other forest plants	1.14	3.76	0.68	0.14	2.80	0.46	0.08	1.02
	Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

Note: Above data were estimated using the survey data by Department of Agriculture and Rural Development of Dong Thap province.

Table J-1-6. Yearly forest products in the Dong Thap province area within the Study Area

		Unit	Cao	Tan	Hong	Tam	Thanh	Thap	Cao	Total
			Lanh	Hong		Nong	Binh	Muoi	Lanh	
			town	district	district	district	district	district	district	
	Study area	ha	8,362	29,153	22,696	46,033	24,402	51,887	46,165	228,698
1, Oct	Wood	m ³	3,589	2,020	4,604	988	5,387	49,929	6,473	72,888
1996	from concentrated	m^3	0	324	0	440	0	42,350	2,213	45,327
	plantation									
	from scattered plantation	m^3	3,589	1,696	4,604	446	5,387	7,579	4,260	27,561
	Firewood	ste	10,470	6,763	25,927	12,663	26,509	34,082	36,196	152,610
	from concentrated	ste	0	9/9	0	2,562	0	20,814	10,798	34,850
	plantation									
	from scattered plantation	ste	10,470	6,087	25,927	10,101	26,509	13,268	25,398	117,760
	Bamboo	pieces	178,356	285,080	89,200	306,624	243,198	275,340	224,090	224,090 1,601,88
										8
	Bamboo-like	pieces	37,626	2,124	820	2,128	19,491	13,874	19,381	95,474
	Bamboo shoot	kg	5,724	1,234	3,773	12,020	4,687	4,824	12,043	44,305
1, Oct	Wood	m^3	3,768	2,035	6,760	1,265	4,681	50,408	42,569	111,486
1997	from concentrated	m^3	0	350	0	850	0	44,000	13,710	58,910
	plantation									
	from scattered plantation	m^3	3,768	1,685	6,760	415	4,681	6,408	28,829	52,576
	Firewood	ste	10,749	7,860	27,228	13,929	28,077	50,680	47,749	186,272
	from concentrated	ste	0	746	0	2,600	0	37,210	15,628	56,184
	plantation									
	from scattered plantation	ste	10,749	7,114	27,228	11,329	28,077	13,470	32,121	130,088
	Bamboo	pieces	177,239	305,289	98,713	206,752	95,770	300,175	259,809	259,809 1,443,74
										7
	Bamboo-like	pieces	517,080	2,230	3,897	4,215	11,828	25,460	229,831	794,541
	Bamboo shoot	kg	44,858	13,020	3,851	13,040	4,392	7,812	59,956	146,929

Note: Above data were estimated using the survey data by Department of Agriculture and Rural Development of Dong Thap province

Table J-1-7. Consumption of forest products in Cai Be and Cai Lay district of Tien Giang province in year 1998

District	Population Firewood	Firewood		Industrial roundwood		Pile	Honey	
		Total consumptio	Consumptio Total	otio Total per consumptio	Consump	otio Total per consumptio	Consumptio Total	Consumptio n
		u u	population	, u	populatio	u u	population n	populatio
		(m_3)	(m³/person)	(m^3)	(m^3) (m^3 /person)	(m^3)	(ton)	(g/person)
Cai Be	293,879	6,877	0.023	17,193	0.059	6,877	0.023	4 48
Cai Lay	341,129	7,962	0.023	19,906	0.058	7,962	0.023 16	3 47
Total	635,008	14,839	0.023	37,099	0.058	14,839	0.023	0 47

Source: Department of Agriculture and Rural Development of Tien Giang

province

Table J-1-8. Mean increment of *Melaleuca cajuputi* and *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* in Mekong Delta

			Site			
			condition			
Tree species	Item		Poor	Medium	Rich	
Melaleuca cajuputi	DBH	(cm/year)	0.4	0.5		9.0
	Height	(m/year)	0.4	9.0		0.8
	Productio	Productio (m3/ha/year	4.3	9		7.7
	n					
Eucalyptus camaldulensis	DBH	(cm/year)	<2>	2-4		>4
	Height (m/year)	(m/year)	<1.5	1.5-2.5		>2.5
	Productio	Productio (m3/ha/year	10	12.8		15.6
	n					

Source: Nguyen Van Duyet, Forest Inventory and Planning Institute, "Study on forestry development, General development project of Quan Lo Phung Hiep area -Mekong delta", 1991

Table J-2-1. Concentrated planting plan at government forestry areas

Forestry region	Forest function	District	Province	Existing	Unused	Unused Planned Planned	Planned
				forest	land area	and area plantatio tree	tree
				area		n area	species
				ha	pų	ha	
ng Agroforestry	-Fishery Production forest	Cao Lanh	Dong Thap	47	47	47	47 Melaleuc
Enterprise							а
Cao Lanh Prison Camp	Production forest	Cao Lanh	Dong Thap	89	11	7	7 Melaleuc
							а
Dong Thap Provincial Police's Prison Production forest	Production forest	Cao Lanh	Dong Thap	384	31	31	31 Melaleuc
Camp							a
Dong Cat Agroforestry -Fishery	-Fishery Production forest	Thap Muoi	Dong Thap	290	£L	15	15 Melaleuc
Enterprise							a
Giong Gang Agroforestry-Fishery Production forest	Production forest	Tam Nong	Dong Thap	364	3	3	3 Melaleuc
Enterprise							а
Tram Chim National park	Special use forest	Tam Nong	Dong Thap	2,808	4,307	370	370 Melaleuc
							a
Total				4,255	4,478	473	

Table J-2-2. Concentrated planting plan outside government forestry areas

District	Province	Unused la	and Planned	Planned tre	tree Planned length of
		area*	plantation area	species	canal
			ha ha		km
Tan Hong	Dong Thap	(1)	574 574	574 Melaleuca	23
Tan Binh	Dong Thap		148	148 Melaleuca	9
Total		į	722 722		29

*Unused land area is based on the results of GIS survey by Sub NIAPP in 1999

Table J-2-3. Environmental conservation forest zone plan

Item		Unit	Quantity Note	Note	
Planned region		ha	17,000 Thap		Muoi
				district	
Existing forest	National forest	ha	140	140 Melaleuca	
	Private forest	ha	2,063	2,063 Melaleuca	
Unused land*		ha	006		
Planned area for Concentrated plantation	entrated plantation	ha	006	900 Melaleuca	
Planned number of trees for scattered trees	trees for scattered	trees	000,099	660,000 Melaleuca	
plantation					
Planned length of canal for new plantation		km	36		
Planned length of canal for the existing forest km	l for the existing forest	km	44		
Planned number of fire tower	tower	towers	5		
Planned number of guard station	ard station	stations	5		

*Area of unused land was estimated using the result of GIS survey by Sub NIAPP in 1999 and Land use map of plain of reeds in 1998 (scale: 1/100,000)

Table J-2-4. Border protection forest plantation plan

District	Province	Length of	of Planned	Planned tree species
			piantation area	
		km	ha	
Hong Ngu	Dong Thap	24	240	240 Bambusa spp.
Tan Hong	Dong Thap	22	220	220 Bambusa spp.
		46	460	

*Measured on the map of Dong Thap province (scale 1/100,000)

Table J-2-5. Scattered planting plan

				Planned tree species	species				
District/town	Province	Study area Planned number trees		Melaleuca of cajuputi	Eucalyptus Acacia camaldlensis auricu.	Eucalyptus Acacia camaldlensis auriculiformis, Acacia hybrid	Hopea odorata, Bambusa spp. Dipterocarpus		Sarcocephalus sp., Samanea saman, Combretum
							Mangifera sp.		quadrangulare, Pithecellobium dulce
		ha	trees	trees	trees	trees	trees	trees	trees
Tan Hong district	Dong Thap	29,153	2,021,000	1,163,000	386,000	49,000	98,000	56,000	269,000
Hong Ngu district	Dong Thap	22,696	1,411,000	796,000	260,000	16,000	85,000	46,000	208,000
Tam Nong district	Dong Thap	46,033	3,242,000	2,222,000	597,000	43,000	26,000	75,000	279,000
Thanh Binh district Dong Thap	Dong Thap	24,402	1,269,000	741,000	255,000	16,000	47,000	38,000	172,000
Cao Lanh town	Dong Thap	8,362	241,000	79,000	45,000	7,000	34,000	16,000	000'09
Cao Lanh district	Dong Thap	46,165	3,055,000	1,954,000	550,000	20,000	105,000	66,000	360,000
Thap Muoi district	Dong Thap	51,887	3,310,000	2,126,000	642,000	48,000	64,000	71,000	359,000
Total		228,698	14,549,000	9,081,000	2,735,000	199,000	459,000	368,000	1,707,000
%			100.00	62.42	18.80	1.37	3.15	2.53	11.73

Table J-2-6. Planting density for the scattered planting

	Surround no connect our foreston Surround		and branch		
Tree species		Planting density	ensity		
•		Distance	Distance	Density	ity
		between	2 between	2	
		trees	rows		
		[m	m t	trees/ha
Melaleuca cajuputi	(Tram cu)		1 0.5	5	20,000
Eucalyptus	(Bach dan)		1	1	10,000
camaldulensis					
Acacia auriculiformis	(Tram bong vang)		2	1	5,000
Bambusa spp.	(Tre, Truc, Tam		4	4	625
	vong)				
Hopea odorata	(Sao den)		4	4	625
Dipterocarpus alatus	(Dau)		4	4	625
Sarcocephalus sp.	(Gao)		1	1	10,000
Samanea saman	(Cong)		2	2	2,500
Pithecellobium dulce	(Me nuoc)		2	2	2,500
Combretum	(Tram bau)		2	2	2,500
quadrangulare					
Mangifera sp.	(Xoai)		4	4	625

Table J-2-7. Annual work plan

		Project vear					
Unit	Total	1	2	3	4	5	9
Concentrated planting at government							
Gao Giong ha	47	47					
Lanh	2	7					
	31	31					
	15	15					
	8	3					
	028	02	100	100	100		
	473	173	100	100	100	0	0
cirle							
Tan Hong district ha	574	74	100	100	100	100	100
	148	48	100				
	727	122	200	100	100	100	100
Canal construction km	67	5	9	9	9	9	
Concentrated ha	006	150	150	150	150	150	150
	000'099	110,000	110.000	110,000	110.000	110,000	110.000
nstruction	98	7	7	7	7	000	
Canal construction km	5 5	8	6	6	6	6	
Fire towers	2	2	3				
s p	2	2	3				
Hong Ngu district ha	240	40	40	40	40	40	40
	022	20	40	40	40	40	40
	460	09	80	80	80	80	80
Scattered planting							
Tan Hong district trees	2.021.000	500.000	500.000	500.000	521.000		
Hong Ngu district trees	1.411.000	411.000	500.000	500.000			
Tam Nong district trees	3.242.000	492.000	550.000	550.000	550.000	550.000	550.000
Thanh Binh district trees	1.269.000	269.000	500.000	500.000			
Cao Lanh town trees	241.000	241.000					
ct	3.055.000	500.000	500.000	500.000	500.000	500.000	555.000
Ĭ,	3.310.000	550.000	550.000	550.000	550.000	550.000	560.000
Total	14.549.000	2.963.000	3.100.000	3.100.000	2.121.000	1.600.000	1.665.000
Extension program	6			,		_	

Table J-2-8. Project cost estimate

	Total	Project year					
		1	2	3	4	5	9
Concentrated planting at government forestry areas	1,892,000,000	692,000,000	400,000,000	400,000,000	400,000,000	0	0
Gao Giong Agroforestry -Fishery Enterprise	188,000,000	188,000,000	0	0	0	0	0
Cao Lanh Prison Camp	28,000,000	28,000,000	0	0	0	0	0
Dong Thap Provincial Police's Prison Camp	124,000,000	124,000,000	0	0	0	0	0
Dong Cat Agroforestry -Fishery Enterprise	60,000,000	60,000,000	0	0	0	0	0
Giong Gang Agroforestry-Fishery Enterprise	12,000,000	12,000,000	0	0	0	0	0
Tram Chim National park	1,480,000,000	280,000,000	400,000,000	400,000,000	400,000,000	0	0
Concentrated plantation planting outside government forestry areas	2,888,000,000	488,000,000	800,000,000	400,000,000	400,000,000	400,000,000	400,000,000
Tan Hong district	2,296,000,000	296,000,000	400,000,000	400,000,000	400,000,000	400,000,000	400,000,000
Tan Binh district	592,000,000	192,000,000	400,000,000	0	0	0	0
Canal construction	2,320,000,000	400,000,000	480,000,000	480,000,000	480,000,000	480,000,000	0
Environmental conservation forest zone	9,637,000,000	1,757,000,000	1,852,000,000	1,807,000,000	1,807,000,000	1,887,000,000	527,000,000
Concentrated plantation	2,700,000,000	450,000,000	450,000,000	450,000,000	450,000,000	450,000,000	450,000,000
Scattered plantation	462,000,000	77,000,000	77,000,000	77,000,000	77,000,000	77,000,000	77,000,000
Canal construction for new plantation	2,880,000,000	560,000,000	560,000,000	560,000,000	560,000,000	640,000,000	0
Canal construction for the existing forest	3,520,000,000	640,000,000	720,000,000	720,000,000	720,000,000	720,000,000	0
Fire tower construction	75,000,000	30,000,000	45,000,000	0	0	0	0
Guard station construction and fire equipment	2,500,000,000	1,000,000,000	1,500,000,000	0	0	0	0
Border protection forest	1,150,000,000	150,000,000	200,000,000	200,000,000	200,000,000	200,000,000	200,000,000
Hong Ngu district	000,000,000	100,000,000	100,000,000	100,000,000	100,000,000	100,000,000	100,000,000
Tan Hong district	550,000,000	50,000,000	100,000,000	100,000,000	100,000,000	100,000,000	100,000,000
Scattered planting	10,184,300,000	2,074,100,000	2,170,000,000	2,170,000,000	1,484,700,000	1,120,000,000	1,165,500,000
Tan Hong district	1,414,700,000	350,000,000	350,000,000	350,000,000	364,700,000	0	0
Hong Ngu district	987,700,000	287,700,000	350,000,000	350,000,000	0	0	0
Tam Nong district	2,269,400,000	344,400,000	385,000,000	385,000,000	385,000,000	385,000,000	385,000,000
Thanh Binh district	888,300,000	188,300,000	350,000,000	350,000,000	0	0	0
Cao Lanh town	168,700,000	168,700,000	0	0	0	0	0
Cao Lanh district	2,138,500,000	350,000,000	350,000,000	350,000,000	350,000,000	350,000,000	388,500,000
Thap Muoi district	2,317,000,000	385,000,000	385,000,000	385,000,000	385,000,000	385,000,000	392,000,000
Extension program	18,000,000	6,000,000	0	6,000,000	0	6,000,000	0
Total	25,769,300,000	5,167,100,000	5,422,000,000	4,983,000,000	4,291,700,000	3,613,000,000	2,292,500,000

Table J-2-9. Yield table of Melaleuca forest in Mekong Delta

	Stem	e	(m ³ /ha)	5	14	22	28	31	34	33	36	36	34	34	
Sé	basal Total	volum		1	8	7	3	8	5	4	6	4	6	6	
Thinning trees			(m ² /ha)	2.984	5.808	6.877	7.726	7.468	7.315	6.664	6.809	6.394	5.709	5.389	
Thinn	Total	area													
	Stand	density	(trees/ha)	8,527	2,610	2,603	1,946	1,100	770	526	418	318	232	184	
	Total basal Total Stem Growth rate Stand		(%)		36	28	16	11	7	9	5	2	2	2	
es	Stem	le	(m ³ /ha)	19	42	74	102	129	150	168	188	196	202	214	
ing tre	Total	volur													
Remaining trees	basal		(m²/ha)	7.708	17.006	23.642	28.766	30.785	32.632	33.753	34.839	34.589	34.503	34.234	22.218
	Total	area	ıa)	44	22	29	92	24	34	64	38	20	02	20	830
	Stand	density	(trees/ha)	20,644	13,457	8,867	6,892	4,524	3,434	2,664	2,138	1,720	1,402	1,170	8
Height			(m)	2.3	3.8	5.8	6.9	7.7	8.8	6.6	10.9	11.9	12.8	13.8	14.7
Age DBH(1.3m) Height			(cm)	2.1	4.0	5.8	7.3	9.5	11.0	12.7	14.3	16.0	17.8	19.3	20.9
Age)		(year)	2	4	9	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24

Source: Handbook of Forest Inventory and Planning from FIPI, 1995

Table J-2-10. Estimated yield following the implementation of the Plan (yield from existing plantation is excluded)

(1) Up to 10th project year

			Total	Industrial	Fuelwood
				roundwood	
				42%	28%
Final cutting		m^3	67,200	28,224	38,976
Thinning		m^3	129,322		129,322
Branch volume	Final cutting m ³	m^3	20,160		20,160
(branch volume 30%) Thinning		m^3	38,797		38,797
percent					
	Sub total	m^3	58,957		58,957
Total			255,479	28,224	227,255

120,864 52,123 58% 173,742 580,399 233,670 172,987 Fuelwood

(2) From 11th project year up to 20th project year	ar		
	Total	Industrial	
		roundwood	
		42%	
Final cutting m ³	402,880	169,210	
Thinning m ³	173,742		
Branch volume Final cutting m ³	120,864		
(branch volume 30%) Thinning m ³	52,123		
percent			
Sub total m ³	172,987		
Total	749,609	169,210	
			ı