

Invasive Species Policy

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APRIL Group (APRIL) is committed to sustainable development in all locations where we operate by implementing best practices. This is achieved through the implementation of our Sustainable Forest Management Policy 2.0 and a commitment to comply with all prevailing laws and regulations as well as relevant SFM certification and assurance schemes.

APRIL and its suppliers commit to regular monitoring to identify any spontaneous regeneration, unusual mortality, diseases, insect outbreaks or other adverse ecological impacts. There are clear operational procedures defining effective management actions to control invasive species from sites in which they may regenerate.

Definition

Invasive species: Any species that are non-native to a particular ecosystem and whose introduction and spread causes, or are likely to cause, socio-cultural, economic or environmental harm or harm to human health (FAO).

Recommendation:

That an addendum be inserted into the current SFMP 2.0 - II. Forest Protection and Conservation f) "APRIL and its suppliers commit to the regular monitoring of invasive species and to take effective action to control invasive species from sites in which they may regenerate."

Approved

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