

FOREWORD

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This book originated from the training component of the EC funded Natural Forests Management and Conservation Project, the first phase of which was implemented within the Uganda Forest Department from 1988 to 1995. One of the main tasks undertaken was a series of in-service courses, introducing Forest Officers to nature conservation issues as they relate to forest management. These training courses were co-ordinated by the author of this book and by Mr. Edward Mupada of the Uganda Forest Department and were run by the co-ordinators and staff of Nyabyeya Forestry College. A parallel series of courses for Forest Rangers and Assistant Forest Officers was also run at Nyabyeya.

During this training, it became apparent that one of the key problems faced by professional foresters in Uganda (and probably elsewhere in the tropics), is the lack of accessible information on conservation and particularly how conservation complements other aspects of a forester's work. This book was conceived to fill this gap. It is to be hoped that it will enable professional foresters to gain a greater understanding of conservation issues, which they can then put to good use in their all-important management of the country's forest estate.

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