



When in drought.. Excavate

Q1 has been marred by severe drought conditions throughout East Africa. This impacted production negatively at SFI Tanzania however, the SFI Team rose to the challenge and deepened the dam at Kwaraguru estate which had run dry just in time for the monsoon rains in April. Decortication was thus also halted at the estate and Kwaraguru sisal leaves were transported to Kwamdulu estate. During this challenging period, employees were sent on leave thus resulting in no terminations due to the drought. Decortication staff from Kwaraguru worked alongside their colleagues at Kwamdulu as additional decortication shift were created to ensure production.



Deepening and widening of Kwaraguru dam



Night-shift decortication at Kwamdulu

Kwamdulu received 19 mm and Kwaraguru 58 mm of rain during March.



Projects

Sisal Suckers

SFI Tanzania is proud to be part of re-establishing Tanga region as a world class sisal producer. During Q1 SFI Tanzania donated a total of **163 000** sisal suckers to sisal outgrowers

Teak Outgrowers

No new teak outgrowers signed contracts during Q1. This may be attributed to the severe drought conditions. SFI Tanzania continues to manage 164 teak outgrowers.

Intercropping Farmers

105 Intercropping Farmers joined the SFI Tanzania intercropping project during Q1.



Karibu sana

During Q1 SFI Tanzania welcomed 20 Stakeholder visits including the OCD of Korogwe, RCO of Tanga and OSHA delegation from Tanga and Arusha.

Forestry

The extended drought has negatively impacted the pine trial at Kwamdululu Estate as various trees has died.

Community Contributions

SFI Tanzania prides itself on fostering and maintaining a strong relationship with surrounding communities. During Q1 Social Monitoring was conducted to all surrounding villages up to 10km. Where possible, the company donates building materials, monetary contributions, sisal suckers, iron sheets for housing and the ploughing of land for maize cultivation. An example is the donation of eighty iron sheets to Kwakombo Primary School during Q1 after a storm destroyed three classrooms. Refer to images below of the Korogwe District Commissioner at Kwakombo and televised link. SFI Tanzania was represented by Mr. Isaya Msuya. <https://youtu.be/xCNZ-zn5q0>



Social and Environment

Social

SFI Tanzania promotes health and safety of its employees and implementing OSHA principles in safeguarding the environment and was pleased to welcome OSHA delegations from Tanga and Arusha during Q1. Training is conducted annually to employees and surrounding communities regarding hygiene, fire safety, rights of communities through social monitoring. The company continues to build new houses and renovate high-risk structures. During Q1, ten houses received small renovations, two also received new iron sheet roofing while one home was fully renovated.



Employee meetings conducted at Kwaraguru Estate



Kwamdulu Estate School meeting

Environmental Compliance

SFI Tanzania conducts annual water testing, fumigation of water bodies to curb malaria infections as well as Annual Environmental Auditing for forestry and sisal. The company continues to promote environmental awareness through training and the management of a zero-hunting policy on the estates. Indigenous trees are protected on SFI Tanzania estates. This allows species such as Colobus monkeys to be protected.

