The ASEAN Green Initiative Nomination Form

***Large-Scale Tree Planting Initiatives***

**(Over 5,000 trees planted)**

**ABOUT AGI**

The **ASEAN Green Initiative** or AGI is a recognition programme that acknowledges tree planting initiatives that aim to increase tree cover and restore ecosystems in the ASEAN Region. It targets to plant at least **10 million trees** in the **10 ASEAN Member States** for a period of **10 years**. ASEAN Member States national and focal persons; ASEAN dialogue and development partners; women, youth, indigenous peoples and local communities; civil society organisations; and the private sectors are highly encouraged to join the AGI. For more information about AGI, visit the website: <https://agi.aseanbiodiversity.org/>

**SCOPE AND CRITERIA**

All nominated tree planting programmes and activities shall be evaluated based on their **ecological soundness, socio economic impact, sustainability,** and **compliance with governance and institutional mechanisms.**

The call for nominations will be every two years beginning 2022 until 2030. The deadline for submission for the first call for nominations is on **31 July 2022**.

**GENERAL CONDITIONS**

* By answering this form, the Nominating Party is giving consent to provide his/her/their identifying information such as name, organisation/company, email address, and other contact details. He/she/they is/are also giving consent to the AGI Secretariat to contact him/her/them in case of any clarification and request for further information.
* Use separate nomination forms per each nominated initiative
* Ensure to fill the appropriate category for the nominated initiative
* Ensure to attach geo-tagged photos and additional supporting documents, as necessary when available
* Completed nomination forms must be submitted to the AGI Secretariat at [agi@aseanbiodiversity.org](mailto:agi@aseanbiodiversity.org)

**General Instruction:**

* Fill the information requested in **Parts A- Information on the nominating party, B- Information on initiative nominated,** and **C- Selection Criteria**. Be concise and highlight best practices as necessary.
* For the list of supporting documents, refer to **Section D**, and tick all documentations that are available.

**SECTION A: Information on the nominating party**

(The AGI Secretariat may contact you for further information)

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**ORGANISATION/COMPANY (If applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **CONTACT NO:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION B: Information on the initiative nominated**

**Initiative title:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Proponents of the initiative (individual/organisation):** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Objectives of the initiative:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***Location***

**Country:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Province:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Verbatim Locality (Village, Municipality/City, Province, Region):** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Latitude[[1]](#footnote-1)**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Longitude:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Land area covered (in hectares):** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Date tree planting commenced (MM, DD, YYYY)**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Number of trees planted/to be planted:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION C: Selection Criteria**

1. **ECOLOGICAL SOUNDNESS**

*The nominated tree-planting and reforestation initiative is appropriate to and does not harm the natural environment, and contributes to improvement of site resilience, adaptation to climate change impacts, and rehabilitation of degraded habitats.  This criterion underscores the following:*

* *Use of indigenous or native tree species.  This may include:*
  + - *Both pioneer species and slower maturing species typical of more advanced succession stage*
    - *Provision of share, shelter, and food to attract wildlife living in adjacent areas*
* *Inhibition and/or refusal to use invasive alien species and genetically modified organisms (GMOs)*
* *Suitability of trees (planted or to be planted) to the biophysical characteristics of the area.  This includes suitability to the climate, original topography, soil, and elevation of the area before degradation*
* *The tree planting activity should contribute to increasing the ecological value of the locality such as support to pollinator populations and improvement of ecosystem services*
* *Inhibition and/or refusal to use chemical pesticides and artificial control agents. If the use of these cannot be avoided, their use should be minimised and justified*
* *Maintenance and protection of interventions must be programmed to ensure the survival and sustainability of the replanted trees.*

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| **Provide Overview and Justifications** |
| **Fill this box based on the criteria Ecological Soundness**. This should include overview and justifications in: (1) use of indigenous or native species; (2) refusal to use invasive alien species and GMOs; (3) suitability of the trees in the area; (4) evidence that it will contribute to the overall ecological value of the locality; (4) avoidance in using chemical inputs (e.g. pesticides, etc.); (5) maintenance and protection interventions; and other pieces of evidences demonstrating valuation of ecology. |

1. **SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPACT**

*This criterion demonstrates the extent participative approach to tree planting and reforestation programmes and activities are employed for the sustainability and success of the nominated initiative. Different stakeholders are consulted and are participating in the planning process, production of seedlings, planting, maintenance and sustainability of the trees even when the planting is on government property or privately-owned land.*

*The outcomes of biodiversity conservation initiatives should adequately benefit the health, livelihood and overall well-being of the people. Hence, tree planting should, as far as practicable:*

* *provide subsistence and livelihood opportunities to traditional and local communities in the area;*
* *provide health and well-being benefits to the community;*
* *support the traditional and indigenous knowledge systems and practices; and*
* *use readily available local seeds and planting materials and/or support the development of local nurseries to produce these materials.*

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| **Provide Overview and Justifications** |
| **Fill this box based on the criteria socio-economic impact.** This should justify that the nominee supports (1) subsistence and/or livelihood; (2) health and well-being; (3) traditional and indigenous knowledge systems and practices; (4) use of local planting materials; and other contribution to socio-economic impact. |

1. **SUSTAINABILITY**

*Proponents of the tree planting and reforestation take into account the short and long term maintenance and management of the initiatives to ensure the initiatives’ sustainability and success. Proponents should implement maintenance activities for at least one year after the planting to ensure the survivability of the planted seedlings*

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| **Provide Overview and Justifications** |
| **Fill this box based on the criteria sustainability.** This should include overview of the (1) short-term maintenance and management initiatives; (2) long-term maintenance and management initiative; and other activities/plans that would support tree growing. |

1. **COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERNANCE AND INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISMS**

*National environmental policies, protocols, and processes, including zoning and land use plans, should be properly observed and complied with. Tree planting activities and programmes should also be supportive and contributing to national reforestation programmes and other international commitments, as applicable.*

*NOTE:*

* *The reforestation protocols to be followed are in accordance with existing national environmental policies of the participating parties’ respective countries, and compliant with any additional requirements as may be reasonably imposed by the relevant government agencies of the AMS where the activity is conducted.*
* *Land may be owned publicly by government agencies and bodies at national and/or local levels; privately by individuals or companies; or collectively by indigenous peoples or local communities. In each case, the decision to plant trees in the area must be agreed upon and involve the owners/managers of the land.*
* *The proponents of the tree planting activity have obtained the necessary legal requirements and/or permits from the appropriate government authorities.*
* *The tree planting activity should follow zoning and other applicable land use plans.*
* *The tree planting initiative should support national reforestation programmes and contribute to compliance to international commitments and/or multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs); where relevant.*
* *Environmentally appropriate collection, handling, and disposal of waste materials shall be in place. The use of single-use plastics should be avoided.*

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| **Provide Overview and Justifications** |
| **Fill this box based on the criteria compliance with governance and institutional mechanisms.** Provide overview of its adherence to national environmental policies, protocols, and processes, including that of zoning and land use plans. |

**SECTION D. List of Supporting Documents**

**Instruction:** Tick the supporting documents that you attached in this nomination.

1. **For Ecological Soundness**

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| Site information (location, climate, coordinates, elevation, land area)  Landscape plan (preferably labeled with tree species and planting distance)  Geotagged photos (landscape, aerial, or individual tree if available)  Trees planted (contains information such as (1) common names (Local and/or English); (2) scientific names; (3) threat status (national and IUCN); (4) number per species; (5) coordinates per tree if available). **Note: Required document**  *Sample table:*   |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Common Name** | | **Scientific Name**  **(if known)** | **Threat Status** | | **Number of trees planted** | | **Local Name** | **English Name (if applicable)** | **National** | **IUCN[[2]](#footnote-2)** | |  |  |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | **TOTAL NUMBER OF TREES PLANTED** | | | | |  | |

1. **For Socio-Economic Impact**

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| Photo documentations and minutes of stakeholder meetings (preferably contains the following information: name of the organisation consulted, date/s and location/s the meeting/s were conducted, number of participants, sex disaggregated ratio, if available)  Photos of community involvement in the tree planting activity  Photos of local nursery where tree seedlings are sourced out  Photos of products or livelihood activities generated by the tree planting initiative  Concept note or business plan of livelihood activities generated by the tree planting initiative  ☐ Agreement/Contract with indigenous peoples on the use of their natural resources, in line with existing laws |

1. **For Sustainability**

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| ☐ Monitoring and Evaluation Plan  ☐ Report on maintenance activities undertaken and duration of such activities  ☐ Maintenance/Management/Operation Plan (indicate inclusive years, includes mitigation plans for dead seedlings, and other hazards like typhoon, forest fires, etc. and annual budgetary requirements and source)  ☐ If maintenance plan is under development, provide minutes of meeting and/or other evidence that supports sustainability features |

1. **For Compliance with Governance and Institutional Mechanisms**

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| ☐ Tree planting permit  ☐ Waste disposal plan  ☐ Certification of sustainable waste management practices  ☐ Tenurial certificate / notarized agreement with private landowners  ☐ Project contract/certification if initiative is conducted under a national reforestation programme |

**SECTION E: DECLARATION**

I nominate the [NAME OF INITIATIVE] for the ASEAN Green Initiative Recognition for 2022.

I certify that the information provided in this form is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

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Signature of the Nominator Date

1. If latitude and longitude are not known, ensure to fill **verbatim locality completely.** [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) has nine categories for species threat status: (1) Not evaluated; (2) Data Deficient; (3) Least Concern; (4) Near threatened; (5) Vulnerable; (6) Endangered; (7) Critically Endangered; (8) Extinct in the Wild; and (9) Extinct. To classify/verify the status of the species listed, check this website: <https://iucnredlist.org/> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)