OVERVIEW OF NFA MANDATE AND OPERATIONS

PRESENTATION TO THE ROYAL FOREST DEPARTMENT OF THAILAND

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Major Central Forest Reserves of Uganda

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Legend
International Boundary
District Boundary
Major Central Reserves
Lakes

Authority

MANDATE OF THE NATIONAL FORESTRY AUTHORITY

- **NFA was created in 2003 under the National Forestry and Tree Planting Act (NFTPA);**

- **Mandated to operate within the framework of the National Forestry Policy (2001) and Forest Plan (2002);**

- **NFA's role is limited to the 506 CFRs with an area of about 1.26 million ha.**

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FUNCTIONS OF NFA

- **Develop and manage all CFRs;**

- **Promote innovative approaches for local community; private sector participation in the management of CFRs;**

- **Establish procedures for sustainable utilization of Uganda's forest resources;**

- **Cooperate and coordinate with NEMA and other lead agencies;**

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Tropical High Forest

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INCREASING FOREST RESOURCE BASE

- **Undertaking widespread planting in CFRs;**

- **Widespread sensitisation on need for tree planting and efficiency in utilisation;**

- **Protection;**

- **Establish partnerships with stakeholders**

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PLANTATION STRATEGY

- **200,000 ha as area of Plantations in the next 20 years**

- **Private sector to plant 150,000 ha over the next 20 years**

- **NFA to Plant 50,000 ha over the next 20 years**

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Local Financing of Forestry Operations

Merged with Transformation of National Forestry Fund

Funding for Forestry Activities

- **NFA generates own revenue to fund forestry activites**

- **Own revenue for FY 07/08 covered 75% of operating expenses**

- **Sources of revenue include sale of products (timber, roundwood, seedlings and other nonwood products)**

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Funding cont'd

- **Services paid for include mapping services (New Land cover maps , 2005)**

- **Digital Elevation Models**

- **Environmental Impact Assessments**

- **Project planning and Development**

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Funding cont'd

- **Generated revenue used for forestry activities**

- **District Forestry Services also budget for forestry Activities**

- **National Tree Fund established by law-Implementation ongoing this year**

- **Private funding for forestry activities on private land**

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PLANTATION PROFITABILITY

- **Current average price for round wood is 80,800/= (40 USD);**

- **The internal rate of return (IRR) is around of 13 to 15% for timber and much higher for Poles.**

- **1 ha yields 350 to 450 m3 of round wood for timber.**

# Efficient and Profitable Utilisation

- **Discouraged the use of non efficient equipment and tools such as powersaws, Lucas mills**

- **Encouraged utilisation of less known species**

- **Utilisation of branches, tops and lops for fuelwood**

Attracting Private investors

- **Offered land in CFRs for private tree growing**
- **Provide technical backstopping advice to tree farmers (site-species matching)**
- **Road infrastructure in CFRs improved**
- **Availed high quality seedlings**

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Annual Progress of Private Plantation Development on CFRs
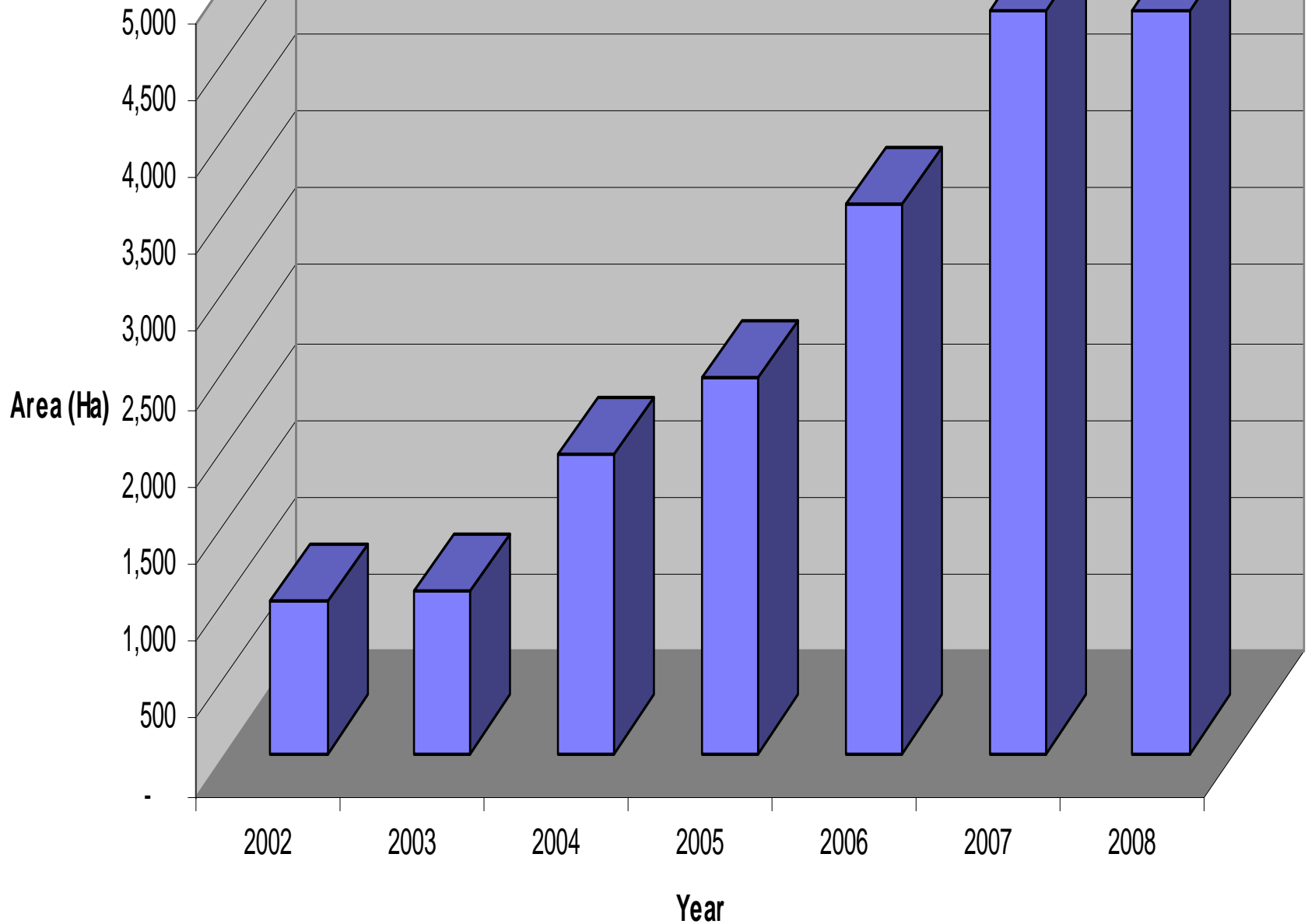
Commercialisation of forestry sector

- **Recruited several large scale planters in CFRs such as New Forest Co, Busoga Forest Co, Critical Mass Growth Co. Ltd**

- **Several large scale individual planters**

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Commercialization Cont'd

- **Promoting Forest Based investment in Urban CFRs such as Banda, Nakawa**
- **Established demo plantations**

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Carbon sequestration

- **Implementing the Environment Management Capacity Building Project (World Bank)**

- **Partnerships still being finalised with Private Investors such as Clean Carbon Systems**

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A TYPICAL PINE PLANTATION

MAJOR PLANTATION SPECIES

1. Conifer Plantations:

- *Pinus caribaea*
- *Pinus oocarpa*

2. Broadleaved Plantations:

- *Eucalyptus grandis*
- *Tectona grandis* – Teak
- *Maesopsis eminii*

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CHALLENGES

- **Illegal extraction**;
- **Encroachment**;
- **Inadequate funds**;
- **Political misguidance of local people**;
- **Inadequate awareness-among the population.**

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CONCLUSION

- **Success of NFA is a result:**
  - **Forestry Reform which allowed NFA significant financial freedoms to function in a business-like manner;**
  - **NFA leadership through Board Directors;**

- **Potential for NFA is still very high as:**
  - **Challenges are being addressed;**
  - **Demand for quality forestry services and products is on the increase.**

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