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## Cover Illustrations

**Top left:** Skidding a log along a skid trail, viewed from a larger cleared area

**Top right:** Larger gaps, which regenerate poorly, include the main logging roads.

**Bottom left:** Seedlings in elephant dung, including *Desplatsia* spp. (smaller) and *Ricinodendron*. Elephants in Bia South are disturbed by logging, yet help with the regeneration of some plant species.

**Bottom right:** Regeneration in loading bays is usually poor except around the edges. Here it dominated by the alien invasive weed *Chromolaena odorata*. A sample transect across the area is being recorded by the field team.

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## BACKGROUND

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This annotated bibliography is an output from a DFID/FRP project (R6716 – *Impact of harvesting on forest mortality and regeneration in the high forest zones of Ghana*). The aim of the project as a whole was to improve our knowledge of the negative impacts of logging in tropical rainforests, and to recommend improvements in the logging system. The focus of the bibliography therefore has a Ghanaian/West African slant, although papers from across the tropics are included as well as some relevant papers from temperate regions.

At its core, the bibliography summarises available knowledge on logging damage and recovery, forest regeneration, and the allometry, growth, dispersal, reproduction and death of trees related to logging disturbance. It also documents the logging system in Ghana. Some key zoological references are included, mainly thanks to the efforts of A. G. Johns and L. Darcy, which cover the impact of logging on tropical forest animal biodiversity, the role of animals as dispersers and pollinators, and as bio-indicators of forest condition. Social and economic impacts of logging are not treated, although they are of direct relevance to tropical forest management and conservation.

This is a broad set of subject areas, each of which is extensive on its own, with a disproportionate amount of unpublished 'grey' literature circulating in internal reports and bulletins. We have tried to obtain some of the more relevant documents in the time available, but there must be very many more.

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## INTRODUCTION

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Data are presented in many ways in the literature, which can make the conclusions of different studies difficult to compare. It is hard to be certain of the relevance of two studies to each other when the species list is different, increasingly so when they are from different continents, and compounded by the use of different methods of evaluation and categorisation by researchers. Some topics, like the amount of damage to be expected when trees of various sizes are felled, travel better than others, such as phenology. Nevertheless, some consensus on the impacts of logging exists. Integrated reviews of many topics covered here, as they might be applied to forest management, can be found in a number of summary papers and books (e.g. Baur, 1968; Chazdon, 2003; Dawkins, 1958; De Graaf, 1986; Ghazoul & Shiel, 2010; Gomez-Pompa *et al.*, 1991; Lamb, 2011; Meijaard *et al.*, 2005; Mergen & Vincent, 1987; Putz & Viana, 1996; Ter Steege, 1996).

### **Logging Damage**

When tropical forest is logged under a typical selection system, logging roads leading into the heart of the forest are built off the public road network. Major forest roads lead to minor forest roads, eventually reaching a loading bay. Logs are usually dragged ('skidded') from their stump to the loading bays, leaving skid trails. Loading bays and roads are completely cleared of vegetation, and the soil often becomes very degraded through compaction, and they show poor regeneration. However, because they are reused each cycle, and one or two will suffice for a large logging compartment, their impact is perhaps more minimal than that of the skid trails

and felled tree gaps (Hawthorne, 2003). Skid trails are therefore the focus of 'regeneratable' damage (FAO, 1977, 1980, 1983; Hawthorne, 1993; Heinrich, 1978) and the regeneration of skid trails in particular is covered e.g. by Bonnell *et al.*, 2011; Dickinson *et al.*, 2000; Guariguata & Dupuy, 1997; Pancel, 1993.

Whereas felling injures neighbouring trees, especially crowns, skidding tends to increase mortality in the very short term (Bertault & Sist, 1995, 1997; Nicholson, 1958, 1979; Pinard & Putz, 1996; Sist *et al.*, 1998). In conventionally logged forest in Indonesia, Sist *et al.* (2003) found that skidding was responsible for twice the number of tree deaths as felling. Because skid trails can be re-used, and felled tree gaps can overlap, Panfil & Gullison (1998) found damage increased in a quadratic function of harvesting intensity.

A great many papers assess logging damage in particular forests: in Indonesia (e.g. Cannon *et al.*, 1998; Slik *et al.*, 2002; Sist & Nguyen-The, 2002; Kartawinata *et al.*, 2001); in Central Guyana (e.g. ter Steege *et al.*, 2002); in the Western Ghats (e.g. Pelissier *et al.*, 1998); in Uganda (e.g. Chapman & Chapman, 1997); in the Brazilian Amazon (e.g. Silva *et al.*, 1995); in French Guyana (e.g. Molino & Sabatier, 2001); in Sabah Malaysia (e.g. Pinard & Putz, 1996; Pinard *et al.*, 2000). Some studies report on damage by tree (e.g. Hernandez-Diaz & Delgado-Pacheco, 1995 in Mexico), or discuss forest areas only (Hawthorne, 2003, in Ghana).

Other studies use mathematical models

to predict the amount of damage associated with the extraction of different amounts of timber by various logging methods, e.g. Boscolo and Vincent, 2000; Buongiorno and Michie, 1980; Crome *et al.*, 1992; Johns, 1992; Macpherson *et al.*, 2010. Verissimo *et al.* (1995) estimated that 30 trees >10cm DBH were severely damaged per tree felled in Brazil, whereas Bird (1988) observed averages of 0.5, 17 and 50 trees >10cm DBH in Belize. One important source of variation is the size of the trees being felled, and another is slope, where skid trails are obliged to follow contours rather than the most direct route (Hawthorne, 2003).

More recently there have been developments in remote sensing of forest degradation and deforestation, allowing canopy monitoring after logging over much larger areas (Asner *et al.*, 2004; Asner *et al.*, 2010). Asner *et al.* (2004) found that loading bays had the largest forest gap fractions, but contributed little to landscape level gap dynamics. Tree falls were spatially the most extensive form of canopy damage, but the canopy gap fractions resulting from them were small. Regional-scale analysis in Amazonia showed that half of the canopy gaps had closed one year after logging.

Logging disturbance can be important for the regeneration of certain species, such as *Swietenia macrophylla* and *Cedrela* spp. in the Americas, *Entandrophragma* spp. in Africa, and *Shorea leprosula* in Asia (Fredericksen and Putz, 2003). In other circumstances, logging disturbance may create an environment that is unfavourable, particularly if combined with heavy harvest pressure (Chazdon, 2003), as is the case with many highly valuable

species in the Amazon region (Schulze *et al.*, 2008).

There are various modes of logging, but selective logging or Reduced Impact Logging ('RIL') techniques (e.g. Dykstra, 2002) are now well established. Some barriers to full implementation exist (e.g. Pokomy *et al.*, 2005; Putz *et al.*, 2001). There is evidence that RIL reduces the damage associated with logging: Sist *et al.* (1998) found that RIL reduced damage overall by 50% compared with conventional logging at a harvest intensity of 8 stems/ha, but at higher logging intensities improvements were less marked. Pinard & Putz (1996) found that conventional and RIL areas contained biomass equivalent to 44% and 67%, respectively, of pre-logging levels, one year after logging. Holdsworth & Uhl (1997) found that RIL reduced the risk of fire subsequent to logging; Macpherson *et al.* (2010) found that RIL reduced forest recovery time in their matrix model compared with conventional logging.

An important aspect of RIL is the pre-felling cutting of lianas. Lianas have been shown to exacerbate the effects of logging, and also have a negative effect on growth and yield, so have been increasingly studied in this context (Appanah & Putz, 1984; Cedergren, 1996; Fox, 1968; Gerwing & Uhl, 2001; Liew, 1973; Neil, 1984; Parren & Bongers, 2001; Pinard & Putz, 1994; Putz, 1984; Putz *et al.*, 1984; Schnitzer *et al.*, 2004).

Appanah & Putz (1984) found that climber cutting reduced the number of trees pulled down with logged trees by half in forest with high climber density (376/ha >2cm DBH); although in a different context Cedergren (1996) found

that climber cutting had no effect, and Parren & Bongers (2001) also found that climber-cutting did not significantly decrease tree mortality or damage. Putz (1984) found that 90% of cut adult lianas survive when they are dragged into felled gaps, and this strong regeneration of climbers can inhibit the recolonisation of gaps by tree species (Neil, 1984). Pre-cutting of lianas in Brazilian forests was shown to significantly reduce liana proliferation in logging gaps after 6 years (Gerwing & Uhl, 2002), and Schnitzer *et al.*, (2004) concluded that liana cutting was an effective method to reduce the abundance of lianas in logging gaps, minimising the detrimental effect on regenerating trees.

Yeom (1984) reported that global timber production from natural tropical forests low (5-35m<sup>3</sup> of merchantable wood per hectare). However, at least half of the remaining stems are beyond recovery during logging (Barbier *et al.*, 1992). This coupled with extremely arduous working conditions in the forest make harvesting operations expensive (FAO, 1993). A solution to the high cost of exploitation per unit area is to increase yield by minimising logging waste and encouraging increased exploitation and utilisation of less used species (LUS) (Yeom, 1984; Wehiong, 1990).

Although almost all work has concentrated on commercial logging, Lawes *et al.* (2007) noted that the impact of commercial logging 100 years ago at a site in South Africa can still be seen today because the understorey species that regenerated in the logging gaps have subsequently been the focus of local subsistence harvesting of small DBH poles from the forest. There is also a literature on the impact of salvage

logging, when timber is recovered from forests following natural disturbances such as hurricanes. Lindenmayer & Noss (2006) stated that impacts can be negative, positive or neutral, additional to or different from the effects of traditional logging, and depend on initial circumstances. See also Peterson & Leach, 2008; Phillips *et al.*, 2006.

The species richness of animal populations (ants, birds, and Lepidoptera) following a) logging and b) conversion of forest to agricultural land is reviewed by Dunn (2004), using data from 34 studies. Meijaard *et al.* (2005) review ecological and life-history information for a range of Bornean wildlife species, aimed at identifying what makes these species sensitive to timber harvesting practices and associated impacts. Other reviews addressing the impact of logging on fauna include Johns, 1997 and Putz *et al.*, 2000.

Literature addressing the impact of timber harvesting methods and operations on animal taxa is biased towards birds and primates. For birds (e.g. Abbott & van Heurck, 1985; Allport *et al.*, 1989; Ayres & Johns 1987; Cleary *et al.*, 2008; Cockle *et al.*, 2010; Dale & Slemby, 2005; Du Plessis 1995; Edwards *et al.*, 2009; Eyre *et al.*, 2009; Holbech, 2005; Johns, 1986; Johns, 1991a; Kalina, 1988; Kofron & Chapman, 1995; Mason, 1996; Massimino *et al.*, 2008; Obua, 1992; Peh *et al.*, 2005; Pinto Henriques *et al.*, 2008; Thiollay, 1992; Whitman *et al.*, 1996; Wunderle *et al.*, 2006; Zurita & Zuleta, 2009), authors have variously reported: significant decreases in bird species richness and diversity; only slight differences in species diversity; and similarity in bird richness, but with

important changes in species abundance and composition after logging.

Primate responses to logging (Asibey, 1978; Bonnell *et al.*, 2011; Branch, 1983; Chapman *et al.*, 2000; Fairgrieve, 1995; Gillespie *et al.*, 2003; Johns, 1991b; Johns, 1983; Lehman, 2003; Oates, 1996; Olupot *et al.*, 1994; Petter & Peyri ras, 1974; Plumpetre, 2006; White, 1992;) are also variable. Some primate species are highly dependent on undisturbed forest (specialists like *Hylobates* spp.; *Cercopithecus* spp.; *Chiropotes* spp.), while others prefer disturbed habitats and will be more likely to survive in disrupted areas (generalists like *Macaca* spp.; *Colobus* spp.; *Cebus* spp.) (Azevedo-Ramos, 2005). After logging, the intensity of hunting increases primarily because of easier access to remote forests by new roads and of the greater human presence in the area, and this impact is an important component of the impact of logging (Bennett & Robinson 2000; Putz *et al.* 2000).

There has been some interest in the use of animal groups as bioindicators for forest condition (Aguilar-Amuchastegui & Henebry, 2007; Azevedo-Ramos, 2005), but due to the relative expense of surveying animal groups, the lack of consistent results between studies and paucity of evidence linking particular animal groups to others, the results are not particularly encouraging.

### **Recovery after Logging**

Many studies focus on structural measures of logged forest recovery, such as basal area, aboveground biomass, tree height, or stem density (e.g. Abdulhadi, 1981; Bertault & Sist, 1995; Bird, 1998; Bonnell *et al.*, 2011; Cannon *et al.*, 1994; Chandrashekara &

Sreejith, 2006; Chazdon *et al.*, 2007; Elias, 1995; Gerwing, 2002; Johns, 1988; Jonkers, 1987; Ola-Adams, 1987, Silva *et al.*, 1995; Tang, 1976; Taylor *et al.*, 1996; Van der Hout, 1996; Wong, 1998). Other studies have examined changes in canopy structure, the frequency and size of canopy gaps, and light availability during forest recovery (e.g. Denslow & Guzman, 2000; Nicotra *et al.*, 1999; Yavitt *et al.* 1995).

Changes in species composition occur independently of changes in structural variables, and show far more long-lasting legacies of disturbance (Chazdon, 2003). Aboveground biomass re-accumulation can occur on a scale of decades, while species composition recovery can take centuries (Guariguata & Ostertag, 2001). Studies that focus on changes in species composition, density, richness, evenness or diversity after logging include Aide *et al.*, 2000; Bergstedt *et al.*, 2008; Castro-Luna *et al.*, 2011; Dupuy & Chazdon, 2008; Gutierrez-Granados *et al.*, 2011; Hall *et al.*, 2003; Hawthorne, 1993; Kasenene & Murphy, 1991; and Liebsch *et al.*, 2009; Makana & Thomas, 2006.

In addition, Chua *et al.* (1998) found that although alpha species diversity and species richness had increased following logging in Malaysia, the concentration of globally restricted species (the 'bioquality') had decreased, so that logged areas were relatively more dominated by globally widespread species. However, King & Chapman (1983) found that a logged forest area with 90% of its canopy removed had recovered all species after 25 years. Although much of the literature focus on the recovery of timber tree species, recovery has been examined for herbs, lianas, and non-vascular epiphytes, e.g.



by Turner *et al.*, 1996; Romero, 1999; Costa & Magnusson, 2002; Schnitzer & Bongers, 2002; Parrotta, 1995.

The impact of logging on soil nutrients and cycling is another important area of research (Gillman *et al.*, 1985; Nussbaum *et al.*, 1995; Silver *et al.* 1996). Disturbance that impacts soils as well as above ground vegetation, such as the use of bulldozers and skidders during logging operations, can significantly slow down the rate of forest structural recovery and can have long-lasting effects on species composition. The recovery of soil fertility is closely linked with the recovery of aboveground biomass (Chazdon, 2003).

Forest recovery can also be measured in terms of the abundance and richness of species used for non-timber products, e.g. Adnan & Holscher (2011) found that 10 important medicinal species were most abundant in old-growth forests in NW Pakistan. The Brazil nut (*Bertholletia excelsum*), appears to regenerate best in large gaps and other disturbed areas (Myers *et al.* 2000). Dirzo & Miranda (1991) suggested that the recovery of species interactions is another metric that should be used more widely. Several studies have examined recovery of particular species, with a focus on tree population structure, genetic diversity, and overall changes in abundance (e.g. Andre *et al.*, 2006; Degen *et al.*, 2006; Jennings *et al.*, 2001; Wernsdorfer *et al.* 2011).

### **Regeneration after Logging**

The natural regeneration of many species is gap size dependent (Schulze, 1960; Swaine and Whitmore, 1988). Even shade bearers regenerate more frequently in small gaps compared to

the forest understorey (Swaine and Whitmore, 1988; Hawthorne, 1993). The sizes of gaps created determines the type of species which regenerate and the extent of natural regeneration. Medium sized openings resulting from felling gaps and skid trails favour the natural regeneration of most of the economic timber tree species, many of which are non-pioneer light demanders, compared to other gaps. Small (branch or small tree fall) and large (multiple tree fall, haulage roads and loading bays) results in reduced regeneration and a decline in the economic value of the tropical high forests of Ghana (Hawthorne, 1993; Swaine *et al.*, 1998). This underscores the importance of gaps in regeneration (Hartshorn, 1978; Whitmore, 1990). Timber harvesting affects the forest micro-environment (Chazdon and Fetcher, 1984; Jans *et al.*, 1993) and also stimulates the growth and regeneration of tree species.

A study by Swaine *et al.* (1998) which focused on damage immediately following timber exploitation show that disturbances due to logging markedly reduce the pre-existing tree seedlings in felling gaps and skid trails. However, enhanced regeneration was observed in small gaps and skid trails 3 years after timber harvesting in Bia-South Forest Reserve (Hawthorne, 1993) and 15 years after timber harvesting in wet and dry forests (Appiah *et al.*, 1998). This is probably because, the stimulation of new seedling establishment significantly exceeds these losses due primarily to the local enhancement of light, the principal limiting factor for plants in forest.

The most abundant class (diameter size) of tree species following regeneration will be the one adapted for the predominant gap sizes (Denslow, 1984).

More advanced regeneration was observed in the wetter forests compared to the drier ones for similar logging operations. This is probably because of the higher rainfall and greater density of seed trees following logging in the wetter forests (Swaine *et al.*, 1998).

Tropical forest tree species differ markedly in their tolerance of shade and their ability to respond to changes in irradiance. The responses of species to variation in irradiance can be studied by growth analysis (Fetcher *et al.*, 1983, Mitchel & Woodward, 1988), using shadehouses (Popma & Bongers, 1991; Osunkoya *et al.*, 1994), gaps created in the forest (Chazdon, 1986; Brown, 1990) or by light response curves in which changes in the rates of photosynthesis and transpiration are measured instantaneously in the same seedling under varying irradiance (Oberbauer & Strain, 1984; Kwesiga & Grace, 1986). The latter approach records the rapid responses of existing leaves and photosynthetic apparatus to changes in light, usually diffuse and neutral in spectral composition (high red:far-red ratio). Growth analysis may be done in shade houses (usually with neutral shade) or in the forest by creating canopy openings of different size, effectively using natural shade where light quality varies with irradiance. In theory, experimental conditions can be more closely controlled and more precise questions addressed by the approach of measuring photosynthesis, but it is very difficult to use the results to predict outcomes for tree seedlings growing in forests. Forest growth analysis experiments are effective at answering questions about how trees will respond to canopy opening, but are less effective at determining which of

the changed environmental variables are the cause of the seedlings' response.

Based on field experience of tree growth and more particularly the distribution of young seedlings in different forest light environments, it has been possible to define fairly robust classifications of species according to the light requirements (Hawthorne & Musah, 1993; Swaine & Whitmore, 1988). The simplest classification divides tree species into pioneers (requiring gaps for seedling establishment and growth) and non-pioneers (able to establish and grow in forest shade). Growth analysis and photosynthesis measurements have shown how these contrasting species guilds differ in growth physiology. Pioneers have high dark respiration, high compensation and saturation points and high quantum efficiency. These characteristics give them substantial flexibility for growth in different light environments, but not sufficient for survival in deep forest shade - shade tolerance appears to be sacrificed for the benefit of very rapid growth in high irradiance. By contrast, non-pioneers have low dark respiration, low compensation and saturation points and show relatively little increase in growth when irradiance increases. Their forte is growth and persistence in deep forest shade. These differences are well exemplified by Kwesiga & Grace (1986).

Differences amongst tree species responses to irradiance as determined by such experiments offer the possibility of predicting seedling growth in canopy openings in natural forest. However, forest gaps differ not only in irradiance, but also light quality, humidity, air temperatures and water balance - many potential causes to confound the predictions based on light. Thus it is

important to test the applicability of experimental results by trials in the forest. Since environmental conditions differ significantly between forest types, we must also test in more than one type.

Exploitation of tropical forest for timber causes canopy opening, leading to changes in microclimate (Minckler *et al.*, 1973, Vitousek & Sanford, 1986) which influence the remaining trees. Reduced competition, principally for light, allows increases in growth rates for some of the remaining trees, but also to an increase in tree mortality (Primack *et al.*, 1985). For tree seedlings, similar effects occur, but with greater magnitude (Brown, 1990). These microclimatic changes vary with the size of canopy opening, so that the manner and intensity of logging operations can have a profound influence on the recovery of the forest.

Changes in microclimate are driven by differences in the radiation incident in the forest so that incident radiation and other microclimatic variables are closely correlated (Whitmore *et al.*, 1993). Changes in microclimate between canopy gaps of different size are thus fairly predictable: in large canopy openings with high irradiance, the increases in air and surface soil temperatures, in red:far red ratio, and reduction in humidity, are greater than in small openings (Whitmore *et al.*, 1993; Brown, 1993). These physical processes mean that gap size is most appropriately measured as total radiation, though the dependent microclimatic variables, which may be easier to measure, can be used as surrogates. Brokaw's (1982) measurement of gap area is a widely used surrogate, but is not linearly

related to irradiance and is therefore inaccurate for small gap sizes and for comparing forests of different stature (Whitmore *et al.*, 1993). Many studies on gap microclimates are restricted to one kind of forest, though it is expected that different kinds of forest will have different microclimates as a result of differences in macroclimate, stature, canopy density and seasonal variation.

### **Reproduction, Dispersal and Recruitment**

Much of what needs to be known about forests, in a way which will facilitate understanding of empirical results on logging damage, is at the species by species (autecological) scale. The literature and inventory data on the autecology of Ghanaian trees is reviewed in Hawthorne (1995). Community-level regeneration studies will benefit from the resurrection of some silvicultural literature, e.g. Lamb, 1940; Webb, 1948; Macgregor, 1948; Lancaster, 1954; Letouzey, 1957; Quist-Arcton, 1958; Sawyer, 1960; Alexandre, 1977, 1978; Lowe 1984; Corbassion & Souvannavong, 1988.

Proximity of disturbed areas to remnant forest patches with 'seed trees' promotes more rapid recovery, particularly in species composition. Dispersal syndromes are potentially of great significance to logging prescriptions, especially concerning guidelines for retention of seed trees. When considering the distance that a tree can expect to project its offspring, it is profitable to group species into groups with similar dispersal syndromes (Alvarez Buylla & Martinez-Ramos, 1990; Appanah & Mohd.-Rasol, 1995; Augspurger, 1986; Augspurger & Franson, 1987; Augspurger & Hogan, 1983; Beer & Swaine, 1977; Denslow *et*

*al.*, 1990; Howe & Smallwood, 1982; Keay, 1957; Kitajima & Augspurger, 1989; Van der Burgt, 1997).

Tree fruiting phenology is perhaps less significant where there is some temporal buffer for the regeneration, either in a soil seed bank (Cheke *et al.*, 1979; Epp, 1987; Hall & Swaine, 1979; Hopkins & Graham, 1983; Viana & Anderson, 1990), or in the seedling 'bank' (i.e. established seedlings) which will however be more susceptible to logging damage. Very few timber species, a subset of the pioneer guild, occur in the seed bank in Ghanaian forest, including *Milicia*, *Nauclea* (Kyereh *et al.*, 1999), and probably *Hallea* spp. in swamps.

Variation in seed production capacity occurs on many levels (Baur & Hadley, 1990; Schuppe, 1990) which ought to influence differential tree retention. Integration of seed dispersal and dynamics in the bigger picture of tropical forest regeneration (e.g. Whitmore, 1996) is still a long way from providing many practical solutions. We need more of these studies if we are to make much headway in using such research to guide logging practices.

When the interaction between dispersal distance and stand dynamics are considered, various other trends have been examined - for instance the role of the Janzen-Connell 'escape' hypothesis, whereby seedlings distant from parents perhaps have a greater chance of survival, either due to density dependent mortality (Condit *et al.*, 1994) or distance (from parent)-dependent mortality (Connell, 1971; Howe and Smallwood, 1982; Hubbell, 1980; Janzen, 1970). In many cases, the escape hypothesis has been supported

or partially supported e.g. depending on annual variations or scale of analysis (24 studies reviewed by Clark & Clark, 1984; Cintra, 1997). For example, rodent dispersed species including *Carapa procera* are dispersed and hoarded up to tens of metres from mother trees (Forget, 1990), but the final distribution of successful regeneration is strongly shaped by other factors such as soils or canopy gaps.

As the number of variables studied increases, this subject area merges considerably with others, e.g. the already complex issue of guilds and gaps (Alexandre, 1977; Augspurger, 1983 & 1984; Augspurger & Kelly, 1984; Augspurger & Kitajima, 1992; Forget, 1989, Lieberman & Li, 1992; Lopea & Ferrari, 1994; Loubry, 1992). In some cases, seed-centred studies have focussed on these and related issues in the context of the effects of logging or efficiency of silvicultural systems (Appanah & Manaf, 1990; Appanah & Mohd.-Rasol, 1991 & 1995; Gorchov *et al.*, 1993; Hammond *et al.*, 1996; Hostettler, 1996; Plumptre *et al.*, 1994; Putz, 1983).

One approach that has been used to predict recruitment is to calculate the proportion of recruited species as a function of stand basal area, site productivity and the relative abundance in the stand. Alder (1995) notes that it is logical to expect a consistent relationship between the basal area removed and the number of trees recruited (after a lag), because basal area losses correlate directly with crown area lost, and hence growing space created. Recruits are of similar size so the number of recruits will be proportional to the growing space available.

Various other autecological subtleties, such as the implications of dioecy (Lawton, 1955; Kigomo *et al.*, 1994), should be accounted for in the formulation of yield guidelines aimed at protecting seed trees (presumably twice the density of functionally dioecious trees would, in general, be needed as seed trees if males tend to equal females in number).

### **Forest Cover and Long Term Site Potential in Ghana**

The size class distribution of tropical forests shows a geometric decrease in number of trees with increasing tree size. This distribution pattern was also observed by Rollet (1978) for tropical rain forests outside Africa. Generally, size class distribution patterns in the tropics have been influenced by the number and frequency of canopy gaps (Golley, 1983), severe disturbance of the forest stand in the past (Rollet, 1978) and the intrinsic physiological and ecological characteristics of the tree species (Jonkers, 1987). Logging also opens up the forest canopy which upsets the natural balance of the forest ecosystem resulting in an increased impact on the long-term functioning of the ecosystem (White and Pickett, 1985). However, the extent of the impact depends on the intensity, frequency and duration of logging.

Uncontrolled logging results in the removal of up to 3 trees  $\text{ha}^{-1}$  in Ghana (Agyeman *et al.*, 1995) and 2 trees  $\text{ha}^{-1}$  in Cameroun (Duiker and van Gernerden, 1989) which affects up to 13% and 20% of the total area in Ghana (Hawthorne, 1993; Agyeman *et al.*, 1995) and Cameroun (Duiker and van Gernerden, 1989) respectively. A higher logging disturbance was recorded in Cameroun compared to Ghana even

though less trees were removed because of the larger diameters of the felled trees. For example, most of the trees felled in Cameroun were greater than 100cm dbh whereas those felled in Ghana were above 70 cm dbh (Agyeman *et al.*, 1995; Duiker and van Gernerden, 1989).

Generally, logging damage is significantly correlated with scale of operations or felling intensity (Swaine *et al.*, 1998). Increasing the felling intensity from 2 to 4 trees  $\text{ha}^{-1}$  resulted in a 300% increase in total areas affected by logging in Bura and Draw River Forest Reserves in the moist forests of Ghana (Agyeman *et al.*, 1995). A study on the impacts of logging (ITTO PD 179/91) in Ghana shows that removing 2.6% trees  $\text{ha}^{-1}$  resulted in a treefall damage of 8% and skidding/haulage road damage of 5%. Removing twice as many trees in Sapoba Forest Reserve in Nigeria with a vegetation type similar to that of Ghana resulted in a logging disturbance of about 50% of the total forest area (Redhead, 1960) which is about four times that of the disturbance observed in Ghana. Jonkers (1987) also observed that logging damage increases exponentially with felling intensity in a tropical rainforest in Surinam.

The type of damage inflicted on the forest depends on the harvest intensity. Gullison and Hardner (1993) used simulation model to investigate the relationship between harvest intensity and forest damage. At low harvest intensities, most forest damage occurs from the construction of main roads as harvest intensity increases, secondary damage from skid trails and tree felling comes to dominate forest damage. Generally, less damage results to the forest for a given harvest volume if the harvest area is reduced and harvest

intensity increased. The extent of tree damage is influenced by the type of logging operation. For example, total number of trees damaged due to haulage road and skid trail construction were higher than that of felling timber trees. This may be due to inefficient extraction machinery and working practices (Agyeman *et al.*, 1995).

Ofosu-Asiedu *et al.* (1993) noted that on average about 4 commercial timber trees between 10-50cm dbh are completely destroyed for every 100m of skid trails constructed. The high tree damage may be related to the large sizes of the skid trails and haulage roads which are made during extraction. The average skid trails were wider than what is prescribed in the logging manual of the Ghana Forest Service. There were also more loading bays per compartment than what is specified in the logging manual. The type of damage due to felling and skidding are different. Felling affects trees of all size classes while skidding mainly affects trees < 20cm dbh (van der Hout, 1996).

Logging disturbance and tree damage were found to be greater in wet compared to dry tropical forests (Ofosu-Asiedu *et al.*, 1993, Agyeman *et al.*, 1995). These differences may be attributed to the fact that larger trees were felled in the wetter forests as is evident from the larger gap sizes and larger mean volume of the felled trees observed from the results of Swaine *et al.* (1998). Another reason is that most areas in the wetter forests have been logged once (first rotation felling) whereas most of the drier forests have been logged at least twice. Incidentally, the wetter forests are richer in floristic composition and have a greater percentage of fragile environments that need to be protected. Since these areas

also have greater logging disturbance and tree damage per unit volume of wood harvested, there is the need for stricter logging controls in the wetter forests compared to the drier forests. In practice, however, the manual of procedures of forest management in Ghana indicates that a higher felling intensity should be carried out in wet and moist forests (up to 3 trees ha<sup>-1</sup>) compared to the drier forests (up to 2 trees ha<sup>-1</sup>). This is probably because the drier forests are subjected to frequent annual fires which have degraded the forests and caused excessive canopy opening. A high felling intensity therefore, predisposes these drier forests to much more severe fire attacks in subsequent years.

#### **Biodiversity of Residual Forest**

The main threats to biodiversity in the tropics include increased incidence of annual fires, increased exploitation, and clearing of forests for agriculture (Hawthorne, 1994). Logging activities may result in the disappearance of species thus reducing species diversity and the potential of the forest (Abdulhadi *et al.*, 1981). Uncontrolled logging has considerable impact on biodiversity conservation, forest structure and species composition and may lead to loss and fragmentation of forests (Foaham and Jonkers, 1992).

Selective logging in some sense mimics natural gaps such as tree falls, or chablis (Gormley, 1997) and therefore do not result in more diverse forests (Brown and Press, 1992). Over 70% of felling gaps created by small loggers at Bura and Draw River Forest Reserves in Ghana were less than 400m<sup>2</sup> (Agyeman *et al.* 1995). Such small gaps randomly damage or kill large and small trees of all species (Johns, 1988) and tend to enhance the structure and floristic and

faunistic diversity of the forest (Laird, 1995; c.f. Gormley, 1997). However, large felling gaps, up to 1000 m<sup>2</sup> which tend to simplify ecosystems and subsequently reduce biodiversity were also observed after exploitation though infrequently (Agyeman *et al.*, 1995).

Selective logging of mature or superior trees generally causes genetic depletion, consequent loss of potential food sources and disease control, reduction in the stability of ecosystems and a loss of resilience against catastrophes. The removal of seed trees also reduces the potential of the forest to regenerate after logging. The disappearance of species or the alteration of species compositions in ecosystems may cause irreversible losses of natural resources. An increase in the species that are currently being utilised may lead to loss of intra-specific variation, especially in those timber species for which the regeneration requirements are incompatible with silvicultural system and/or felling cycling. This is probably because timber exploitation is known to exert a negative selection pressure on the species harvested as the most vigorous and well-formed individuals are taken and the lesser quality individuals are left to produce seed (Oldfield, 1990).

The impact of logging on forest fauna is similar to that on flora and depends on the ecology of particular species or group of species. Logging also alters the habitat of wildlife by changing or destroying nesting, feeding and breeding sites. According to Myers (1988), forest disturbance affects animal populations even more than plant species, as animals often require large ranges. Since different silvicultural systems produce forest stands with different forest structure, their impacts on animals varies depending on animal

habitat requirements and ability to recognise logged forest (Gullison and Hardner, 1993). According to some local communities in Ghana the noise of logging machinery chases away most mammals and birds (Gronow, J. personal communication).

Another impact of timber harvesting is that on insects. The extent of human interference on the forest ecosystem, especially through logging, determines the risk of pest outbreak (Gray, 1972; Wellman, 1972). This is probably because the degree of devastation by pests is influenced by the complexity of the ecosystem (Cobbinah, 1997) because of selectivity. The more complex the ecosystem the less likely will be the incidence of pest outbreak. For example, the potential for pest outbreaks increase from primary forests through secondary forests to monoculture plantations (Cobbinah, 1997).

### **Fire**

Generally, the incidence of fire increases with forest disturbance caused by logging and thinning operations (Beaman *et al.*, 1985; Berthault, 1990). Heavily opened up areas suffer the most from fire damage. Hawthorne (1994) observed that logging has exacerbated fire damage in Ghana. The fire damage in Ghana may be linked to climatic changes, but one cannot simply dismiss current levels of fire damage as part of a natural cycle. The vegetation of heavily logged forest a few years after logging is obviously more prone to serious fire damage (c.f. Hawthorne, 1994). At ground level it feels drier and hotter and there are also more thin stems close to the ground in forest gaps than in undisturbed forest understory. Fire affects the structure and composition of the vegetation and is now by far the

greatest threat to the long-term productivity, genetic wealth and general health of forests in Ghana.

Bush fires in Ghana have been experienced for centuries in both savannah and forest areas, with the destruction of thousands of acres of cocoa farms, food crop farms, villages and trees. Bush fires impoverish the soil by destroying organic matter in the soil, and increasing leaching, wind and water erosion. Bush fires also have significant influence on the composition of the present forest canopy and serious consequences for forest regeneration (Orgle, 1994). Mortality caused by fire is greatest for small trees, whilst more large trees are killed by drought. This thinning allows rapid recolonization, especially by marantaceous and zingiberaceous forbs and pioneer trees. Recurrent fires impede recovery of burnt forest (Hawthorne, 1994). Fire-affected forests generally has a higher proportion of deciduous trees, thick bark, hard slash, deep roots and absence of buttresses and stem fluting compared to closed canopy forests without fire (Kielland-Lund, 1982).

Severe fires can be limited by preventing excessive logging (Hawthorne, 1994). Beaman *et al.* (1985) has shown that fires in Sabah, Malaysia, following dry years, were almost six times more common in logged forest than in unlogged forest. Ecologically sound logging practice should limit the effects of subsequent fires. This can be achieved by limiting the total number of trees removed per compartment and by limiting the number of adjacent trees felled. These two restrictions should be enforced in fire-prone areas. In addition, as most fires probably enter the forest from bush fires in vegetation surrounding the

reserves, logging and other forms of canopy disruption should be prohibited in buffer zones insulating each forest block (Hawthorne, 1994). The prevention of bush fires by education, use of improved agricultural practices and enforcement of bush fire laws should be implemented by all countries in fire prone areas. (Korem, 1985).

Apart from logging, changes in global climate has also been a major factor influencing the incidence of forest fires. For example, the drought of 1982-3 resulted in widespread occurrences of fire in most parts of Africa (Sanford *et al.*, 1985; Beaman *et al.*, 1985). The incidence of fire is extremely high at the transition zone between forests and savannah in Ghana (Brookman-Amisshah *et al.*, 1980). Other factors influencing forest fires in the country include, slash and burn agricultural system, hunting and palm-wine tapping. Drought and other forms of forest degradation results in reduced canopy cover leading to a drier, more inflammable forest. This has made them highly susceptible to fire. According to Swaine *et al.* (1997), drought and fires in the humid forests of Africa are not new and may be attributed to the long lasting effects of severe droughts that have hit the region in the past.

### **Soils**

A number of studies have indicated that soil compaction is a greater problem following logging than soil erosion (Tachie-Obeng, 1995; Appiah *et al.*, 1998), especially viewed against the background that current road construction activities of large companies tends to cause a cumulative loss of production over several felling cycles due to serious soil compaction. Timber harvesting as currently practised in tropical Africa leads to slight



reduction in soil productivity in felling gaps (Tachie-Obeng, 1995) since all the branches, leaves and almost 50% of standing tree volume are left in the forest as residue. However, significant changes in soil productivity were observed on haulage roads and skid trails (Tachie-Obeng, 1995). In a similar study, Gent *et al.* (1983) observed significant changes in soil physical properties from the surface to the 30cm depth in the skid trail plots following logging, however, significant changes in soil properties in treefall gaps were limited to the upper 15cm of soil.

Another major impact of logging is the removal of the top soil during log dump, haulage road and large skid trail construction resulting in loss of soil fertility. Congdon and Herbohn (1993) observed that nutrient concentrations in felling gaps were depressed in wet tropical forests compared to unlogged forests even 25 years after selective felling. Conventionally, harvesting removes about 5-30% of the total nutrients taken up in the above ground stand (Stone, 1968). There is a world-wide concern that increased removal of tree biomass with its nutrient content causes a decline in soil nutrient and forest productivity (Jordan, 1985). Additionally, opening up the canopy through logging results in higher day time temperatures and reduced day-time humidity on the forest floor (Schulz, 1960) which invariably influences nutrient cycling.

Tropical forests are considerably capable of compensating for slight reductions in soil nutrient content arising from relatively low logging intensity by taking up nutrients directly from rainfall and from the air by means of nitrogen fixing organisms (Jordan and Herrera, 1981). However, as logging

intensity increases nutrient loss also increases and it takes a much longer felling cycle for the forests to cope with such loss. With the present increasing and persistent destruction of the tropical forest, the entire forest ecosystem may not be capable of sustaining itself if realistic measures are not taken to reduce nutrient loss through tree harvest (Nye and Greenland, 1990).

### **Timber Harvesting and Management in the Tropics**

The general objective of forest management in the tropics is *“the sustainable production of timber to provide a perpetual flow of wood products to domestic and export markets and to provide revenue for the resource owners; and to fund forest management whilst maintaining environmental quality and social responsibility”*. Thus forest management in the tropics has traditionally concentrated on timber harvesting and it is these systems that are best developed in tropical Africa and Asia. Timber management is based on the principles of sustained yield management using low intensity selection harvesting and natural regeneration as a silvicultural tool.

Timber production from the tropics has largely been based on two main management systems, namely the Uniform and Selection systems. The Uniform system was applied with the aim of producing an even-aged forest stand made up of only a few economic timber species. This idea is laudable as it makes management simpler. Its major drawback, however, is that it does not allow the floristic richness which is characteristic of natural tropical forests, to be maintained. The system also

tended to be rather expensive in its application and was consequently abandoned (Osafo, 1970; Alder 1993).

The Selection system, on the other hand, seems to maintain the natural composition of the forest, thereby ensuring biodiversity conservation and constant supply of both timber and non-timber produce. It also has a higher potential for meeting the changing needs of people with time. A characteristic feature of this system is the removal of single trees of economic species scattered over a given area of the forest. The removal is controlled by a felling cycle, diameter limit and annual production quota (the annual allowable cut). This system is widely applied in the tropics but has undergone modifications in several aspects of its application. The current thinking is that logging alone could be used to improve the condition of the selection forest. What needs to be done is to develop more efficient management control measures by determining sustainable felling cycles, realistic felling quotas (allowable cut) and more appropriate exploitable diameter limits for the various species to ensure that the forest resource is managed sustainably.

The Selection System is currently the most widely adopted forest management practice in the tropics. For example, the selection system continues to be the main management system in Ghana. Generally, the system involves commercial logging with or without regeneration or silvicultural treatment. The logging, consist of the removal of single economic tree species scattered throughout the forest. The forests are divided into forest management units (FMUs) with a number of more or less equal compartments for ease of logging and purposes of controlling exploitation.

The annual felling takes place in one or more compartments depending on the length of the felling cycle and total area of the forest. Felling cycles ranging between 15 and 40 years have been applied over the years in the tropics. Timber exploitation is generally preceded by a stock survey during which a 100% count of all commercial timber species with minimum dbh of 30 cm was made, especially in tropical Commonwealth Countries. The concessionnaire is allowed to exploit a certain number of trees or basal area per unit area prescribed by the management plans for the given forest.

However, the ability of the Selection system to ensure sustainability of the tropical forests has not been adequately tested experimentally. It has been observed that logging based on the Selection System alone (i.e. selective cyclical cutting), without any pre- or post-logging silvicultural treatment reduces the stocking density and species composition (Alder, 1990; Adam *et al.*, 1994). This implies that commercial logging should always be preceded by or followed with some form of silvicultural treatment. For instance climber cutting has been recommended in areas with good natural regeneration.

In spite of the significant contribution of timber harvesting to the national economy of tropical countries, the sector is dependent on the exploitation and marketing of a relatively few prime timber tree species. The small number of species that are commercially exploited tends to make profitable logging and sustained yield management difficult to attain (FAO, 1993). For example, only about 7% of tree species in the tropical forests of Ghana were being exploited prior to 1990s, and in addition, over 70% of

timber exported in 1990 was from only two species (FPIB, 1991). A similar situation is found in Cameroun where 86% of timber harvested is from 15 species out of 56 commercially exploitable species (Evans, 1990). The restriction of exports to a relatively small number of species may be attributed to the fact that most importers from industrialised countries are reluctant to import lesser-known species from Africa probably because of the availability of adequate supplies of the more established species from a variety of African countries (Agyeman *et al.*, 1997). Secondly, consumer preferences and tastes are slow to change (Smith and Eastin, 1990). The failure of producer countries to successfully introduce new tree species and industrial products is largely the result of inadequate preliminary marketing analysis and the failure to develop effective marketing strategies (Cooper, 1979). Efforts are being made to utilise more species for both local and export markets. Governments of most tropical African countries are thus encouraging their timber industries to expand the species base in order to increase the net revenue (TEDB undated).

#### **Stock Surveys**

A stock survey is usually undertaken before permission is granted to a timber contractor to exploit a compartment, which is the basic unit of forest management in Ghana. The main purpose of the stock survey is to know the current stocking of exploitable trees as well as that of the replacement crop. It is also to provide information on the location of the exploitable trees so as to ensure proper road and skid trail layout. The most important use of the stock survey data is to calculate the volume of the exploitable trees and mark out the

selected trees. It involves a 100% enumeration of all commercial timber species above a certain minimum diameter, e.g. 30cm dbh in Ghana (Baidoe, 1970) and 42cm dbh in Liberia (Parren and de Graaf, 1995).

In addition to the stock map, a stand table is prepared showing the tree numbers recorded according to species and diameter classes. The stand table provides the stem numbers needed for the yield calculation and the stock map helps in yield selection. The advantage of using a stock survey map to determine yield is that it gives an indication of species richness, density and distribution for different concessions in the same forest type and for different forest types. A properly executed stock survey generally enhances sustainable management of the forest.

#### **Felling Limits**

The application of a diameter felling limit has been considered as one of the useful timber production control tools applicable to both reserved and off-reserve forests even though other methods based, for instance on basal area or volume removed per unit area is deemed more efficient. Minimum felling limits are supposed to define the point of maturity of various species suitable for timber and other uses, allowing for the removal of only mature trees. Silviculturally, the effect of applying a felling limit is that it allows the residual stand to be composed mainly of productive trees (i.e. trees that are vigorously growing). Consequently the basal area or volume stocking increases over the period of the felling cycle, and the production of viable seeds is enhanced, thus ensuring adequate natural regeneration (Adam, 1996). For wood processing purposes, the major

effect is the assurance of sustainable supply of good quality logs (i.e. trees occurring in the exploitable diameter will have good quality wood). Therefore in determining appropriate felling limits for various species factors such as stem diameter or volume increment (i.e. growth), tree mortality and wood quality of different size classes should be taken into account.

In Ghana the use of felling limits dates back to 1907, in the early days of timber exploitation in West Africa. There have been revisions of these felling limits in 1910, 1958, 1970 and recently in 1989 (Ghartey, 1992). Other countries in the West African sub-region, notably Liberia, Côte d'Ivoire and Cameroon, have similarly adopted felling limits as a control tool, with some variations in limits applied for similar species in the various countries. Generally, however, the minimum felling limits adopted in Ghana have been higher compared with those applied in these other countries.

The basis for the felling limits applied in Ghana during the colonial era is not known, but according to Ghartey (1992), the limits prescribed in 1970 under the salvage felling regime were based on economic and physiological over-maturity. The prescription of the 1989 felling limit has, however, been based on the relative abundance of a particular species and the degree to which it is threatened by extinction (Ghartey *ibid.*).

#### **Yield Formula**

The actual number of trees that can be exploited within a compartment is regulated through the use of a yield formula which allows the removal of individual species growth achievable over the period of the felling cycle (Planning Branch, 1995a). For example, in Ghana, there are two variants of the yield formula, namely; standard yield

formula which is  $Z = 0.5Y + 0.2X$ , and reduced yield formula which is  $Z = 0.25Y + 0.2X$ , where  $Z$  = number of trees to be removed above the felling limit;  $Y$  = number of trees in the diameter class equal to or above the felling limit and  $X$  = number of trees in the diameter class immediately below the felling limit. The normal yield formula is applied to red and pink star species in the wetter forests while the reduced yield is applied to scarlet star species and dry forest areas.

Harvesting is only permitted in compartments where the total stocking of exploitable timber tree species with stem diameter greater than 50cm is higher than the average stocking of the vegetation type within which the compartment is situated. However, harvesting is not allowed if the condition index for the compartment is less than 40% in the wetter forests and less than 60% in the drier forests (see Table 1).

Red Star species are common but with exploitation rates greater than 200% of the allowable cut. These species need careful harvesting controls and some tree by tree and area protection.

Pink Star species are common. These species have rates of harvest between 50-200% of their allowable cut. Pink Star species also include non-abundant species of high potential value.

Scarlet Star species are common with exploitation rates less than 50% of their allowable cut. Pink Star species also include non-abundant species of high potential value. The condition index is a numerical expression of the condition of the forest understorey within a compartment. The index is a measure of the health and regenerative capacity of the forest. The yield from a forest is varied depending on the condition index.

Table 1: Criteria used for the selection of yield formula to apply during harvesting of a compartment in the different forest types.

Condition	Selected Reserves in DS and MS	All Other Reserves
Condition index less than 40%	No Harvesting	No Harvesting
Condition index between 40-60%	No Harvesting	No Harvesting
Condition Score 3 Predominant	No Harvesting	Reduced yield formula
Condition Score 1 or 2 Predominant	Reduced yield formula	Standard yield formula

#### Annual Allowable Cut

The term "Annual Allowable Cut" - AAC is the maximum volume that can be felled each year without reducing the long-term sustainability of the forest resource. Alder (1989) suggests that a felling intensity of  $1.23\text{m}^3\text{ha}^{-1}\text{year}^{-1}$  or  $50\text{m}^3\text{ha}^{-1}$  per felling cycle of 40 years (equivalent to 3 mature trees  $\text{ha}^{-1}$  per felling cycle) must be enforced in the tropical high forests of Ghana and probably West Africa in order to achieve sustainability. The length of the felling cycle for Ghana (40 years) is similar to that of tropical South East Asia (30-40 years) but higher than that of most tropical Latin American countries (above 10 years) (c.f. Gormley, 1997). There is no long term evidence as to which particular felling cycle is sustainable although obviously the longer the felling cycle the greater the recovery.

#### Sustainability of Current Timber Harvesting Practices in the Tropics

Sustainable timber harvesting is the use of natural forest which maintains forest environmental services and biological qualities substantially unimpaired, and

implies that similar amounts and types of products (dimensions, quality, species) continue to be harvestable at periodic intervals in perpetuity (Seydack, 1995). Therefore, for harvesting to be sustainable it must be organised in such a way that it remains within the renewability capacity of the forest system both in respect of growth as well as the success and type of regeneration.

Forest management has traditionally concentrated on timber harvesting and it is these systems that are best developed in the tropics. Timber management is based on the principles of sustained yield management using low intensity selection harvesting and natural regeneration as a silvicultural tool (c.f. Planning Branch, 1995b). Currently, tropical African countries have minimum felling limits ranging between 50cm dbh and 70 cm dbh. Additionally, mean felling intensity ranges between  $0.33\text{m}^3\text{ha}^{-1}$  and  $0.50\text{m}^3\text{ha}^{-1}$  in tropical Africa (Parren and de Graaf, 1995), whereas South East Asia and Latin America have a range of between  $0.8\text{m}^3\text{ha}^{-1}$  and  $1.1\text{m}^3\text{ha}^{-1}$  (Plumptre, 1996; Gormley, 1997). A tight log monitoring system has been developed in most countries which tracks trees from stock survey maps through felling and extraction, using in most instances chain of custody certification procedures. Harvest controls systems have been developed to ensure that all timber exports are sourced from sustainably managed forests. In addition, efforts have been put in place to minimise logging residue generation and promote improved recovery and value-added production by encouraging efficient secondary and tertiary processing (FDMP, 1996).

The dependence of tropical timber trade on a few species has resulted in the "creaming" of a few prime species, a

reduction in the raw material base and an increase in the cost of sawmilling operations. It is well known that the future security of wood source from tropical forests depends on sustained production of timber. As trade continues to evolve, there will be greater pressure for higher yields. There is therefore the need for a comprehensive programme to encourage the utilisation and marketing of Less Used Species (LUS). This will provide greater opportunity and incentive as well as income to forest managers leading to greater feasibility in silvicultural planning and responsibility towards maintaining sustainable forest management (SFM).

LUS are timber tree species which show promising market potential. Such species tend to be characterised by

- Flexibility in fitting today's rapidly changing markets i.e. the distribution and exploitable volume of the species are sufficient for market interest.
- (Often) strategically positioned as a substitute to prime commercial species and thus are potentially of high value. However, most of these species may have one or more undesirable characteristics (which may or may not be possible to overcome through improved processing techniques).
- A species for which marketing opportunities arise due to greater processing options, and thus a bulk market, relatively low value species, possibly in competition with plantation production.
- Several terms that have similar meanings to LUS have been used extensively in the literature, namely; commercially less acceptable species ((CLAS) as defined by IUFRO), lesser known species (LKS), new species (NS) and previously unmarketable species (PUS). This project seeks to come out with broadly acceptable definitions of LUS and other synonyms.

Increased harvesting of LUS done on an economically and ecologically sound basis is firmly linked to SFM. This is probably because increased harvesting of LUS invariably leads to increased income part of which can be invested in the development and implementation of SFM techniques.

Consequently the International Tropical Timber Organisation (ITTO) and Governments of some tropical countries have designed programmes to ensure both biodiversity conservation and expansion of the species base, as well as the greater utilisation of lesser used species (LUS).

Presently, many of the tropical timbers, especially LUS are being burnt or otherwise wasted after logging in the reserved forests and conversion of forest lands into agricultural use in off-reserve areas. There is the need to initiate programmes aimed at the sustained utilisation of timber especially in countries where logging volumes or yield are low (Yeom, 1984). It is in line with this objective that the ITTO commissioned the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) in 1991 to review knowledge in LUS and evaluate the ecological impact of increased harvesting of tropical timber. The study noted that whereas industrial and marketing aspects of timber have received considerable support, ecological impacts of increased timber exploitation and utilisation have received little attention.

According to Planning Branch (1995b), the promotion of LUS has long since been promulgated as a means to keep the timber industry in business in the face of economic extinction of primary species. It is evidently not wise to use this means for ensuring 'sustainability'

of supply and care should be taken to make sure that only species suitable for sustainable exploitation based on natural abundance and growth rates are promoted. Any increase in harvest intensity should be undertaken with greater care since it may lead to substantial ecological damage. For example, in tropical Africa uncontrolled harvesting of timber has resulted in poor regeneration and forest stand condition even 15 years after logging. The large canopy openings, especially logging roads and skid trails created results in a high proportion of pioneers among the regeneration, which are less valuable timber trees compared to light demanders and shade bearers (Appiah *et al.*, 1998). There is therefore the need to ensure that economic concerns are carefully balanced with ecological considerations in timber management in the country.

### The Way Forward

The key to providing meaningful forecasts of the future is understanding the past and recognising factors that have shaped patterns of land use, forest utilisation, benefits sharing, trade, investment and other interrelated forests. Analysis of the current status and trends has led to the identification of themes that are likely to be important in determining the future of tropical timber harvesting.

- (i) *Pressures for sustainable management will continue to gather force.*

While some progress has been made in this direction, more is needed to satisfy the principles of sustainable forest management. In particular efforts should be made in reducing harvesting and processing waste. ITTO demand for timber products to be sourced from sustainable managed forest in member

countries is the immediate challenge.

- (ii) *Demand for social equity will increase.*

Although there is a general recognition of the roles of forests in local people livelihoods, in practice however, the social aspects of forestry are often neglected or sacrificed in pursuit of financial expediency. It is expected that demands for greater participation and responsibilities and benefits will intensify in the face of the dwindling resources.

- (iii) *Increasing restrictions on access to forests through physical and regulatory constraints.*

With deforestation rate of 1.3% and overall forest quality decline, it seems evident that the future holds greater physical resource constraints.

- (iv) *Timber trade will remain important.*

In spite of all the above trade in timber products will continue to be important through its contributions to foreign exchange earnings and GDP. Wood demand in the domestic market will also increase due to population growth and other factors. There will be a shift from the so called prime species to lesser-used species and from red woods to light coloured wood species. These development has already started.

### Options for the Future

Against the general policy background and factors that are likely to shape the future of timber harvesting in the tropics, the following options have been proposed.

- (i) *Improve efficiency in forest harvesting and wood processing.*

Significant economic gains could be

made if the current rates of product recovery from 50% for harvesting, and from about 30% - 45% for log processing could be improved. Examination of case studies from S.E. Asia suggests that harvesting efficiencies could be increased by at least 10%. The scope for improvement in processing efficiency is perhaps even greater than that of harvesting. Improvements in processing efficiency could help to diminish the pressure on the forests by reducing the volume of logs required to manufacture the same volume of products. Presently total wood utilised is approximately 15-30% of the utilisable volume of wood.

(ii) *Promotion and marketing of lesser-used species.*

Out of the recorded 680 woody, plant species in Ghana's forests, 240 grow to timber size of above 50cm dbh. So far 66 species have been marketed (Kuffour unpublished). Of these 18 species are regularly traded and 8 species representing 90% of the traded species. Over-reliance on small range of species has led to imminent threat on stocking of 15 species (scarlet) a possible economic extinction of about 5 species and significant danger to 17 others (red). In order to reduce imminent danger posed to these species it is important the range of species utilised or traded is broadened through promotion and marketing of the LUS.

(iii) *Increase production from forest plantations particularly on degraded forests lands.*

A relatively new prospect for encouraging investment in plantation is to provide measures for sequestering carbon in exchange for pollution rights under climate change agreements.

While specific details are still to be clarified, the Kyoto Protocol lays a foundation for a potential vast new investment in forest plantations. Ghana, for example, needs to negotiate for investment in this area in support of its plantation development and the Forestry Development Master Plan.



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1. Directional felling
  2. As 1, but min. dbh 60 cm
  3. 'Conventional logging'
  4. Control, no logging.
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The limits on polycyclic systems by felling damage Large crowns needed for fast growth. But large crowns cause more felling damage. In Uganda, 8-12 ft gbh trees devastates 0. 1 acre of forest, effectively resetting that area to zero. Without climbers this could be halved; perhaps reduced at most to 0.05 acre/tree. This limits polycyclic systems (where felling cycle rotation). No annual acre yields > 30 ft possible, because: Suppose that five 8ft trees are to be felled per acre every ten years. After four felling cycles (or 6 with greatest care) the entire area will have been felled over. Unless species average > 1 ft girth in 10 yrs when grown among bigger trees; or felling damage reduced to . 025 per mature tree felled, then max. yield of African THF is 20 ft3/acre.

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WIND: *Nesogordonia*  $\ln y=9.17-0.25x$   $r^2=.936$ ; *Pterygota*  $\ln y=7.85-0.2x$   $r^2=.9540$ ; *Khaya*  $\ln y=6.39-0.24x$   $r^2=.8526$

ANIMAL: *Aningeria*  $\ln y = 9.93 - 0.32x$   $r^2 = .98$  31; *Cola gig.*  $\ln y = 8 - 0.24x$   $r^2 = .9$  33; *Antiaris*  $\ln y = 8.28 - 0.23x$   $r^2 = .97$  36

EXPLOSIVE: *Bussea*  $\ln y = 5.98 - 0.23x$   $r^2 = .91$  26

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medium-sized stems. Dendrographs show accelerated diameter growth is progressively more pronounced.

Recruitment to 10cm+ over the four observation years is greatly enhanced. Logging is not as beneficial to the remaining commercials as thinning but much better than the controls. Similar BA is removed, but more heterogeneous. No clear effect on mortality is noted, but 2-10cm plants hardly changed by thinning. 16% of trees counted were of species likely to exceed 40 cm dbh.

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Pioneer trees in all plots carried vines significantly less frequently than 'preferred' and 'acceptable' timber species. Pioneer trees were more common in treated plots, so this obscured the relationship between treatment and vine abundance. In some MUS plots, vines were more common than in untreated plots in spite of removal of vines from the former five years earlier. The worst vine tangles were in abandoned log yards and along old roads, where pioneers also abound, so the dissociation is more remarkable. Hypotheses to account for the effect include: fast 'escape' growth of the trees; Greater 'swaying' or more flexible pioneers (discounted); greater shedding of large pioneer leaves (discounted); ants, as most the pioneers were Macaranga. The pioneers may be acting as a protective 'cover crop' for timber trees.

Vines had a slight negative effect on tree growth rates; the effect was expected to rise with time. Some trees were completely smothered, but most had a few small vines. However infestation was only recorded as presence/ absence, so potential effects on growth were probably underestimated. Nearly 50% of vine stems were of sprouts from vines which fell during logging. Post felling vine cutting was not very effective, and pre-felling vine-cutting is recommended.

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The forest in the ('Pibiri') study area is rich in Greenheart ( $\frac{1}{3}$  of basal area >40cm dbh) and locally dominated by other timber species as well, probably to a degree that makes the conclusions on some aspects of limited global applicability in tropical rain forest.

There are five components to LIH incorporated here. Enumeration and mapping of harvestable trees; climber cutting before harvest; selection of trees including an element of silviculture/ecology; directional felling to make a herring bone pattern; winching of logs from stump to trail. Four treatments were used. 1. 'Light' LIH (4 trees/ha.); 2. Moderate LIH (8/ha, or c. 25m<sup>3</sup>/ha) as recommended under the CELOS system; 3. High intensity LIH (16/ha), being about the max. possible, with stems down to 40cm dbh; 4. As 2. , but succeeded by silvicultural treatment; 5. No intervention. Each treatment had a total of three replicates (i.e. 3 randomised blocks). Some samples were also laid in traditionally (uncontrolled) logging areas nearby.

Assessment of damage/efficiency, comparing controlled and uncontrolled logging, was along 3 strips (20x500 m). arranged in recording units (20x20m) within which all trees >20cm dbh (all species) were measured. Trees <5cm dbh were measured in a 5m wide strip. For other assessments, 140x140 blocks of 20 x 20m quadrats were assessed for all trees, all species, >20cm dbh. In the central hectare of quadrats, smaller trees were measured in nested subquadrats within each quadrat (5-20 cm dbh in 10x10m; within which 2-5cm dbh in 5x5m; within which 1.5m high to 2cm dbh trees in 2x2m).

Enumeration of trees  $\geq 20$  cm dbh was made before logging; all trees were enumerated after logging. BA felled was said not to be proportional to no. trees (N) felled because smaller trees had to be used at higher intensities. However, the relationship  $BA = 0.71 + 0.2N$  had a high  $R^2$  (0.91). Other relations established were:

1. Area felling gaps (%) =  $-1.99 + 8.72 \times BA$
2. Area skid trails (%) =  $3.89 + 1.69 \times BA$
3. Remaining area (%) =  $97.12 - 9.52 \times BA$

Equation 2 has a low coefficient of determination ( $R^2 = 0.3$ ).

The relation: The area of felling gaps (%) =  $1.04 + 1.82 \times N$  has an  $R^2$  of 0.79, which is said to be not quite as good a predictor as BA (whose  $r^2$  is not mentioned) as it takes no account of tree size. 1+2+3 is not quite 100% because of skid trails in felling gaps were 'double booked'.

With a  $BA < 0.8$  (m<sup>2</sup>/Ha), skid trail area exceeds felling gaps, and 90% of the forest is unaffected. Above this, the opposite applies. At 4m<sup>2</sup>/ha 60% is unaffected. Topography is a better indicator of skid trails than BA felled, although a distinction is made between planned skid trails (3-7%) which did not correlate with BA, and unplanned ones (2% in light harvest) which were slightly more closely correlated with BA. Results are compared with those of Jonkers (87), Schmitt (89) and Hendrison (96), who all used different assessment techniques. Generally smaller % gaps were found for equivalent exploitation at lower intensities; and higher % gaps at higher levels. This is partly because natural gaps were included, and trees were generally smaller. However, LIH methods did reduce skidding damage. Gap areas (measured by 'projection of gap coordinates') occurred mainly above the stumps (due to smallish trees, regular canopy and directional felling).

The felling techniques used are extensively discussed. 89% of trees could be felled in the desired quadrant, an improvement on Hendrison (1990) because of the enhanced techniques. Winching short distances was often convenient. 20m winch distances were not implemented 49% of time due to impracticalities.

The frequency distribution of gap sizes is discussed. 7.5% of the gaps (8 trees/ha LIH) or 14% (16 trees/ha) were 'unacceptably' large ( $> 500$  m<sup>2</sup>). Mean gap size for single tree = 176 m<sup>2</sup>; for 2 tree gaps = 399 m<sup>2</sup> (n=12); for 3 trees = 617 m<sup>2</sup> (n=3), suggesting 2 trees/gap is maximal if 500 m<sup>2</sup> is unacceptable. Gap area increased with intensity, surprising because no savings evident due to shared gaps.

Equations are also given for tree damage. One conclusion is that % completely undamaged trees after felling and skidding strongly correlates with, but is slightly higher than % area totally unaffected. Most damage to trees by skidding is classed as minor. % destroyed stems is in proportion to intensity, but % injury does not increase so. Accidental logging damage affected 15% of trees  $> 20$  cm dbh after a light harvest or 33% after a fourfold increase of BA extracted. In total 18%, 29% and 42% of commercial trees  $> 20$  cm dbh were affected somehow after logging 4, 8 or 16 trees per hectare

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