

**NYANJA BLOCK MANAGEMENT PLAN
GVH NYANJA
TRADITIONAL AUTHORITY NTHONDO**

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T/A	Traditional Authority
GVH	Group village head
FMU	Forest management unit
LFO	Local forest organization
FEW	Forest extension workers
DFO	District Forestry Officer
ADFO	Assistant District Forestry Officer
PCU	Programme Coordination Unit
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INTRODUCTIONS

This document represents the summary of the process of joint discussion, analysis, consultation, negotiation and planning by the community of GVH Nyanja, T/A Nthondo, Ntchisi District, facilitated by forestry extension workers in Nthondo area.

The aim is to empower people of GVH Nyanja to make decisions and take responsibility of managing Nyanja Block jointly with Forestry Department and utilize the resources sustainably.

It is also aimed at promoting and instigating co-management of forest resources which is inline with *the* National Forest Policy (1996) which recognizes the need for the communities to be given greater role in the management of forest, and access to forest resources. This Block Plan has been agreed and endorsed by all major stake holders within the area.

Importantly it sets out the management plan for each use, licensing plan, and benefit sharing among block members, resource use rules, which are locally relevant and enforceable

Boundary

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tenure

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Forest Users

Nyanja group is a category of the primary users of the Block. Other communities that are allowed to use the forest upon obtaining a permit from the Block management committee.

MANAGING AUTHORITY

This management plan is to be implemented jointly by Nyanja Block Management Committee and Forestry Department, particularly Ntchisi District Forest Office.

Description

Nyanja Block is part of Ntchisi Forest Reserve and is adjacent to villages in GVH Nyanja, namely: Nyanja I, Nyanja II, Zamnyunda, Zambala I, Zambala II, Ngoma, Nkhalawangwe, Kamkowe I and Kamkowe II.

It shares boundary with Mandwe Block to the north and Chifwerekete Block to the south. It is located 13.5km to the east of Ntchisi Boma. It is a water catchment area and some perennial streams arise within the Block namely: Dwazi River, Kampongozi River, Chimasomaso River, Nachiwaliza River, Navipwete River and Nachiwale River.

The soils within the Block are of loam type.

The Block is Miombo woodland and the dominant tree species are *Brachystegia* species. Other species within the Block include: *Uapaka*, *kirkiana*, *Sygium cordatum*, *khaya* *anthotheca*, *pericopsis angolensis*, *Faurea* species, *Ficus cycamorus*, *vitexdoniana*.

The Block has a size of 727.8 ha and is even aged woodland with closed canopy.

It is well stocked having different tree sizes ranging from tobacco sticks to timber except a small area of 11 ha which was wantonly cut due to collection of edible caterpillars (matondo).

Communities from within and far are the ones who were using the unsustainable way of collecting these edible caterpillars.

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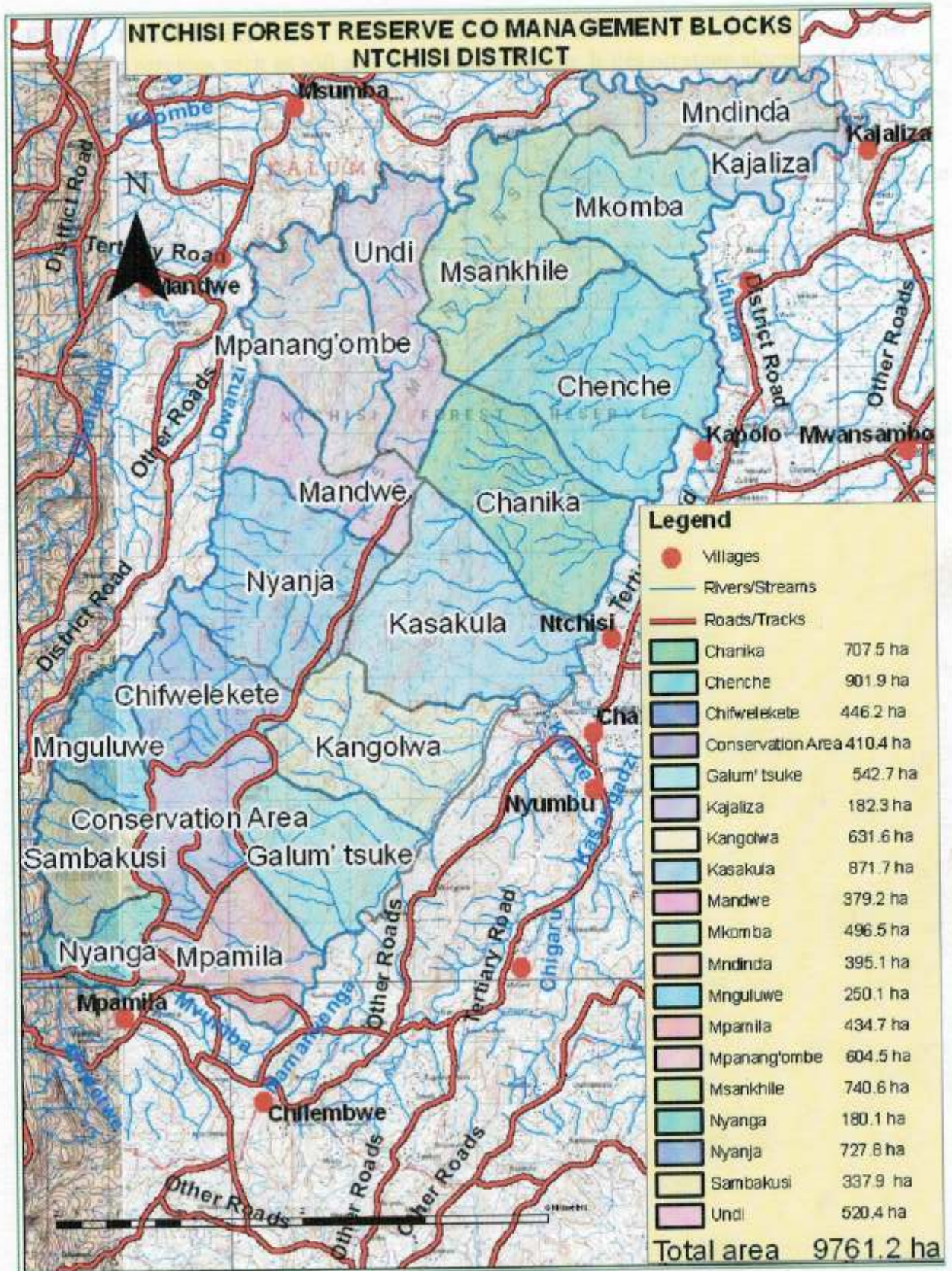
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MAP OF NTCHISI FOREST RESERVE.



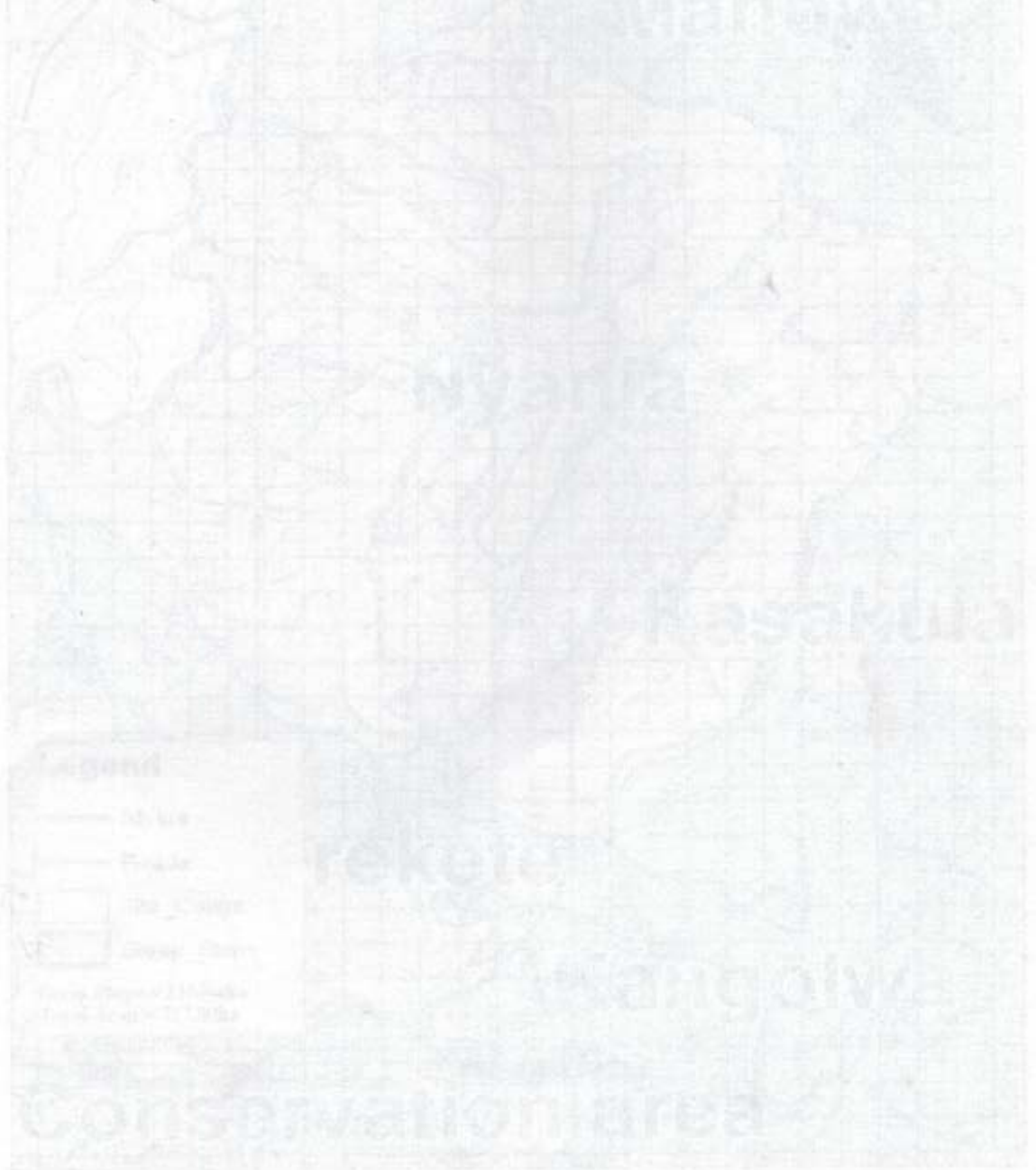
FOREST MANAGEMENT UNITS (FMUs)

Nyanja Block has two distinct Forest management units as follows:

FMU 1: This is an area within the Block which has been set aside for provision of other ecological services such as soil and water conservation. It lies on steep slopes and riverines thus 10m either side of rivers.

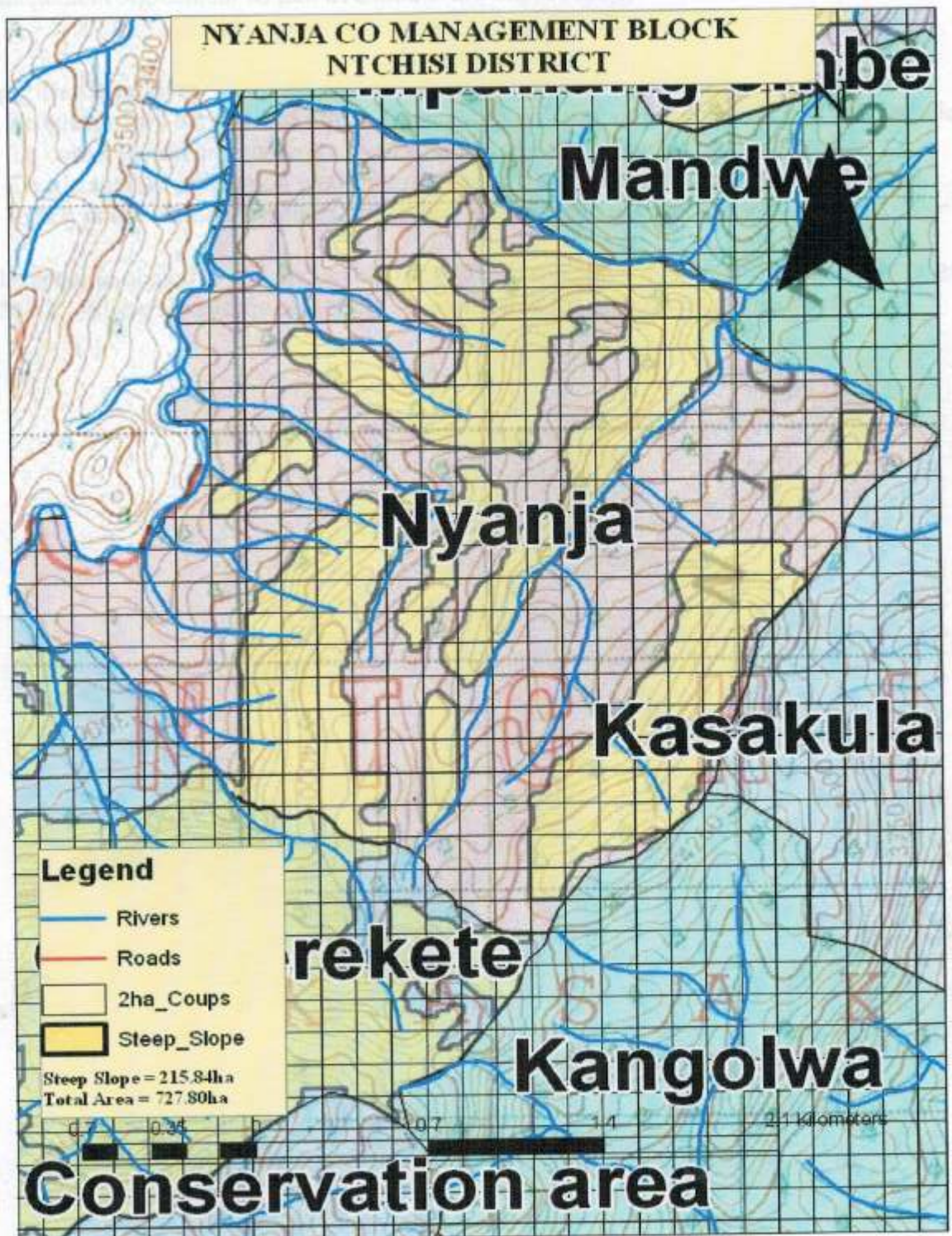
It is non harvestable area of 377ha

has **FMU 2:** The area for production purposes where harvesting should be done and it covers an area of 350.8ha *is to be managed*



MAP OF NYANJA BLOCK SHOWING FMUS

Overall Objective
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 Ecosystem services in Nyanja Block with Forestry Department upon a signed Co-
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NO			Penalty
	<p>Specific Objectives</p> <p>1. To sustainably harvest and utilize firewood, poles, timber for domestic use and for sale.</p> <p>2. To conserve and protect rivers from siltation and steep slopes from soil erosion.</p> <p>3. To sustainably utilize non wood forest products such as mushroom, medicine, fruits, thatch grass, edible caterpillars and honey for domestic use and for sale.</p> <p>The specific objective 1 is applicable for FMU 2; specific objective 2 is specifically targeting FMU1. Where as specific objective 3 is applicable for both forest management units.</p>		
1	Person is allowed to have access into the Block without authority	To be regulated and monitored by LFG	Any one found guilty of accessing into the Block without authority shall pay a fine of MK5,000.00
2	Person is allowed to collect firewood from the Block without authority from the BMC	Collection of any forest produce will require a written authorization from the LFG	Any one found guilty of collecting firewood within the Block without permit shall pay a fine of MK5,000.00
3	Person is allowed to saw timber within the Block without authority	Cutting & sawing of trees will be regulated and monitored by the LFG	Any one found guilty of sawing timber within the Block without permit shall pay a fine of MK5,000.00
4	Person is allowed to light or cause fire to in to the Block without authority	Under control by BMC during regulated early burning	Any one found guilty of lighting or causing fire to without permit shall pay a fine of (A) four goats or MK10,000.00
5	Person is allowed to collect traditional medicine from the Block without permit	Collection of any forest produce will require a written authorization from the LFG	Any one found guilty of collecting traditional medicine from the Block without authority shall pay a fine of MK300.00
6	Person is allowed to collect clay soil for pottery from the Block without permit from the BMC	Collection of any forest produce will require a written authorization from the LFG	Any one found guilty of collecting clay soil for pottery from the Block without authority shall pay a fine of MK200.00
7	Person is allowed to loose or pasture livestock within the Block without permit	To be regulated and monitored by LFG	Any one found guilty of grazing or pasturing livestock within the Block without authority shall pay a fine of MK2,000.00
8	Person is allowed to clear, break up	Strictly prohibited	Any one found guilty of

Resource Rules

These, where applicable, relate to the whole Block.

NO	RESOURCE RULES	SPECIFICATION	PENALTY
1	Noone is allowed to have access into the Block without authority.	To be regulated and monitored by LFO	Any one found guilty of accessing into the Block without authority shall pay a fine of (2) two chickens.
2	Noone is allowed to hunt within the Block without authority from the BMC.	To be regulated and monitored by LFO	Any one found guilty of hunting within the Block without permit shall pay a fine of MK1,200.00
3	Noone is allowed to mow grass within the Block without authority from the BMC.	To be regulated and monitored by LFO	Any one found guilty of mowing grass within the Block without authority shall pay a fine of MK200.00
4	No one is allowed to collect firewood from the Block without authority from the BMC.	Collection of any forest produce will require a written authorization from the LFO	Any one found guilty of collecting firewood within the Block without permit shall pay a fine of MK50.00
5	Noone is allowed to saw timber within the Block without authority.	Cutting & sawing of trees will be regulated and monitored by the LFO.	Any one found guilty of sawing timber within the Block without permit shall pay a fine of MK5,000.00
6	Noone is allowed to light or cause fire to lit in the Block without authority	Under control by BMC during controlled early burning.	Any one found guilty of lighting or causing fire to lit without permit shall pay a fine of (4) four goats or MK10,000.00
7	Noone is allowed to collect traditional medicine from the Block without permit.	Collection of any forest produce will require a written authorization from the LFO	Any one found guilty of collecting traditional medicine from the Block without authority shall pay a fine of MK500.00
8	No one is allowed to collect clay soil for pottery from the Block without permit from the BMC.	Collection of any forest produce will require a written authorization from the LFO	Any one found guilty of collecting clay soil for pottery from the Block without authority shall pay a fine of MK200.00
9	No one is allowed to graze or pasture livestock within the Block without permit	To be regulated and monitored by LFO	Any one found guilty of grazing or pasturing livestock within the Block without authority shall pay a fine of MK2,000.00
10	No one is allowed to clear ,breakup	Strictly prohibited	Anyone found guilty of

	land for cultivation in the BLOCK without authority from the LFO		clearing, breaking up land for cultivation in the BLOCK without authority from the LFO shall pay a fine of MK10,000.00
11	No one is allowed to set snares within the Block without authority	Strictly prohibited	Anyone found guilty of setting snares within the Block without authority from the LFO shall pay a fine of eight chickens.
12	No one is allowed to keep bees within the Block without authority.	To be regulated and monitored by LFO	Anyone found guilty of keeping bees within the Block without authority from the LFO shall pay a fine of five chickens.
13	No one is allowed to erect any building, a hut or cattle enclosure without authority from the LFO	Strictly prohibited	Anyone found guilty of erecting any building, hut or cattle enclosure without authority shall pay a fine of MK5,000.00
14	No one is allowed to alter or remove any boundary or mark within the BLOCK without authority from LFO.	To be regulated and monitored by LFO	Anyone found guilty shall pay a fine of 2 chickens or K700.00
15	Every one shall participate in all forestry activities for the BLOCK e.g. controlled early burning, patrolling, establishment of annual harvesting coupes e.t.c	To be regulated and monitored by LFO	Anyone found guilty of refusing to participate in BLOCK forest activities shall pay a fine of 1 chicken or K350.00

Poke	4,000	1,500	3,500
Railers	4,300	2,700	3,000
Box beams	720	280	540
Timber	30,000	11,000	19,000
Firewood	Headload: 11,200	Headload: 5,000	Headload: 6,000
Timber	900	300	300
Pilve	Nikere: 1,050	500	500
Traditional medicine	lunch: 1,800	1,200	500
Embly - Sapiha	Pats: 900	180	720
Mushroom	Pats: 300	120	180
Pride	Pats: 900	180	720
Honey	Each: 1	1	1

MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR EACH USE

FOREST MANAGEMENT UNIT 2 (FMU 2)

Why not start with FMU 1?

Description for FMU 2 Boundaries: This is an area which has been set aside for harvesting of woody forest products and non woody forest products. It lies on gentle slopes and flat areas covering 350.8ha. For more details refer Map of Nyanja Block showing FMUs
 Allowable annual harvest area: 23.3ha

Key woody product is: Firewood.

Rotational period is: (fifteen) 15 years.

Number of 2ha coupes per year: (Eleven) 11 coupes.

Total area of coupes: (Twenty two) 22ha

Average Estimated Annual Household Demand.

Table 1. Showing annual requirement for all house holds. (180)

FOREST PRODUCT	ANNUAL HOUSE HOLD DEMAND ESTIMATED AVERAGE	AMOUNT MET FROM ELSEWHERE VFA/ WOODLOT	ANNUAL REQUIREMENT FOR ALL HOUSE HOLDS FROM FOREST RESERVE
Poles	4,680	1,800	2,880
Rafters	6,300	2,700	3,600
Roof beams	720	180	540
Tobacco sticks	30,000	11,000	19,000
Firewood	Headload: 17,280	Headload: 8,640	Headload: 8,640
Timber	900	540	360
Fibre	Nkhata : 1,080	540	540
Traditional medicine	bunch: 1,800	1,260	540
Edible caterpillars	Pails : 900	180	720
Mushroom	Pails: 360	180	180
Fruits	Pails: 900	180	720
Honey	Pails : 2	1	1

Table 2. Showing total supply of forest products from annual coupes (11).

FOREST PRODUCT	NUMBER AVAILABLE FOR HARVEST PER HA	TOTAL HARVESTABLE IN ANNUAL COUPES (11)
Poles	1,300	28,600
Rafters	1200	26,400
Roof beams	900	19,800
Tobbaco sticks	1,100	24,200
Firewood	350 cubic metres	7,700 cubic metres
Timber	250	5,500
Fibre	High (xxxx)	High (xxxx)
Traditional medicine	High (xxxx)	High (xxxx)
Edible caterpillars	-	-
Mushroom	-	-
Fruits	-	-
Honey	-	-

Note:

~~Xxxx~~: High

Table 3: Showing quantity of forest products for sale.

FOREST PRODUCT	DEMAND	SUPPLY	SURPLUS	SHORTAGE
Poles	2,880	28,600	25,720	-
Rafters	3,600	26,400	22,800	-
Roof beams	540	19,800	19,260	-
Tobacco sticks	19,000	24,200	5,200	-
Firewood	Headload: 8,640	Headload : 46,200 mendles: 7,700)	Headload: 37,560	-
Timber	(360:planks) trees: 24	5,500: planks (mitengo 366)	(5,140: planks) 342: trees	-
Fibre	(bunch : 540)high: xxxx	High (xxxx)	xx	-
Traditional medicine	(bunch: 540) high: xxxx	High (xxxx)	xx	-
Edible caterpillars	pails : 720	-	-	-
Mushroom	pails: 180	-	-	-
Fruits	pails: 720	-	-	-
Honey	pails : 1	-	-	-

Note:

X: Very little

Xxxx: High

Xxxxx: Very high

Forest product:

- ✚ Poles - Key product
- ✚ Firewood - By product of firewood production
- ✚ Timber - Where available

Key species :

- ✚ Pericorpsis angolensis, ^{Maniweles} faurea species, Syzigi^{um} cordatum, mvukwe, mtondo, kadale, mpasa, mseza and nsanga.
- ✚ Timber species: Syzigi^{um} cordatum, faurea species, mseza, mpasa, Kadale, acacia polyacantha, kasokolowe, ntondo, nsolo, Mpysipsya, msasi, msenjere, mbawa, mlombwa, Msekese, mtangatanga, mkulo ndi msetanyani.

Demand : High

Supply : High

Problems/ Issues:

- ✚ Wild fires, poor terrain in some areas which makes extraction difficult.
- ✚ Wanton cutting down of trees in matondo prone areas as means of collection.
- ✚ Tree theft.

Management Practices :

- ✚ Harvesting of poles, firewood and timber will be in demarcated coupes only.
- ✚ Area of harvest is limited to 23.3 ha per year in 11 coupes of 2 ha each, resulting in a rotation period of 15 years. Coupes will be selected on an annual basis and clearly marked.
- ✚ All material suitable for poles will be extracted before firewood is produced.
- ✚ Timber trees – Faurea species, Khaya anotheca, Pericorpsis angolensis less than 30cm in diameter shall not be cut in the coupes chosen for harvesting in order for them to gain volume.
- ✚ Trees suitable for timber sawing must have not less than 30cm in diameter at breast height.
- ✚ Selective cutting shall apply for timber species in demarcated annual coupes only.
- ✚ Sawing of timber shall require a licence from the BMC and only mature trees shall be harvested and sawn into timber.
- ✚ Timber trees shall not be harvested for poles or firewood.
- ✚ Harvesting shall take place from July to June each year.
- ✚ Coupes will be selected and marked by the LFO in July each year.
- ✚ Minimum of 80 trees in each 2ha coupe shall be left standing.
- ✚ All poles shall be prepared by purchaser.
- ✚ All fuelwood in the coupe shall be cut and stacked in mendles by purchaser.
- ✚ Small diameter fuelwood shall be sold as headloads.
- ✚ Trees will be cut below 20cm above ground.
- ✚ Poles are trees suitable for the purpose which are not marked as timber or medicinal trees.
- ✚ All material suitable for firewood will be extracted after poles are produced.
- ✚ Controlled early burning shall be done in order to reduce firehazards.
- ✚ Selective cutting shall be done in all the selected coupes.

Trees for poles?
are those not
marked.....

- ✚ All forest users shall possess a written authority from the LFO in order to access poles, firewood and timber and shall be accompanied by the LFO during harvesting and extraction.
- ✚ No harvesting of trees for poles, firewood or timber shall take place in the harvested coupe for the following 15 years.
- ✚ Larger diameter fuelwood in a coupe shall be cut and stacked in mends while smaller diameter fuelwood shall be extracted as headloads before being brought to markets and households.

Allowable area

Per year:

- ✚ Poles, firewood and timber shall be harvested and extracted according to coupe rotation of 22ha per year. (11 annual coupes)

Who can issue

Permit :

- ✚ The BMC (Chair person, Secretary and Treasurer) shall be issuing permits for domestic use only while for commercial use the District Forestry Officer shall be counter signing.

To whom can permits be issued

- ✚ Community of GVH Nyanja, neighbouring communities and beyond.

Fees / Loyalties:

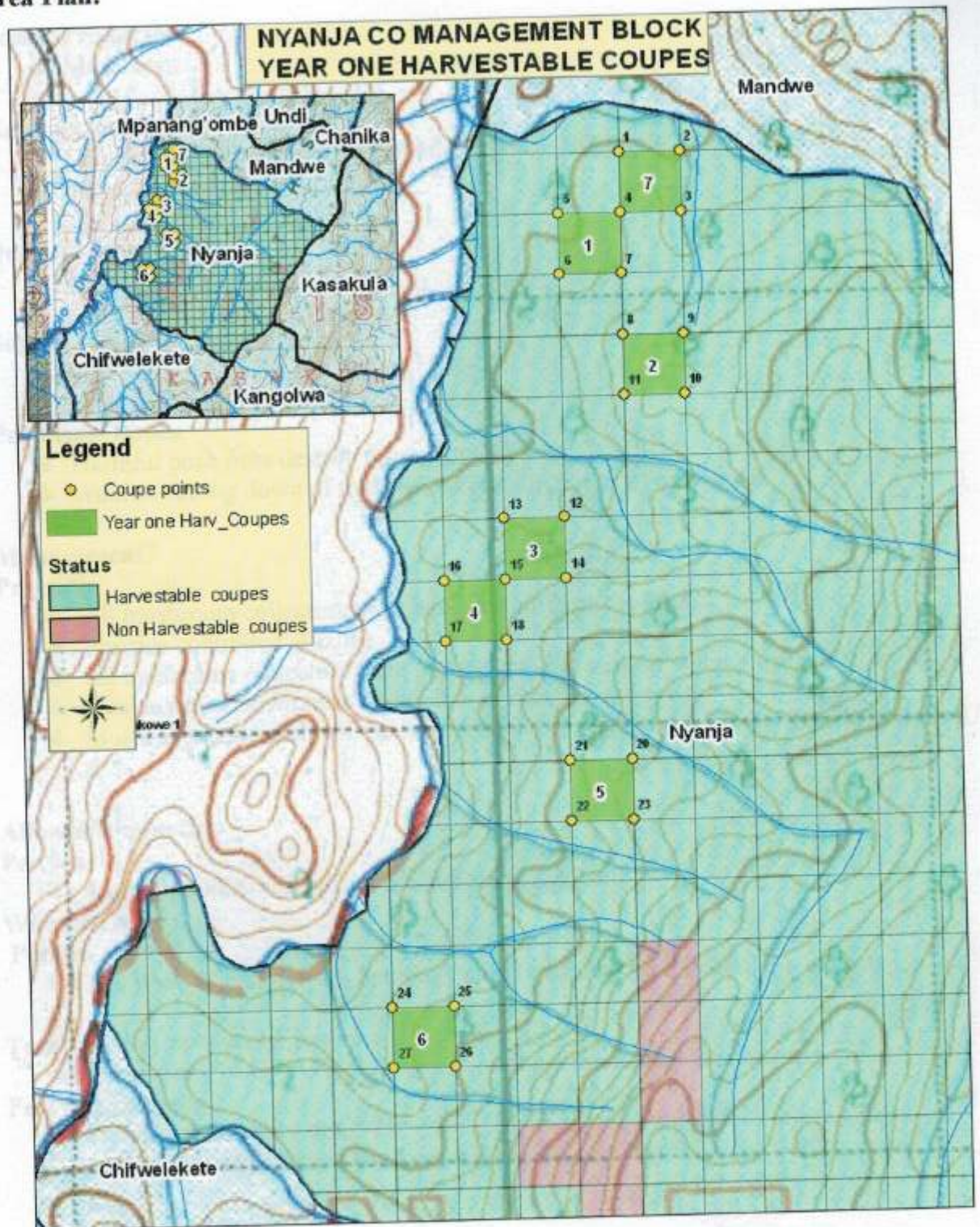
- ✚ Firewood collected for domestic use shall attract a fee of MK10.00 per headload or MK500.00 per oxcart load while others shall pay MK50.00 per headload or MK500.00 per oxcart.
- ✚ Poles shall attract a fee of MK10.00 each for community of GVH Nyanja (member of Nyanja Block Management committee) while others shall pay MK50.00 per pole.
- ✚ Timber sawing will attract a fee of MK1, 500.00 per tree through a Licence for community of Nyanja while others shall pay K2, 500.00 per tree through a licence.

(Types of product licences & associated fees?)

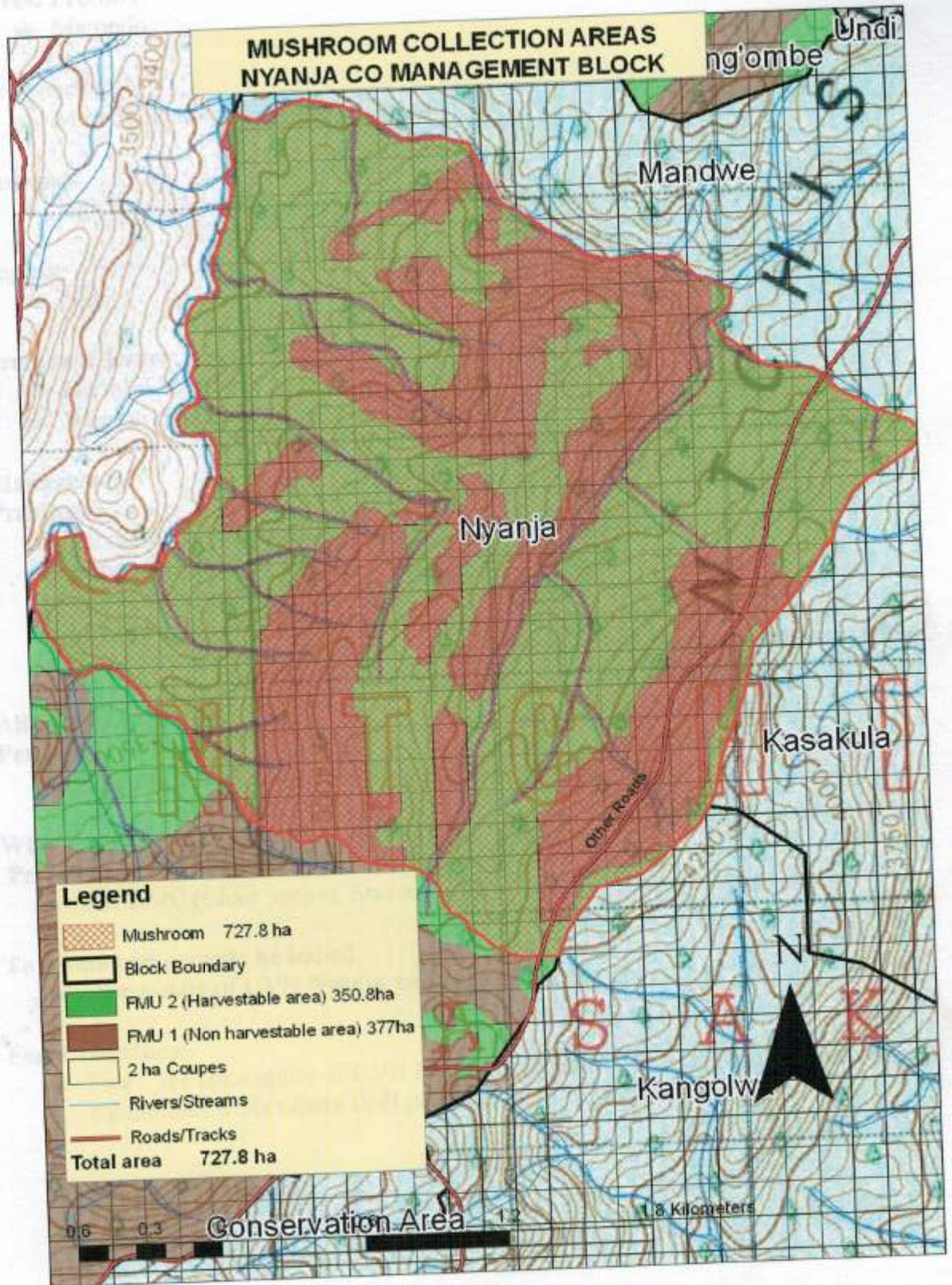
Table 4: showing issuing of licences

FOREST PRODUCT	DOMESTIC/ COMMERCIAL	SUPPLY	COST	NO. PER LICENCE	COST OF LICENCE	NO. OF LICENCES	AMOUNT FOR LICENCES
Poles:	-Domestic use:	2,880	MK10.00	10	K100.00	288	MK28,800.00
	-Commercial:	25,720	MK50.00	20	K1,000.00	1,286	MK1,286,000.00
Rafters	-Domestic use:	3,600	MK10.00	10	K100.00	360	MK36,000.00
	-Commercial:	22,800	MK50.00	40	K2,000.00	570	MK1,140,000.00
Roof beams	-Domestic use:	540	MK10.00	3	K30.00	180	MK5,400.00
	-Commercial:	19,260	MK50.00	25	K1,250.00	770	MK962,500.00
Tobacco sticks	-Domestic use:	19,000	MK10.00	100	K1,000.00	190	MK190,000.00
	-Commercial:	5,200	MK50.00	250	K12,500.00	20	MK250,000.00
Firewood	-Domestic use:	8,640 headloads	MK10.00 per headload	Headloads 2	K20.00	4,320	MK86,400.00
	-Commercial:	37,560 headloads	MK50.00 per headload	Headloads 10	K50.00	3,756	MK187,800.00
Timber	-Domestic use:	360 planks (24 trees)	MK1,500.00 per tree.	2 trees	K3,000.00	12	MK36,000.00
	-Commercial:	5,140 planks (342 trees)	MK2,500.00 per tree.	2 trees	K5,000.00	171	MK855,000.00
TOTAL							MK5,063,900.00

Area Plan:



Area Plan



FMU 2

Forest Product:

- ✚ Matondo

Key species:

- ✚ Mtondo, matondo chitsuto, matondo mvukwe.

Demand :

- ✚ high

Supply :

- ✚ high

Problems/ Issues:

- ✚ Harmful bush fires.
- ✚ Wanton cutting down of trees due to collection of edible carterpilars.

Management

Practices :

- ✚ All matondo collectors must have permit from the BMC.
- ✚ Conduct controlled early burning.
- ✚ Conduct frequent patrols.
- ✚ Only matured edible carterpilars which have fallen down will be collected.
- ✚ Matondo collection will be done from November to December every year in FMU 2.

Allowable quantity

Per year :

- ✚ A permit holder will collect matondo as available.

Who can issue

Permit :

- ✚ The BMC (Chair person, Secretary and Treasurer) shall be issuing permits

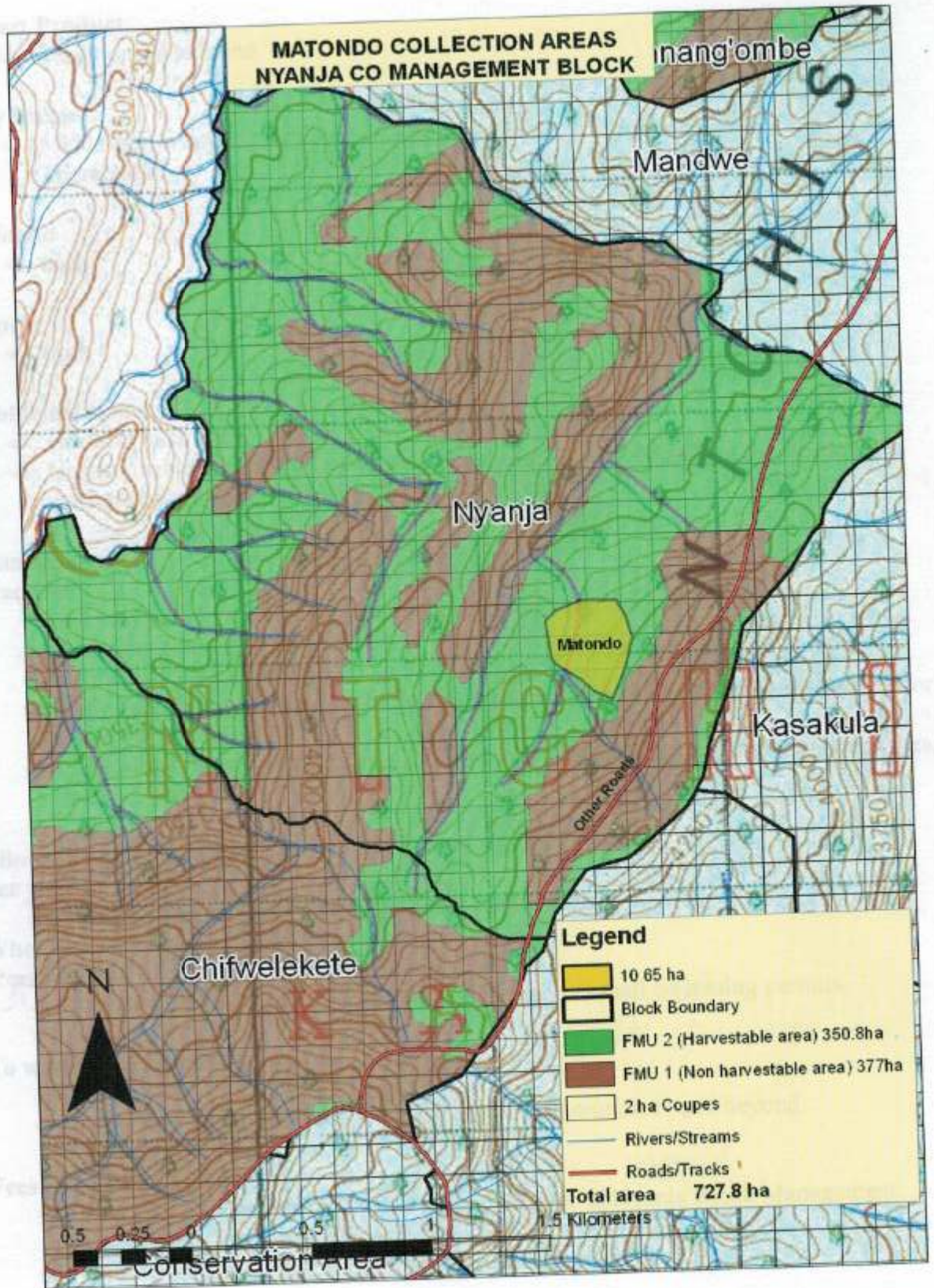
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- ✚ Community of GVH Nyanja, neighbouring communities and beyond.

Fees / Loyalties:

- ✚ Free for community of GVH Nyanja (Member of Nyanja Block Management committee) while others shall pay MK100.00 for a permit.

Area Plan:



FMUs 1 & 2

Forest Product:

- ✚ Traditional Medicine

Key species:

- ✚ Mkalakati, m'bwazi, msolo, masoang'ombe, mtengowamphira, madazi and Thombodzi.

Demand :

- ✚ high

Supply :

- ✚ high

Problems/ Issues:

- ✚ Harmful bush fires.
- ✚ Unsustainable way of collecting traditional medicine. i.e debarking the whole tree, cutting down the whole tree, defoliating the tree.

Management

Practices :

- ✚ All traditional medicine collectors must have permit from the BMC.
- ✚ Conduct controlled early burning.
- ✚ Conduct frequent patrols.
- ✚ Only few plant parts shall be collected per tree and not debarking the whole tree nor felling it.
- ✚ Traditional medicine collection will be done any time from July onwards every year in both FMUs 1 & 2.

Allowable quantity

Per year :

- ✚ A permit holder will collect traditional medicine as available.

Who can issue

Permit :

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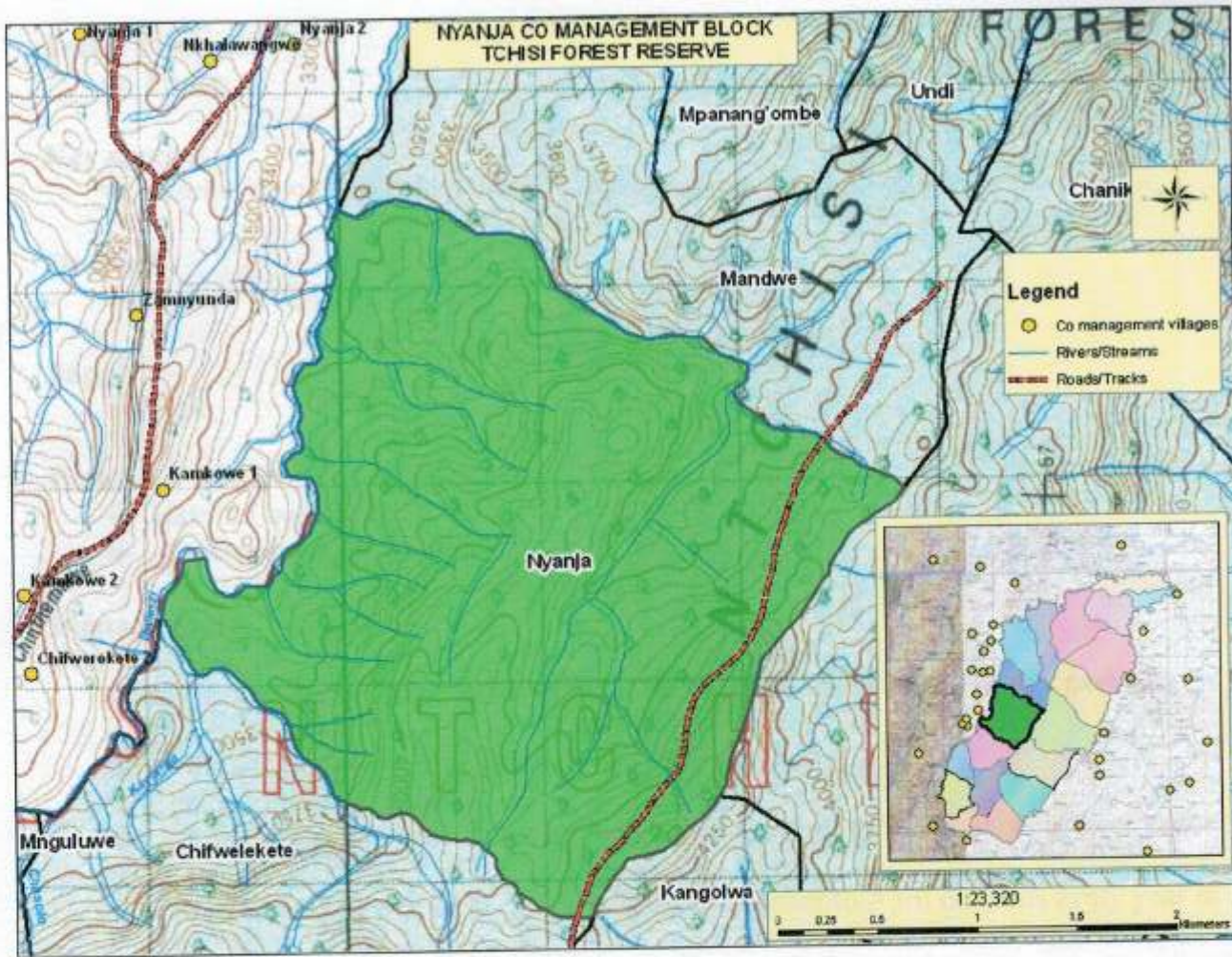
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- ✚ While others shall pay MK100.00 for a permit.

Area Plan:



Allowable quantity

Per year

• All permit holder will collect fruits as available.

Who can issue

Permit

• The HACC (Chair person, Secretary and Treasurer) will be issuing permits.

To whom can permits be issued

• Community of CVH Nyanja, neighbouring communities and beyond.

Permit fee/charge

• Free for every one.

FMUs 1 & 2

Forest Product:

- ✚ Fruits.

Key species:

- ✚ Msuku, mgonkhomwala, thenjere, madazi, nthudza, kasokolowe,

Demand :

- ✚ high

Supply :

- ✚ high

Problems/ Issues:

- ✚ Harmful bush fires.
- ✚ Cutting down of fruit trees.

Management

Practices :

- ✚ All fruit collectors must have permit from the BMC and should possess a **carrying** basket.
- ✚ Conduct controlled early burning.
- ✚ Conduct frequent parols.
- ✚ All fruit collectors must shake or climb the tree when collecting and no trees should be felled.
- ✚ Fruit collection will be done any time from October to April onwards every year in both FMUs 1 & 2.

Allowable quantity

Per year :

- ✚ A permit holder will collect fruits as available.

Who can issue

Permit :

- ✚ The BMC (Chair person, Secretary and Treasurer) shall be issuing permits.

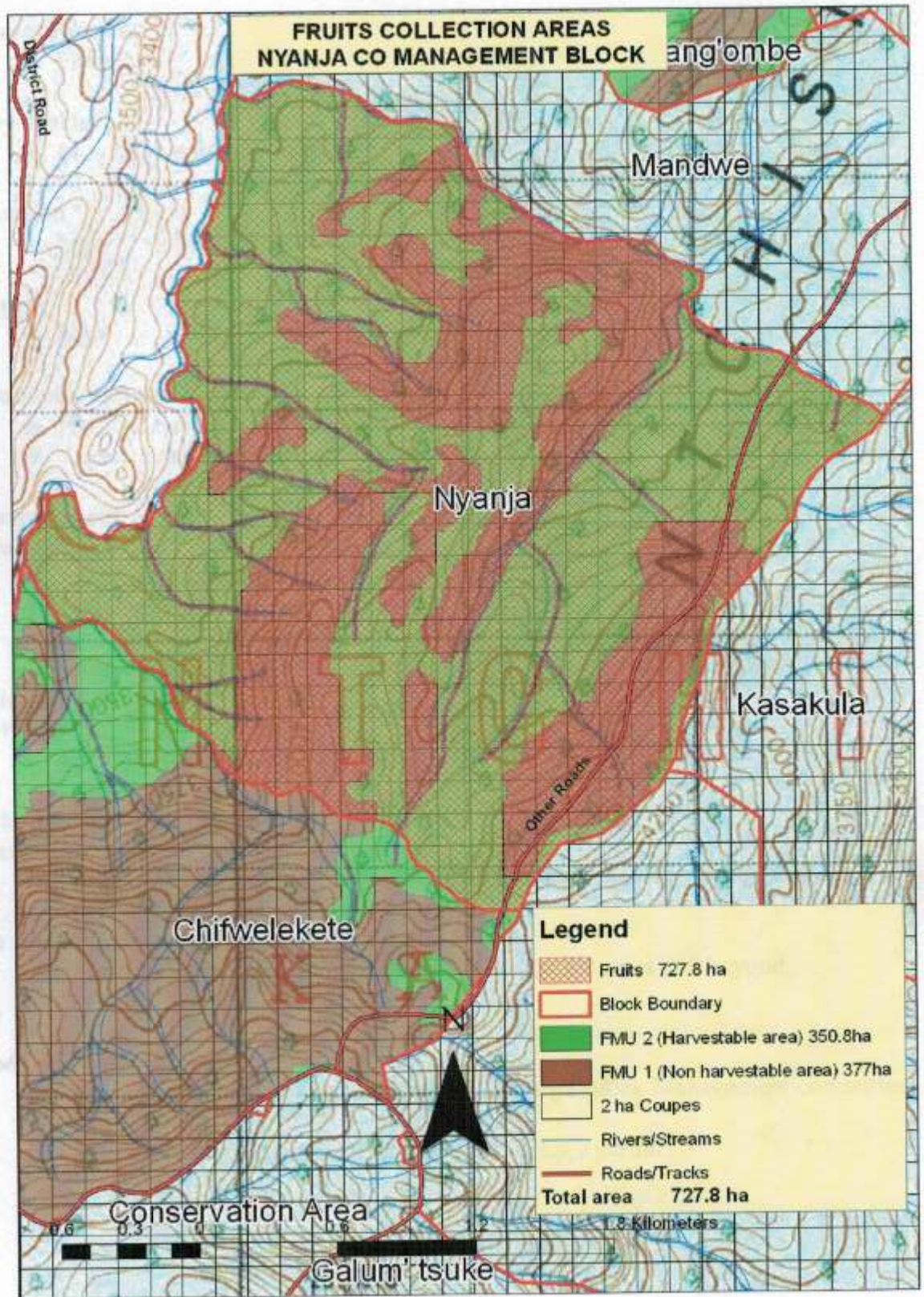
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Fees / Loyalties:

- ✚ Free for every one

Area Plan:



FMU 2

Forest Product:

- ✚ Fibre

Key species:

- ✚ Mombo, kamphoni, msenga.

Demand :

- ✚ high

Supply :

- ✚ high

Problems/ Issues:

- ✚ Harmful bush fires.
- ✚ Unsustainable way of harvesting.

Management

Practices :

- ✚ All fibre collectors must have permit from the BMC.
- ✚ Conduct controlled early burning.
- ✚ All fibre collectors must collect from tree branches and coppices.
- ✚ Fibre collection will be done any time from June onwards every year in FMU 2.

Allowable quantity

Per year :

- ✚ A permit holder will collect fibre as available.

Who can issue

Permit :

- ✚ The BMC (Chair person, Secretary and Treasurer) shall be issuing permits.

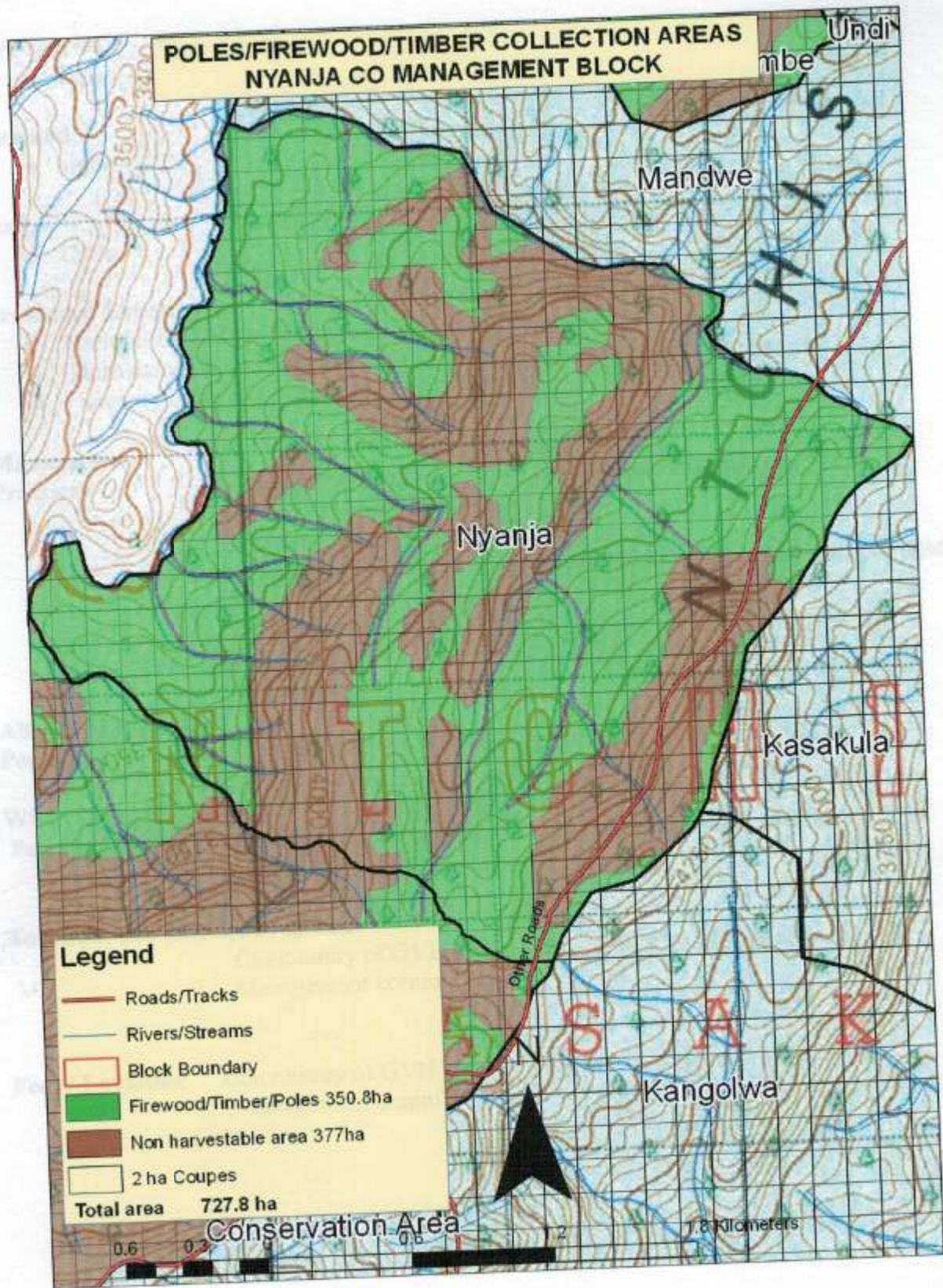
To whom can permits be issued

- ✚ Community of GVH Nyanja, neighbouring communities and beyond.

Fees / Loyalties:

- ✚ Community of GVH Nyanja (Member of Nyanja Block Management committee) shall pay.
- ✚ MK100.00 while others shall pay MK200.00 for a permit.

Area Plan:



FMU 1

Forest Product:

🌿 Honey

Key species:

🌿 Sanga

Demand :

🌿 high

Supply :

🌿 Little

Problems/ Issues:

- 🌿 Harmful bush fires destroy bees and trees.
- 🌿 Unsustainable way of harvesting. i.e use of lighting fire during harvesting.
- 🌿 Scarcity of bees.

Management Practices :

All beekeepers must have permit from the BMC and use Malawian Standard Topbar Hives.
Conduct controlled early burning.
All honey collectors must use smokers during harvesting and not lighting fire.
Beehives will be installed any time from July onwards every year in FMU 1.

Allowable quantity Per year :

A permit holder will install as many bee bives as he/she can.

Who can issue Permit :

The BMC (Chair person, Secretary and Treasurer) shall be issuing Permits.

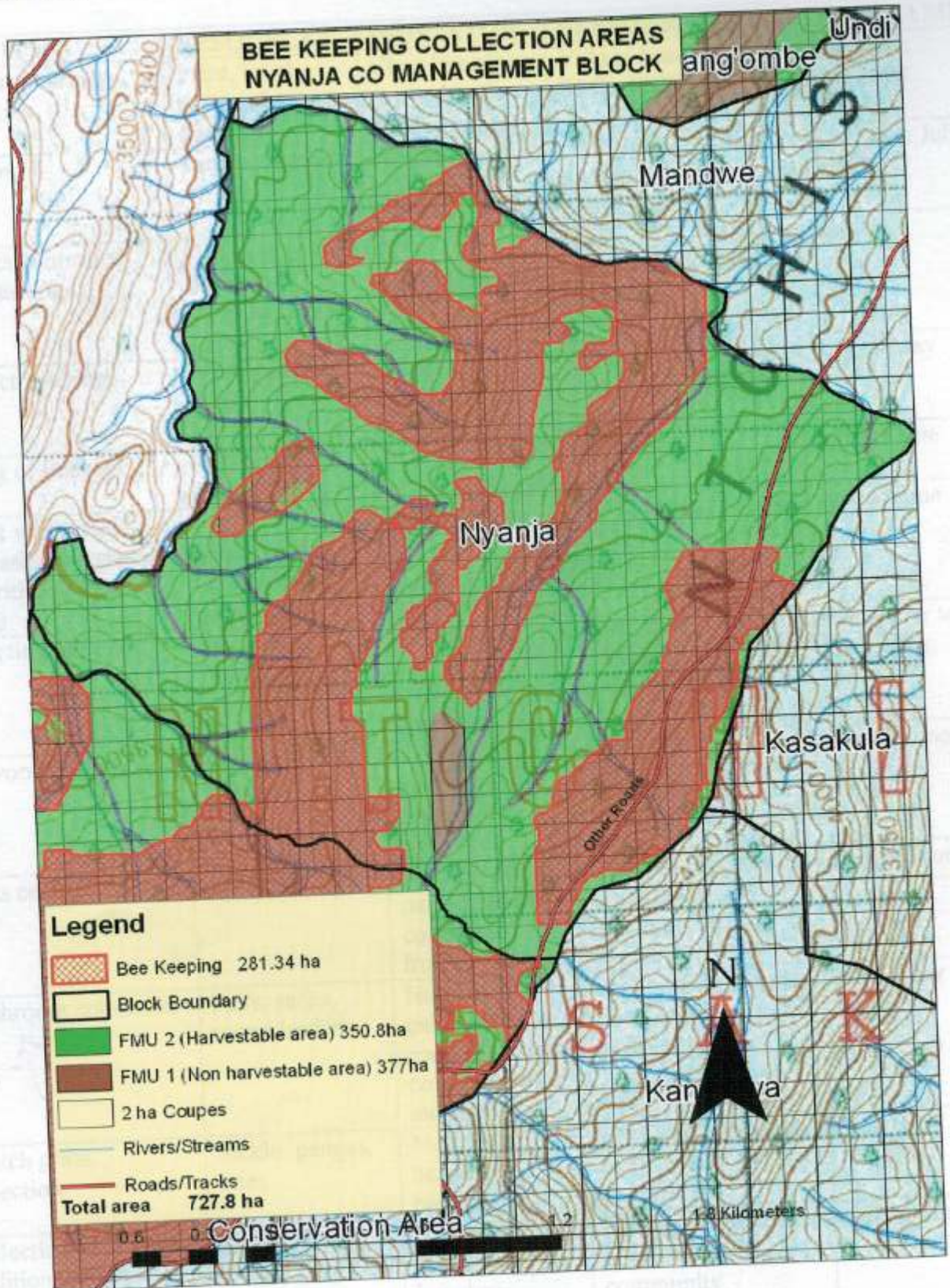
To whom can permits be issued

Community of GVH Nyanja (Member of Nyanja Block Management committee).

Fees / Loyalties:

Community of GVH Nyanja (member of Nyanja Block (Management committee) shall pay MK50.00 per beehive per annum.

Area Plan: PLAN



ACTIVITY PLAN

NO	ACTIVITY	RESOURCES	INDICATOR	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMEFRAME
1	Boundary marking with paint	Paint, brush, pangas, slashers.	Clear boundary marked with paint	Village heads, GVH, BMC, FEW	First week July, 2008.
2	Patrolling	Pangas, slashers	reports	BMC, FEW, village heads, GVH, wider community	First week July to June.
3	Conduct controlled early burning	Fire, pangas, slashers, watering canes, water.	New regenerants and area burnt	BMC, FEW, village heads, GVH, wider community	July
4	Conduct meetings	Pens, exercise books	Minutes and reports.	BMC, FEW, village heads, GVH, wider community	July to May
5	Issuing of licences	Ball pens, receipt books	records	BMC, FEW.	July to June
6	Report writing and submission to relevant authorities' i.e DFO, LFMB.	A4 photocopying papers, ball pens.	reports	BMC, village heads, GVH,	July to June
7	Collecting matondo	Pails, sacks	Number of pails or sacks collected with matondo.	BMC, village heads, GVH, wider community	November to December.
8	Firewood collection	Fibre, axe, pangas.	Number of firewood headloads collected.	BMC, FEW.	July to June
9	Fruits collection	Pails, sacks.	Number of pails or sacks collected with fruits.	BMC, village heads, GVH, wider community	July to June
10	Mushroom collection	Pails, sacks, round baskets.	Number of pails, sacks, or round baskets collected with mushroom.	BMC, village heads, GVH, wider community	November to April.
11	Thatch grass collection	Sickle, pangas, hoes.	Number of headloads collected	BMC, village heads, GVH, wider community	July to October.
12	Collection of traditional medicine	Hoes, pangas, sacks.	Number of medicine bunches collected.	BMC, village heads, GVH, wider community	July to June.

13	Honey harvesting	Plastic pails, bee smokers, bee suits, hive tool, bee brush, plastic bottles	Number of pails harvested with honey	BMC, village heads, GVH, wider community	July to June
14	Reviewing of constitution and Block management plan	Ball pens, exercise books, reams of A4 photocopying papers.	Reports, records	BMC, FEW, village heads, GVH, wider community	End June.
15	Establishment of harvesting coupes	Pangas, slashers, paint, exercise books, ball pens, food, reams of A4 photocopying papers.	Number of harvesting coupes established	BMC, FEW, village heads, GVH, wider community	July

PATROLLING PLAN

LOCATION	RESPONSIBILITY	RESOURCES	TIMEFRAME
FMU 2	Village head Zamnyunda, Zamnyunda community members, FEWs and BMC.	Pangas, ball pens and exercisebooks	July first week
Along all streams	Village head Nyanja I, Community members, FEWs & BMC.	Pangas, ball-pens and exercisebooks.	Second week of July.
FMU 1 & Matondo prone area	Village head Nyanja II, community members, FEWS and BMC.	Pangas, ball-pens and exercisebooks	Third week of July
FMU 2	Village headman Nkhalawangwe Community members, FEW and BMC	Pangas, ball-pens and exercisebooks	Fourth week of July
Along ALL Streams	Village head Zambala II, Community members, FEW and BMC	Pangas, ball-pens and exercisebooks	First week of August
FMU 1 & Matondo prone area	Village Ngoma, Community members, FEW and BMC	Pangas, ball-pens and exercisebooks	Second week of August
FMU 2	Village headman Zambala I, Community members, FEW and BMC	Pangas, ball-pens and exercisebooks	Third week of August
Along all streams	Village head Kankowe II, Community members, FEW and BMC.	Pangas, ball-pens and exercisebooks	Fourth week of August.
FMU 1 & Matondo prone	Village headman Kankowe	Pangas, ball-pens	First week of

area	I,Community membersFEWand BMC	and exercisebooks	September
FMU 2	Village head Nyanja I ,Community members,FEWand BMC	Pangas, ball-pens and exercisebooks	Second week of September
Along ALL Streams	Village headman Zamnyunda Community members,FEW and BMC	Pangas, ball-pens and exercisebooks	Third week of September
FMU 2	Village Nyanja II ,Community members,FEW and BMC	Pangas, ball-pens and exercisebooks	Fourth week of September
FMU 1 & Matondo prone area	Village head Nkhalawangwe, Community members, FEW and BMC.	Pangas, ball-pens and exercisebooks	First week of October
FMU 2	Village headman Zambala II,Community membersFEWand BMC	Pangas, ball-pens and exercisebooks	Second week of October
Along ALL Streams	Village head Ngoma,Community members,FEWand BMC	Pangas, ball-pens and exercisebooks	Third week of October
FMU 1 & Matondo prone area	Village headman Zambala I,Community members,FEW and BMC	Pangas, ball-pens and exercisebooks	Fourth week of October
FMU 2	Village Zamnyunda ,Community members,FEW and BMC	Pangas, ball-pens and exercisebooks	First week of November
Along all Streams	Village head Zambala II, Community members, FEW and BMC.	Pangas, ball-pens and exercisebooks	Second week of November
FMU 1 & Matondo prone area	Village headman Nyanja I,Community membersFEWand BMC	Pangas, ball-pens and exercisebooks	Third week of November
FMU 2	Village headman Ngoma Community members,FEW and BMC	Pangas, ball-pens and exercisebooks	Fourth week of November
Along all Streams	Village Kankowe II ,Community members,FEW and BMC	Pangas, ball-pens and exercisebooks	First week of December
FMU 2	Village head Kankowe I ,Community members,FEWand BMC	Pangas, ball-pens and exercisebooks	Second week of December
FMU 1 & Matondo prone area	Village headman Zamnyuda, Community membersFEWand BMC	Pangas, ball-pens and exercisebooks	Third week of December
Along all Streams	Village head Zambala I, Community members, FEW and BMC.	Pangas, ball-pens and exercisebooks	Fourth week of December

MONITORING PLAN

OBJECTIVE	WHAT TO MEASURE	HOW TO MEASURE	INDICATOR	RESPONSIBILITY	RESOURCES	TIMEFRAME
To conserve and protect steep slopes, riverlines, so that soil erosion and siltation of rivers are reduced.	Availability of water conserving tree species in riverlines.	Observation	Availability of abundant water in perennial streams	BMC FEW Wider community G.V.H Villagehead	Pangas Slashers	June-May
To harvest non wood forest products such as; mushroom, traditional medicine, fruits, thatch grass, edible caterpillars and honey for home use and for sale in order to improve livelihoods.	Availability of perennial streams mushrooms, traditional medicine, fruits, thatch grass, edible caterpillars and honey	observation	Number of pails and sacks collected with traditional medicine, fruits, thatch grass, edible caterpillars and honey	BMC FEW Wider community V.Hs	Pangas Slashers	June-May
To harvest wood products such as firewood, timber, poles for home use and for sale in order to improve livelihoods.	Availability of firewood	Observation Counting	Amount of money from sales of firewood, poles and timber	BMC few Wider community GVH V.Hs	Pangas Slashers	June-May

ANNEX 1

CONSTITUTION FOR NYANJA BLOCK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

OBJECTIVE OF THE BMC

To jointly oversee, manage and control the sustainable utilization of forest products and other ecological services in Nyanja Block with Forestry Department upon a signed Co-management Agreement.

STRUCTURE AND MEMBERSHIP

Managing Committee

Nyanja group members agreed at a meeting that office bearers should comprise of a Chairperson and a vice Chairperson, Secretary and Vice Secretary, Treasurer and eleven committee members totaling to 14 in number. Each committee member shall represent forest user group: GVH Nyanja, VHS Nyanja 1 & 2, VH Zambala 1 & 2, VH Mgama, VH Nibabawungwe, VH Zamayanda, VH Kamwiro 1 & 2 will be ex-officio members of the managing committee. The group will also comprise of other members from within GVH Nyanja who will be involved in carrying out all activities of managing the Block.

CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON

- ◆ Must know how to read and write.
- ◆ Must be citizen/indigenous of the area.
- ◆ Must be active in forestry activities.
- ◆ Must be elected by the majority of the community.
- ◆ Must be of good conduct.

Duties

1. To frequently call for meetings.
2. To ensure that the entire committee is functioning properly.
3. To be signatory of village payments and Bank accounts.
4. To enforce resource use rules.

SECRETARY AND VICE SECRETARY

- ◆ Must know how to read and write.
- ◆ Must be citizen/indigenous of the area.
- ◆ Must have good conduct.
- ◆ Must be elected by the community.
- ◆ Must be active in performing duties.

CONSTITUTION FOR NYNJA BLOCK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

OBJECTIVE OF THE BMC

In partnership, teams and groups will conduct the sustainable utilization of forest products and other ecological services in Nyanja blocks. Forestry Department will assist in the management of the forest.

STRUCTURE AND MEMBERSHIP

Nynja group members agreed on a meeting that the BMC should comprise of a Chairman, vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer and other members. The group will also consist of other members from within the community who will be involved in carrying out all activities of managing the BMC.

CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON

- Must know how to read and write
- Must be a person of integrity and honesty
- Must be active in the community
- Must be of good conduct

FINANCIAL

1. To ensure that the BMC operates in an ethical manner
2. To ensure that the BMC operates in an ethical manner
3. To be open to all people and bank accounts
4. To ensure that the BMC operates in an ethical manner

SECRETARY AND VICE SECRETARY

- Must know how to read and write
- Must be a person of integrity and honesty
- Must be active in the community
- Must be of good conduct

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

All money made by the BMC shall be used as per annexed constitution.

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- ❖ Must have good conduct.
- ❖ Must be elected by the community.
- ❖ Must be active in performing duties.

Duties

1. Writing invitational letters to meetings.
2. Writing minutes of the proceedings
3. Keeping and maintaining records of materials received and issued out.
4. Reporting on work progress.

TREASURER

- ❖ Must know how to read and write
- ❖ Must be citizen of the area.
- ❖ Must be trust worthy.
- ❖ Must be permanent within the area.

Duties

1. Keeping goods and finances of the BMC.
2. Recording and maintaining goods in stores ledger.
3. Writing financial reports.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- ❖ Must be citizens of the area.
- ❖ Must be honest and have good conduct.
- ❖ Must report quickly to meetings.

Duties

1. Resolving disputes
2. Monitoring performance of other Office bearers.
3. Performing duties assigned to them by other office bearers.
4. Reminding Chairperson to convene meetings.

Eligibility for election to office:

- ❖ Anyone who is citizen of GVH Nyanja is free to contest.
- ❖ Must be honest and have good conduct.
- ❖ The Group Village Head will call for a meeting to elect office bearers at the end of every 3rd year. An emergency meeting will be called to elect an office bearer if vacancy exists for the post. Voting system will be one man one vote.

Tenure

- ❖ Term of office for Nyanja Block Management Committee is 3 years and the Group Village head will call for a meeting at the end of the 3rd year to elect new office bearers.

Disqualification of Office Bearers:

- ❖ An office bearer shall be disqualified from the committee if/she is incompetent.
- ❖ If he/ she is cruel.

POWERS OF THE MANAGING COMMITTEE.

- ❖ To penalize culprits as stated in the sanctions in resource use rules in Management plan
- ❖ To plan and announce the program of forestry activities to wider community
- ❖ To ensure that all members are participating in forestry activities as stipulated in the activity plan.
- ❖ To promote unity among members.
- ❖ To issue licences as stated in Management plan.
- ❖ Receiving fees, contributions and pernaties.

DISSOLUTION OF THE MANAGING COMMITTEE.

- ❖ Term of office for Nyanja Block Management Committee agreed is 3 years.
- ❖ Fresh elections will be conducted every 3rd year.
- ❖ The Group Village Head is empowered to dissolve the committee upon malpractice and incompetence.
- ❖ Voting system shall be one man one vote.

Eligibility: General Membership

- ❖ Any person from GVH Nyanja is free to join.
- ❖ The village head will call for a meeting every 3rd year to elect new office bearers.
- ❖ Must not be a drunkard.
- ❖ New members within the GVH Nyanja are free to join.

DISQUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS FROM THE GENERAL BODY:

- ❖ Upon malpractice of an individual
- ❖ Failing to participate in forestry activities.

RIGHT OF APPEAL

- ❖ Disqualified person or group within BMC has/have the right to appeal to VH, GVH, T/A or to Court to be heard.
- ❖ Disqualified person or a group may be restored upon hearing the case from the both parties and judgement passed by VH, GVH, T/A or Court.
- ❖ Disqualified person(s) from general body has the right to appeal to VH, GVH, T/A or court and upon hearing the case the VH, GVH, T/A or court have the capacity to restore or discard the person(s) or suspend the person for a period determined during hearing.

FUNCTIONING OF THE INSTITUTION

Duties of the General Body:

- ❖ Participate in all forestry activities as outlined in the activity plan.
- ❖ Elect the BMC.
- ❖ Revise constitution and Forest Management Plans every year.
- ❖ Proper Management of all forest resources in Nyanja block.

FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS:

- ❖ BMC will hold meetings of work progress twice a month.
- ❖ BMC will conduct one meeting with Nyanja group members every month.
- ❖ Agent meetings will be conducted for either BMC or wider community as need arise.

Quorum for meetings.

Meeting of BMC Office bearers will commence if half of the members are present.
 Meeting with wider community will commence if half of the committee members plus half of the other active members are present and important decisions can be passed.

RESOURCE USE RULES FOR NYANJA BLOCK

NO	RESOURCE RULES	SPECIFICATION	PENALTY
1	Noone is allowed to have access into the Block without authority.	To be regulated and monitored by LFO	Any one found guilty of accessing into the Block without authority shall pay a fine of (2) two chickens.
2	Noone is allowed to hunt within the Block without authority from the BMC.	To be regulated and monitored by LFO	Any one found guilty of hunting within the Block without permit shall pay a fine of MK1,200.00
3	Noone is allowed to mow grass within the Block without authority from the BMC.	To be regulated and monitored by LFO	Any one found guilty of mowing grass within the Block without authority shall pay a fine of MK200.00
4	Noone is allowed to collect firewood from the Block without authority from the BMC.	Collection of any forest produce will require a written authorization from the LFO	Any one found guilty of collecting firewood within the Block without permit shall pay a fine of MK50.00
5	Noone is allowed to saw timber within the Block without authority.	Cutting & sawing of trees will be regulated and monitored by the LFO.	Any one found guilty of sawing timber within the Block without permit shall pay a fine of MK5,000.00
6	Noone is allowed to light or cause fire to lit in the Block without authority	Under control by BMC during controlled early burning.	Any one found guilty of lighting or causing fire to lit without permit shall pay a fine of (4) four goats or MK10,000.00
7	Noone is allowed to cut a tree when collecting matondo.	To be regulated and monitored by LFO	Any one found guilty of cutting a tree during collection of matondo shall pay a fine of K5,000.00
8	Noone is allowed to collect traditional medicine from the Block without permit.	Collection of any forest produce will require a written authorization from the LFO	Any one found guilty of collecting traditional medicine from the Block without authority shall pay a fine of MK500.00
9	Noone is allowed to collect clay soil for pottery from the Block without permit from the BMC.	Collection of any forest produce will require a written authorization from the LFO	Any one found guilty of collecting clay soil for pottery from the Block without authority shall pay a fine of MK200.00
10	Any one collecting traditional medicine must collect only few plant	To be regulated and monitored by LFO	Any one found guilty of collecting more plant parts

	parts per tree.		per tree by debarking the whole tree or collecting all roots or leaves shall pay a fine of one goat or K2,000.00
11	Noone is allowed to graze or pasture livestock within the Block without permit	To be regulated and monitored by LFO	Any one found guilty of grazing or pasturing livestock within the Block without authority shall pay a fine of MK2,000.00
12	Noone is allowed to clear ,breakup land for cultivation in the BLOCK without authority from the LFO	Strictly prohibited	Anyone found guilty of clearing, breaking up land for cultivation in the BLOCK without authority from the LFO shall pay a fine of MK10,000.00
13	Noone is allowed to set snares within the Block without authority	Strictly prohibited	Anyone found guilty of setting snares within the Block without authority from the LFO shall pay a fine of eight chickens.
14	Anyone who has a permit of collecting fruits must collect only ripe ones or those that have fallen off the ground and should not cut a tree.	To be regulated and monitored by LFO	The accused shall pay a fine of K5,000.00
15	Noone is allowed to keep bees within the Block without authority.	To be regulated and monitored by LFO	Anyone found guilty of keeping bees within the Block without authority from the LFO shall pay a fine of five chickens.
16	No one is allowed to elect any building, a hut or cattle enclosure without authority from the LFO	Strictly prohibited	Anyone found guilty of electing any building, hut or cattle enclosure without authority shall pay a fine of MK5,000.00
17	Noone is allowed to alter or remove any boundary or mark within the BLOCK without authority from LFO.	To be regulated and monitored by LFO	Anyone found guilty shall pay a fine of 2 chickens or K700.00
18	Every one shall participate in all forestry activities for the BLOCK e.g. controlled early burning, patrolling, establishment of annual harvesting coupes e.t.c	To be regulated and monitored by LFO	Anyone found guilty of refusing to participate in BLOCK forest activities shall pay a fine of 1 chicken or K350.00

ACCOUNTS/FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Treasurer will be keeping all monies.

A bank account shall be opened where excess monies will be deposited. Chairperson,

Secretary and Treasurer will be signatories of the bank account.

The offender must pay the fines to the treasurer.

PAYMENT PROCEDURES

The accused shall not participate in forestry activities unless she/he completes paying the fines.

The fine inform of livestock shall be sold and money realized shall be kept by the treasurer.

RECORD KEEPING

Group members of Nyanja Block agreed to have several records which shall be kept for smooth forest management.

1. **Income and expenditure book.**

-To be kept and maintained by Treasurer in which all monies realized and expended shall be recorded.

2. **Account Book**

-The village shall open Bank account in which the chairperson, secretary & treasurer shall be signatories.

3. **Attendance Register**

-All Block Management Committee Members shall be recorded in this book.

4. **Stores ledger**

-To record village goods received/purchased and issued.

5. **Minute book**

-To record meetings and decisions made on specific meetings.

6. **Offences and fines book**

-To record all offences against management rules, culprits, fines, levied date paid, receipt no, recorded and signatories of three executive members.

7. **Permit book**

-To record each permit issued by the committee for what purpose, to whom, amount of the fee, number of receipt issued, date of expiry, who will inspect the use.

Signatories of chairperson, secretary & treasurer.

8. **General receipt book**

-To record all contribution and fees.

9. **Visitors Book**

-All visitors shall write in their names, purpose of visit, address and remarks on their observations.

10. **Register book for FBE Groups**

- To record name and type of FBE Group, date registered and membership.

11. **Patrol Book**

- To record patrol information i.e. who patrolled where, when, what damage to the forest seen.

POLICY ON LOAN

- Forest based enterprise groups or an individual within GVH Nyanja shall have access to loan from Nyanja Management Account.
- Interest shall be 25% and the minimum amount to be given to anyone on loan is MK4, 000.00 and should repay after a month.

POLICY ON EQUALITY

There shall be equality between men & women in performing forestry activities, during election of office bearers and during benefit sharing.

REVIEW OF CONSTITUTION

The constitution shall be amended or reviewed every year.

The Group Village head shall call for a wider community meeting at the end of every year to amend the constitution.

REVENUE SHARING

All monies realized shall be kept in Nyanja Block Management Account and shall be used as follows:

- Financing all forestry activities outlined in the activity plan (Block re-investment) i.e procurement of inputs and stationery for use by the BMC (40%).
- Funding trainings for members (20%).
- Financing community developmental projects at VDC level (15%).i.e assist during funerals, assist in borehole maintainance, toilets etc, assisting the aged, assist during disasters.
- Purchasing books for record keeping and food during meetings and other forestry activites (15%).
- Lending Forest based enterprise groups (10%).

COMMERCEMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION

Nyanja Block Management Committee constitution shall be in operation from 1st June, 2008.


NYANJA BLOCK

CO-MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT
(Forestry Act 1997 Section 25)

SIGNATORIES

CHAIRPERSON. PAUL NKHOMA..... DATE 06-5-09.....

GVH NYANJA. GROUP NYANJA..... DATE 06/05/09.....

T/A NTHONDO. ..... DATE 6-5-09.....

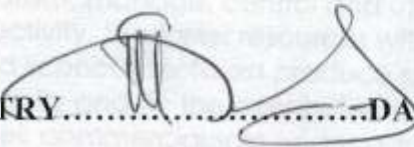


DISTRICT FORESTRY OFFICER. ..... DATE 06/05/09.....



DISTRICT COMMISSIONER..... DATE 6-5-2009.....



DIRECTOR OF FORESTRY. ..... DATE 22/05/09.....



CO-MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT
(Forestry Act, 1997 Section 25)

THIS AGREEMENT is made the 13 day of 10/05/09
BETWEEN Director of Forestry, Ministry of Energy and Mines, hereinafter referred to as the Government, and local residents of Kankove I & II, Zamyunda, Nkhalawangwe, Zambala I & II village(s) of Ntchisi Traditional Authority..... and District Ntchisi represented by chair person of Nyanja Block as the Local Forest Organisation (herewith described as LFO) and known also as the block management committee.

The Government, hereby, wishes to make an agreement with the LFO to provide for co-management, in partnership with the Department of Forestry, of the forest resources of Nyanja block of Ntchisi forest reserve, in order to promote sustainable forest management and the enhancement of the livelihoods of the forest adjacent communities.

NOW IT IS HEREBY AGREED as follows:

1. The Government shall upon being satisfied with transitional arrangements recognise the joint authority of the LFO to protect, manage, control and utilize sustainably the forest resource for the benefit of the local community of Kankove I & II, Nyanja I & II, Zamyunda, Nkhalawangwe, Zambala I & II, Ngoma village(s).
2. The LFO accepts and undertakes to protect, manage, control and utilize sustainably the forest resource in accordance with terms and conditions stipulated in this agreement and annexed block co-management plan.

LFO OBLIGATIONS

3. In particular the Government gives authority to the LFO subject to the following conditions:
 - (a.) Forest resources shall be properly maintained and managed according to approved management techniques as set out in the annexed block Co-management Plan.
 - (b.) The LFO shall enforce the powers that have been devolved to them by the Government in the Forest Rules 2001, and in any subsequent rules, and as agreed in the LFO Registration Agreement.
 - (c.) The LFO shall protect, manage, control and utilize in a manner that maintains productivity, the forest resources within their jurisdiction and will issue permits and licences for forest produce primarily for the benefit of the local community and (in the event of surplus products becoming available) for their commercial sale under a license system, as set out in the annexed management plan.
 - (d.) To assist the District Forest Officer with the issuing of conveyance certificates, the local forest organisation may provide the necessary supporting documentation (ownership certificate) to verify source and ownership of wood products under its control. It may also assist local

- private individuals with wood products in their locality verify ownership for applying for a conveyance certificate from the District Forest Officer.
- (e.) Benefits accruing from the forest resource shall be equitably utilized by the community in accordance with the benefit sharing arrangements set out in the annexed management plan and LFO constitution
 - (f.) Revenue accruing from the forest resource shall be equitably utilized by the community in accordance with the LFO Constitution and as per agreements reached at general assemblies of the LFO
 - (g.) 10% of the share of revenue accruing from the issue of commercial harvesting permits and licenses (i.e. those permits and licenses not issued for domestic or subsistence purposes) shall be deposited into the account of the Local Forest Management Board of^{ntchi} Forest Reserve, with transfers being made on a quarterly basis
 - (h.) 30% of the share of revenue accruing from the issue of commercial harvesting permits and licenses (i.e. those permits and licenses not issued for domestic or subsistence purposes) shall be deposited into the Forest Development Fund Account Number 1 with such transfers being made on a quarterly basis.
 - (i.) It is expected that 60% of the funds available to the LFO after sharing the proportions specified in (g) and (h) will be utilised by the LFO for the purposes of forest development, management and operating costs. This includes utilisation of the funds inside and outside the area of the co-management block.
 - (j.) The LFO shall make accessible records of accounts and licenses issued to the Director of Forestry or his/her representative, the District Commissioner or his/her representative upon receiving notification from the Director of Forestry or District Commissioner.
 - (k.) The LFO shall represent and be accountable to the community and operate in accordance with the agreed constitution.

FORESTRY DEPARTMENT OBLIGATIONS

4. In particular the District Forestry Officer and his delegated representatives, shall;
 - (a.) Provide technical expertise to support the joint implementation with the LFO and the timely revision of the attached block co-management plan
 - (b.) Advise and assist with monitoring local accountability mechanisms including, conduct of meetings, elections, by-elections, record keeping, financial accounting, and reporting.
 - (c.) Provide a basic set of office resources for the LFO (on signature of this agreement) comprising cash books; minute books; duplicate license forms; headed paper and an official LFO stamp or unique mark, plus other necessary items in order to support the set-up of a transparent and well documented forest management and local licensing system. It is anticipated that the LFO will take over purchasing these items after collecting revenue.
 - (d.) Assist the coordination of forest law enforcement activities between the LFO, traditional Leaders, local community policing forums, local police officers and the District Magistrate in accordance with annexed co-management plan.

- (e.) With the LFO jointly monitor the block demarcated in the co-management plan to ensure management is in accordance with this Agreement and in accordance with Standards & Guidelines for Participatory Forestry in Malawi.
- (f.) Jointly with the LFO countersign any permits and licenses being for the commercial utilisation and harvesting of forest products (non-domestic use) in accordance with block co-management plan
- (g.) In line with licensing procedures issue conveyance certificates against verified documentation to ensure legal transportation of forest products.
- (h.) Provide in collaboration with other partners, legal, organisational, marketing and other forms of support to the LFO as appropriate.
- (i.) Organise in collaboration with other partners, relevant training courses to enhance organisational, technical and management capacity of Local Forest Boards, LFO, traditional authorities and other members of the community.
- (j.) Recognise and actively support the protection and policing measures taken by the FMB, LFO and the community in accordance with the Forest Act, 1997, Forest Rules 2001, and Local Forest Organisation Registration Agreement.

COMMENCEMENT, DURATION AND TERMINATION

- 5. This Agreement shall come into effect when signed by the Director of Forestry, representatives of the parties, and shall be binding indefinitely subject to clauses 6 and 9 below.
- 6. The Director of Forestry shall have the right to terminate this agreement and revoke authority to protect, manage, control and utilise forest resources, in any of the following events;
 - negligence or failure to protect, manage and control the co-management block.
 - if the LFO commits any serious breach of this agreement.
- 7. The powers stipulated in clause 6 above, shall not be exercised unless the Director of Forestry has tried all efforts to resolve or correct the situation amicably.
- 8. In cautioning the local community the Director of Forestry shall cite the shortcomings and remedies giving the period within which they should be addressed.
- 9. The LFO may terminate this agreement at any time by giving notice of not less than 8 weeks, in any of the following events;
 - if there is serious breach of this agreement.
 - if for any reason the community finds itself unable or unwilling to continue with the activities of the designated co-management block.
- 10. In the event of notice of termination, LFO shall be under obligation to ensure that the forest area is protected until a Caretaker Committee or Government has assumed authority over the block.

DEMARCATON AND BOUNDARY

- 11. Division or delineation of forest areas shall be as displayed on the sketch map forming part of the Management Plan annexed to this Co-management Agreement.

DISPUTES

12. In the event of any dispute arising under the Forestry Management Agreement, the matter shall be referred to the Minister Responsible. If any party is dissatisfied with the decision passed by the Minister he/she may apply for a judicial review to the High Court.

CHAIRPERSON LOCAL FOREST ORGANISATION

Dated 15/05/09

WITNESS

[Signature]
VILLAGE HEAD/KAH/UCHIAM

[Signature]
TRADITIONAL WITNESS

Dated 13/05/09

Dated 13/05/09

THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER
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DISTRICT COMMISSIONER
KUMBU
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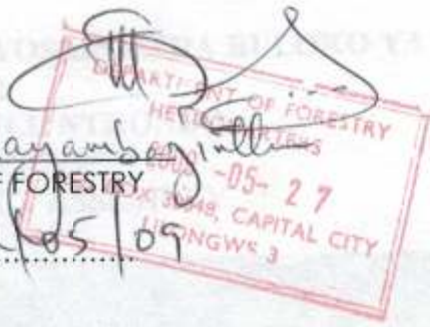
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NYANJA BLOCK

13. SIGNED:

Dr J. Kayamboga
DIRECTOR OF FORESTRY

Dated... 22/05/09



AND

Paulo Mkhama
CHAIRPERSON, LOCAL FOREST ORGANISATION

Dated... 13/05/2009

WITNESSES:

G.V.H. NYANJA
VILLAGE HEADMAN/WOMAN

Dated... 13/05/09



IA NITHONGO
TRADITIONAL AUTHORITY

Dated... 13/05/09



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DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

Dated.....

Annexes:

- Management Plan for Village Forest Area
- Constitution of the Block Management Committee
- Registration document (letter) of LFO

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