



NATIONAL REFORESTATION AND AFFORESTATION (NRAP) 2025-2030

Restoring PNG's Forests for People, Climate, and Future Generations

What is NRAP?

The National Reforestation and Afforestation Program (NRAP 2025-2030) is Papua New Guinea's five-year national program to restore degraded landscapes and expand forest cover, and strengthen sustainable forest management from 2025 to 2030.

Approved by the National Executive Council (NEC) through Decision No 26/2026 in February 2026, NRAP aims to restore and establish forests across up to 800,000 hectares of grasslands and degraded areas and expand existing plantation sites throughout the country.

NRAP is the largest coordinated tree-planting and landscape restoration initiative in PNG's history, led by the PNGFA. The program will be implemented in partnership with customary landowners, provincial governments, schools, youth groups, communities, and development partners.

Why NRAP Matters

PNG is home to the world's third-largest tropical rainforest, providing vital environmental, cultural, and economic benefits. However, deforestation, forest degradation, and increasing pressures on natural resources continue to threaten these forests and the communities that depend on them. NRAP will help to:

- Protect forests and biodiversity by supporting the long-term management of Permanent Forest Areas and restoring degraded landscapes.
- Combat climate change by increasing carbon storage and contributing to PNG's REDD+ (Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation) initiative and climate commitments.
- Support livelihoods by creating employment opportunities, generating income, and promoting sustainable timber production through plantation forestry and agroforestry.
- Restore degraded land by converting unproductive grasslands and other degraded areas into healthy and productive forests.
- Strengthen community resilience by promoting sustainable land use and enhancing environmental awareness across the country.

What Will Happen?

1. Nationwide Tree Planting

Tree planting activities will be implemented across all provinces, involving schools, communities, landowners, and local institutions. PNGFA provincial offices and extension officers will provide technical guidance, monitoring and ongoing support. Each province is given annual planting targets.

2. Community and Landowner Participation

Customary landowners, community groups, women, and youth organisations will be encouraged and supported to establish plantations and participate in restoration activities. Local labour and community-based approaches will be prioritised wherever possible.

3. Sustainable Forest Management

NRAP aligns with PNG's National Forest Development Program and broader national forest development priorities.

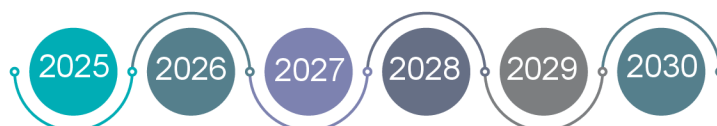
4. Awareness and Education

Public awareness campaigns and school-based activities will help promote environmental stewardship, tree planting and sustainable forest management practices among future generations.

Who's Involved?

- PNG Forest Authority: Leads program coordination and planning, technical support, monitoring, and implementation.
- Landowners and Communities: Plant, manage and protect trees on customary land.
- Schools and Youth Groups: Participate in tree planting, awareness and education activities
- Provincial Government and Agencies: Support implementation and coordination at the local level.
- Government and Development Partners: Provide policy support, financing and technical collaboration.

Programme Timeline



NRAP is a five-year rolling programme, 2025-2030, with annual planting and restoration targets established for each province to ensure nationwide participation and impact.

How You Can Get Involved



1. Landowners: Contact your nearest PNGFA provincial or extension office to discuss plantation and restoration opportunities on your customary land.
2. Schools: Participate in school tree-planting programs and environmental awareness activities in your province.
3. Communities and Youth Groups: Form community or landowner groups to access technical assistance, seedlings, and training support.
4. Everyone: Plant trees, care for young seedlings, prevent bushfires, and help stop illegal logging and forest destruction.

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