Aquilaria Species in Myanmar

Family - Thymelaeaceae
Species - Aquilaria agallocha, Aquilaria malaccensis
Local name - Thit-hmwe, A-kyaw
Distribution - wide range distributed, found in Kachin, Sagaing, Mandalay, Magwe, Shan, Kayin, Tanintharyi (States and Regions)

Rules and Regulations

* A. agallocha and A. malaccensis species are declared as a Reserved Tree under the “Essential Supplies and Services Act” since 1979. The extraction of agarwood from the wild is strictly prohibited by Law.
* Forest law (1992)
* Forest Rules (1995)
* The Protection of Wild Life and Protected Areas Law (1994)
* Rules Related to The Protection of Wild Life and Protected Areas Law (2002)
* Community Forestry Instructions (1995)


Kachin State

Shan State

Sagaing Division

Magwe Division

Source: Planning and Statistic Division, Forest Department

Aquilaria trees Plantation in Myanmar

* The establishment of plantation and procedure for the production of agarwood are being formulated under existing rules and regulations of Forest Department.
* Local people planted Aquilaria trees as home garden trees since more than 20 years ago.
* Commercial private plantation was started at 2006.
* Currently, (625) trees in home garden and (680) ha of Agarwood plantation are registered at Forest Department (FD).
* Community-based Conservation by promoting Agarwood plantation with the participation of local people.

Registration of Aquilaria Plantation under FD

* Any person or Company interested in the establishment of plantation, they had to submit, and file an application to the Forest Department.
* Stamped application specifying; name, full name, nationality, occupation and place of residence (for individual), articles of Association, Head Office, Registered Capital and its distribution, and name of the Director or Manager, Certificate of registration form of Company/Association (for companies/associations).
Registration of *Aquilaria* Plantation under FD

- The capita, Invested (Attestation)
- The investment plan and the financing guarantee
- Management Plan for plantation (year by year)
- Agreement between Government (Forest Department) and private individual/ company/ association (Land-tenure) to established plantation, rented for 30 years
- A statement of honor stipulating that the applicant has acknowledged the laid down regulations; that he undertakes to respect them and to co-operate with the forestry services.

Issues and Problems

- Limited information about wild population of Agarwood.
- Need actual data of domestic population (home garden) and of private plantation in local communities and companies.
- Still formulate a procedures for commercial plantation to meet with CITES resolution.
- Need to formulate suitable Management plan of plantation for sustained yield
- Difficult to controlling trade in various form of Agarwood
- Indiscriminate exploitation, clearing of natural forests for other landuse.

Conclusion

- Need to be Awareness raising, Knowledge and Experience sharing, Capacity building programme; co-operation with regional, national and international.

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