

# FMNR ON COMMUNAL LAND A PROMISING 'COMMUNITY FOREST OPTION'

Regreening Africa, through the work of World Vision (WV), has experienced notable success in the establishment of FMNR on communal lands to protect and enhance tree cover and diversity. These community forest areas range from 10 to 200 ha and provide a multitude of environmental and economic benefits for the landscape and wider community and support the sustainability of the program's interventions. They inspire farmers to practice FMNR in their own fields, support collective action through social capital building and also underpin the formulation and implementation of community by-laws for bush fire and illegal wood extraction.

## Process for establishing community forest

**100+** communal FMNR fields across the program sites, accounting for over **10,000** hectares



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WV engages with communities to **identify and select areas of degraded land to be restored through FMNR practices**. These areas of land have commonly been degraded by prior mining, bushfires, excessive logging, or grazing etc.



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Lead farmers and other community members begin practicing FMNR to restore identified communal lands. As they practice FMNR, they track and monitor growth. **The positive changes in these communal lands in turn inspires other community members to adopt these techniques in their fields.**

Lead farmers work with **fire volunteer groups** to protect the community forestland and cropland from bushfires by establishing fire-belts during the dry season.



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As tree coverage on these communal land matures, community members can benefit from a wide range of products such as **fruits, firewood, medicine and fodder**, in addition to increased soil health and fertility.

WV supports communities in the **establishment of regulations and by-laws** regarding the use of their community forestland to ensure their sustainability. Regulations may include **monetary fines or community service work** in response to degrading actions, such as over extraction. These regulations are overseen and enforced by community chiefs, elders and opinion leaders.