

INDUS TREE CRAFTS FOUNDATION

GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISM (GMO) POLICY



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1. Introduction:

- This policy has been framed to describe the prohibited use of GMOs for each group member involved in FSC Certification of Bamboo Plantation.

2. Scope:

- This procedure applies to each member along with the Indus Tree Crafts Foundation involved in FSC Certification of Bamboo Plantation.

3. Definition:

- Genetically modified organisms: biological organisms that have been induced by various means to consist of genetic structural changes.

4. Responsibility and Authority:

- All employees of Indus Tree Foundation, farmers included in the group for FSC Certification, are responsible for ensuring the implementation of this policy in operations.
- The Project Manager is responsible for authorizing any change in this policy and for assuring that the policy statement described in this document is being continuously implemented at all stages of the group and effectiveness of the implementation in a timely manner.

5. Policy Statement:

- Genetically modified organism in any form or manner is prohibited to be used by the farmers in bamboo plantations.
- This policy has been framed with reference to the FSC document fsc-pol-30-602 (2000) EN.
- All the planting stocks used for bamboo plantation should be non-GMO and should not contain or should not be derived from GMO sources.
- No GMO-based fertilizers shall be used by the farmers for nutrient management in their farms.
- GMO-based or derived pesticides are also prohibited to be used in the bamboo plantation.
- In case any member is found to be using these prohibited GMO inputs at any stage of crop management, it will lead to sanctions by the group.

6. Authorized Signatory:

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