

# »Forestry: maximizing your return on investment«

With the changing environmental conditions, planting of forests is encouraged and there are things that you need to put into consideration in order to maximize returns from your forest. .

There are great benefits in managing your trees well and these include improvement of plant health, increase in plant vigour, increase income and increased wild life sustainability in the long term. On the other hand poorly managed trees will be attacked by insects, disease, blown down by wind or simply dead due to old age. A poorly managed woodland is only good for firewood.

## **Woodland management.**

The most important thing that a land owner will do before selling his trees is to hire a forester. A forester can easily be gotten through the internet.

A forester inventories and finds the value of your trees, creates a harvest and management plan, arranges bids and supervises the process of cutting down the trees. These are done on a small percentage of the sales.

## **Role of foresters**

The forester will walk through to inventory the trees, identify individual trees or areas to harvest.

You and the forester will create a harvest and management plan and this will include identification of trees to cut/ thin, wild habitat areas to conserve/ improves, areas to open as paths and also future cuts.

The forester will contact fellers and negotiates a good contract on your behalf. After the cut, the land owner realizes a huge revenue from the cut.

The forester reviews the entire process and plans for the future.