

Minutes of Sub-committee Meeting on *Defining Scope of Agroforestry*

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Venue: NAWG Secretariat, BARC

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DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS ON SCOPE OF AGROFORESTRY

Agenda	Decisions
Components of agroforestry	a) Forestry/perennial woody species, b) Agriculture/ Agricultural crops (cereals, vegetables, plantations, pulses, spices, etc), c) Animal/Livestock, d) Fisheries
Scope of agroforestry	<p>The meeting thoroughly discussed on the possible areas of agroforestry interventions and worked out the following operational definitions covering wide areas/scopes of agroforestry.</p> <p><u>Overall Scope</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All land-use systems and practices in which trees/ shrubs are deliberately grown with crops and/or animals/fisheries on the same land management units i.e., homestead, cropland, charland, marginal land and forestland for improving livelihoods of rural households. ○ The land-use systems and practices that have interactions (economic and ecological) between woody and non-woody components. <p><u>Site Specific Scope</u></p> <p>Homestead: Production, management and/or even post-harvest activity/research on any one of the components (crop, tree, livestock etc.) for improvement of the specific component or part of the specific component for overall improvement of the integrated homestead production system.</p>

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	<p>Cropland: Growing trees/shrubs in association with crops in the agricultural landscape and any management practices (either of the components) for their compatibility and overall improvement of soils and products.</p> <p>Forestland: Growing crops/pastures or rearing livestock in association with forest species in forest landscape and any management practices (either of the components) for their compatibility and over all improvement of soils and products.</p> <p>Charland: Cultivating trees/shrubs in combination with crops or/and livestock and management practices for their compatibility in views of improving soil/land stability, fertility and productivity.</p> <p>Marginal land: Integrated production of trees/shrubs with crops or/and livestock and any management practices of either of the components for their compatibility and for improvement/reclamation of the soil.</p> <p>Pond land: Growing trees/shrubs along with or without crops in and around pond banks and/or slopes and management practices for compatibilities with fish cultivation.</p> <p>Miscellaneous: Apiculture where tree/shrub is a component that has definite interactions with bees, sericulture; and other relevant systems such as multipurpose trees on the road side, embankment, marginal land that have interactions with annual crops and livestock would be considered as agroforestry.</p>

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