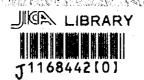
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Preface

In response to a request from the Government of the Union of Myanmar, the Government of Japan decided to conduct a basic design study on Afforestation Project in the Dry Zone and entrusted the study to Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

JICA sent to Myanmar a study team from May 22nd 2001 to July 19, 2001 and from October 1st, 2001 to November 8 2001.

The team held discussions with the officials concerned of the Government of Myanmar, and conducted a field study at the study area. After the team returned to Japan, further studies were made. Then, a mission was sent to Myanmar in order to discuss a draft basic design, and as this result, the present report was finalized.

I hope that this report will contribute to the promotion of the project and to the enhancement of friendly relations between our two countries.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the officials concerned of the Government of the Union of Myanmar for their close cooperation extended to the teams.

March, 2002

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Takao Kawakami

President

Japan International Cooperation Agency

Letter of Transmittal

We are pleased to submit to you the basic design study report on Afforestation project in the Dry Zone in the Union of Myanmar.

This study was conducted by Kokusai Kogyo Co., Ltd., under a contract to JICA, during the period from May, 2001 to March, 2002. In conducting the study, we have examined the feasibility and rationale of the project with due consideration to the present situation of Myanmar and formulated the most appropriate basic design for the project under Japan's grant aid scheme.

Finally, we hope that this report will contribute to further promotion of the project.

Very truly yours,

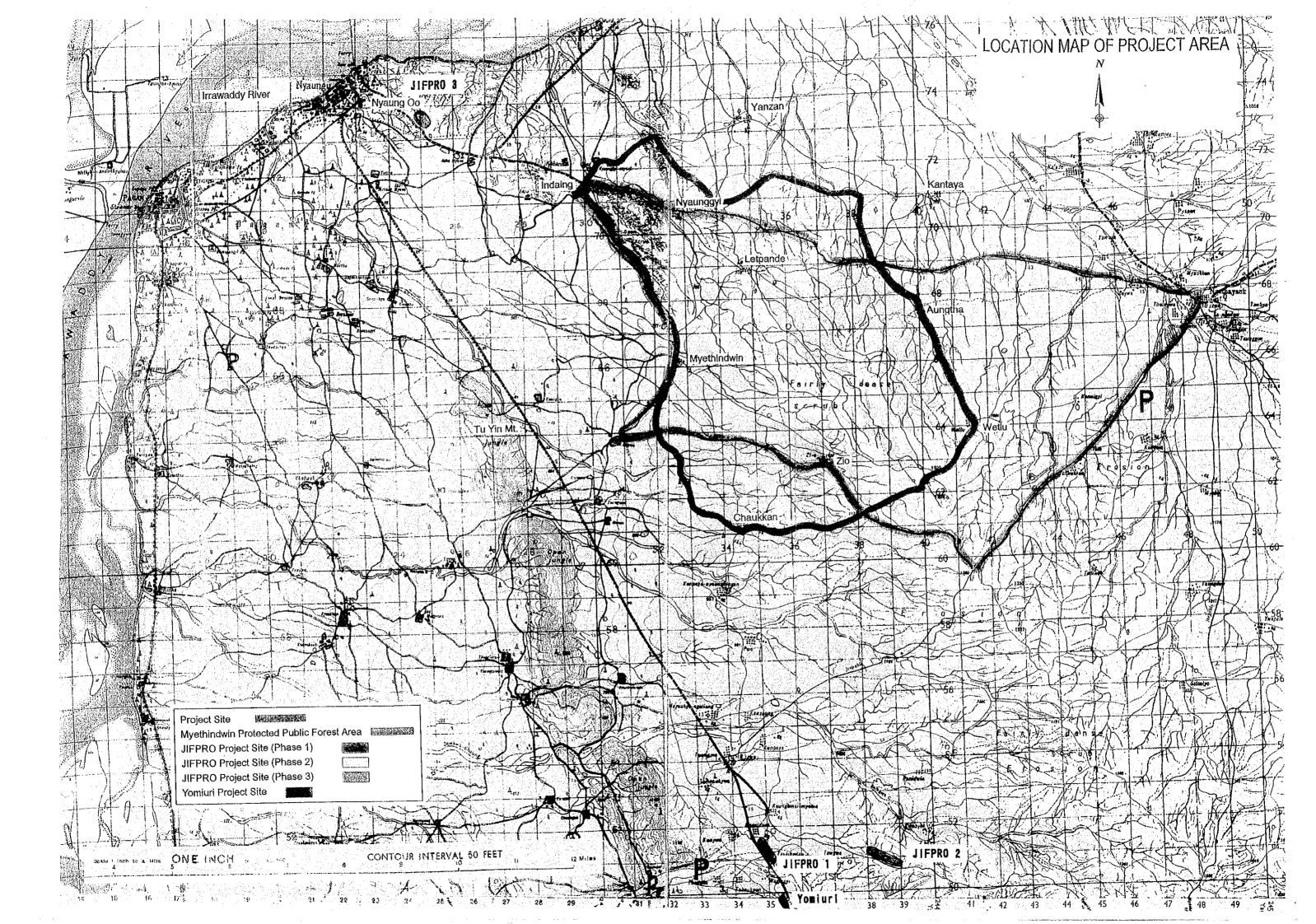
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Abbreviations

Japan International Cooperation Agency: JICA

Dry Zone Greening Department: DZGD

Forest Department: FD

Forest Research Institute: FRI

Department of Development Affairs DDA

Water Resources Utilization Dept. WRUD

Bridge Asia Japan: BAJ

The Organization for Industrial, Spiritual and OISCA

Cultural Advancement-International

Rapid Rural Appraisal: RRA

Participatory Rural Appraisal: PRA

Operation and Maintenance: O/M

Project Design Matrix: PDM

Exchange of Notes: E/N

Authorization to Pay: A/P

Banking Arrangement: B/A

Parents Teachers Association PTA

Union Solidarity Development Association USDA

Village Peace and Development Committee VPDC

State Peace and Development Committee SPDC

Universal Soil Loss Equation USLE

Summary

Forests occupy about 50% of the whole of Myanmar. Wood exportation is a very important industry and approximately 80% of the nation's energy consumption is dependent on fuel wood. The excessive felling of trees for household use (fuel wood, etc.) and export has resulted in serious problems such as a reduction of forest resources, soil runoff and land devastation.

The Dry Zone situated to the east of the Arakan Range is inhabited by one third of the national population (approx. 45,000,000) and an increase in population accompanied by an increase in the demand for fuel wood, has led to a drastic reduction of forest resources. Furthermore, soil degradation, which has resulted from the reduction in forest, has brought about a decrease in the productivity of agricultural lands. The Dry Zone, where the average annual rainfall over the ten-year period from 1987 to 1998 was only 568mm, is very hard region to recover forest by natural regeneration. Recognizing the importance of tree planting in the Dry Zone and the need for special afforestation skills, the Government of Myanmar, planted about 21,000 ha in the Dry Zone within a period of 3 years from 1994 and established the Dry Zone Greening Department (hereinafter called DZGD) in the Ministry of Forestry in 1997. The Integrated Dry Zone Greening 5 Year Plan including the planting of 42,000ha by 2005 was established and the 5 Year Plan targets to plant about 97,000 ha by 2009. Afforestation in the past was carried out in areas where the undertaking is technically easy to implement. Afforestation in the form of small experimental forests was also carried out in areas that highly required such undertaking due to deteriorating environmental conditions.

Therefore, it is urgently necessary to establish an afforestation model in order to extend planting activities in the Dry Zone.

Under such circumstances, the Government of Myanmar submitted a request to Japan for the Grant Aid for the establishing an afforestation model of 3000ha in Myethindwin Protected Public Forest in Nyaung Oo Township in Mandalay Division, and the necessary facilities construction and equipment.

In response to this request, the Government of Japan conducted a preliminary study in July 2000 to confirm the appropriateness of the request and the relevant issues concerned. Japan International Cooperation Agency (hereinafter called JICA) sent a study team to conduct the Basic Design Study for the project, once from 14 May to 20 July 2001 (68 days) and a second time from 1 October to 8 November 2001 (39 days). After the formulation of a plan for planting, the construction of facilities, the procurement of equipment and management based on field surveys, a study team was sent to explain the outline of the Basic Design Study report from 26 February to 9 March, 2002 (12 days). The final Basic Design Study report was complied based on the results of discussions made between both sides.

The first field survey was conducted for topographic mapping, land use mapping, soil mapping and an RRA survey. The second field survey was conducted for the formulation of the resident participatory management system. As a result, 2,000ha (1,500ha by Japan side and 500ha by DZGD) has been selected for afforestation from the requested 3000ha by excluding restricted areas (road, reservoir, farmland, etc.). The planting area is shown in Table 1. The plan for equipment procurement and facilities construction is formulated as per Table 2 and 3 in consideration of DZGD capability required for sustainable management for afforestation of 2,000ha and annual planting of 200ha (refer to Table 2).

In order to maintain the afforested site in future, it is essential to introduce resident cooperation in management. As DZGD aims at establishing an Action Plan for the resident participatory management as a model, the technical support by the Consultant under the Soft component for formulation of Action Plan on resident participatory management will be executed during implementation of planting.

Table 1 Planting Area

****	T 7'11		Multipurpo	se Forest		CFI	
Village Name	Village Area (ha)	Protect-F	Silvo Pastoral	Fuel-Woo d F	Sub-Total	Comm. F	Total (ha)
Myethindwin	700.49	0	0	: 0	0	15	15
Zio	1128.52	143	0	237	380	0	380
Letpande	1979.81	212	334	319	865	13	879
Aungtha	462.01	0	0	135	139	0	139
Wetlu	336.28	0	0	0	0	12	12
Nyaunggyi	165.59	0	0	28	28	25	53
Indaing	855.40	302	47	0	349	0	349
Yanzan	613.73	92	100	0	222	a a a a a a a	222
Total	6241.83	749	481	723	1,953	65	2,018
Planting by		749	0	723	1,472	65	1,537
Japan side		<u> </u>					

Table 2 Facilities

Facilities	Plan
Office	Administration and Extension Office with area of 64m ² will be constructed in
	Myethindwin.
Workshop	Workshop will be constructed in Myethindwin
Tube-wells and Water	Tube-wells of 200m-250m in depth will be constructed in Myethindwin and Letpande.
basin	Elevated 20 tons water tank will be constructed at both sites.

Table 3 List of Equipment to be procured

\	T	Mandalay	Nyaung Oo	Myethindwin	Total
No.	Equipment	Plan	Plan	Plan	Plan
A. Pla	nnting		+ 4	2	
A-1	Pocket Compass		2		2
A-2	Pole		. 5		5
A-3	Measure Tape		2		2
A-4	Potable GPS		1		1
A-5	Shovel			15	15
A-6	Vinyl pot (small)			250,000	250,000
A-7	Vinyl pot (large)			50,000	50,000
A-8	Seedling container			120	120
A-9	Knock-down nursery (400m ²)	4		1	1
A-10	Overlay net (400m2)			1	1
A-11	Track 4 ton			3	3
A-12	2 Wheel Tractor			4	4
A-13	4 Wheel Tractor			2	2
A-14	Pick up		and the first section	1	1
	Air Compressor		4 14 4 4	1	1
	Scoop			50	50
A-17	Hoe			30	30
A-18	Back Hoe		. 1		1
	Bulldozer			1	1
A-20	Water tanker			1	1 15 1
A-21	Portable water Tank			7	7
A-22	Knockdown water tank			3	3
A-23	Water pump		0	5	5
A-24	Watering Pot			40	40
A-25	Water Bucket			20	20
B. Ad	ministration and Extension	the first section			
B-1	Meteorological observation unit			1	1
B-2	Personal Computer	1	1	1	3
B-3	Printer	1	1	1	3
B-4	Television		I		1
B- 5	Video		1		1
B-6	Video Camera	8 1.1 ×	1		1
B-7.	Portable Wireless Communication		2	2	4
	unit			The second	
B-8	Facsimile	1 11 1	1	A Commence of the Commence of	
B-9	Motor cycle		0	2	2
B-10	4x4 Wagon Type		1		1
B-11	Back shooting		11 4	30	30
	Firebreak tool			15	15
B-13	Locker	e je je taktiji e		1	1

The Soft component ensures that staff members of Nyaung Oo District Office responsible for the project will acquire necessary knowledge (management, extension services, resident participatory, etc.), and the plan includes implementation of 65ha of community forest, aiming at resident participatory management.

The implementation period is expected to be about 63 months from the Detail Design Study to the completion of planting.

The expected benefits of the project for the 285,000 residents are as follows;

- An increase in protected forest (about 750ha)
- An increase in fuel wood forest (about 720ha)
- The establishment of community forest (about 65ha)
- The establishment of silvo pastoral (about 500ha)
- · A decrease in soil erosion in the project site
- The acquisition of knowledge on resident participatory agro forestry by DZGD and resident
- An increase in fuel wood supply for residents (expecting volume of 30m3/ha)

This project as a model will contribute to the promotion of the Integrated Dry Zone Greening 5 Year Plan that expects to plant 11,000ha in Mandalay Division and extend significant results that will benefit the 6,000,000 residents in the surrounding area. As mentioned above, this project is appropriate for the Japanese Grant Aid Program, as it will have significant results. In order to maintain sustainability of the project, it is essential that DZGD establish close cooperative relations with FD on handing over authority of the afforestation sites and raise residents' awareness on the importance of planting in the Dry Zone.

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Chapter 1 Background of the Project

1-1 Background and Particulars

Forests occupy about 50% of the whole of Myanmar. Wood exportation is a very important industry and approximately 80% of the nation's energy consumption is dependent on fuel wood. The excessive felling of trees for household use (fuel wood, etc.) and export has resulted in serious problems such as decrease in forest resources and soil runoff and land devastation. The resident population in the Dry Zone amounts to one third of the national population (about 45million). The Dry Zone, where the population increase, shortage in alternative fuel resources (non-wood) and inefficiency of fuel consumption have led to a drastic decrease of forest, is the focus of countermeasures against deforestation.

The decrease in forest resources is related to the deterioration in soil quality and decrease in the productivity of agricultural lands. Therefore, the adoption of a comprehensive countermeasure that would not only promote afforestation but also appropriate land use, that takes agriculture and livestock raised into consideration, is of enormous significance.

Afforestation including those for commercial use in Myanmar has been carried out about 640,000 ha. In particular, within a period of 3 years from 1994, the government afforested about 21,000 ha in the Dry Zone. In 1997, Dry Zone Greening Department (hereinafter called DZGD) was established in the Ministry of Forestry, and the plan to afforest about 97,000 ha by 2009 is prepared.

Afforestation in the past was carried out in areas where the undertaking is technically easy to implement. Afforestation in the form of small experimental forests was also carried out in areas that highly required such undertaking due to deteriorating environmental conditions. Using experiences gained from these undertakings, an afforestation project that would serve as a model should be implemented. With this in mind, the Government of Myanmar prepared a model afforestation plan and requested funding for this afforestation project. In response to this request, the Government of Japan executed a preliminary study in July 2000 to confirm the appropriateness of the request and the relevant issues concerned.

Japan International Cooperation Agency (herein after called JICA) dispatched study team to Myanmar twice from May 2001 to July and from October to November 2001 to conduct the basic design study for the requested project.

1-2 Outline of Requested Project

The outline of the requested project was as follows:

(1) Overall Goal

Promotion of Greening in the Dry Zone

(2) Project Purpose

Tree Plantation to build up a model of afforestation in the Dry Zone

(3) Outputs

Afforestation for 3,000ha in the Myethindwin protected public forest area

(4) Input

(Requests)

- Afforestation of 3000ha of land
- Nursery Facilities Construction (Administration office, Pump, Generator, Sprinkler, etc.)
- Afforestation Facilities (Administration, Workshop, Pump, Spare-parts)
- Audiovisual equipment, Survey equipment, Water supply equipment, Fire fighting equipment, Administration equipment and transportation equipment.

(By Myanmar side)

- Acquisition of land lots for Afforestation, nursery, water supply, administration and others.
- Operation and Maintenance for Afforestation sites
- Tax exemption for Study member and equipment
- Approval for bringing materials out of Myanmar
- (5) Project site

6700 ha in Myethindwin protected public forest, Nyaung Oo District, Mandalay Division

(6) Beneficiary

270,000 residents

(7) Organization in charge of the Project

DZGD

- (8) Japan's former related aid projects:
 - Project for the Establishment of the Central Forestry Development Training Center
 (Grant Aid, 1990, 2700 million yen)
 - ◆ The Central Forestry Development Training Center Project (Project-type Technical Cooperation (hereinafter called "Technical Cooperation") 1990-97, 1997-2001)
 - Community Forestry Training and Extension Project (Technical Cooperation, 2001-)

Table 1.1 List of Requested Equipment

No.	Item	Unit
A	For Nursery Works	
A-1	Water Pump (submergible)	20
A-2	Generator	20
A-3	Compressor	10
A-4	Sprinkler	20
В	For Plantation Works	
B-1	Water Bowser	3
B-2	Truck	2
B-3	Fuel Bowser	2
B-4	Backpack shooter	5
B-5	Hand tools for fir fighting	4
B-6	Farm Tractor with trailer	10
B-7	Crawler tractor	2
B-8	Pick up	4
B-9	Wagon type 4X4	5
B-10	(Repair tool)	
C	For Camp Construction	
C-1	Generator	10
C-2	Water pump	10
C-3	Spair parts	1 lot
D	For Extension Works	
D-1	Audio unit	
D-2	Survey Instrument	
	Pocket compass	
D-3	Water supply equipment	

Source: DZGD