The ASEAN Green Initiative Nomination Form

***Medium-scale Category***

**(101 up to 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.**

**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

**General Instruction:**

* Fill the information requested in **Parts A- Information on the nominating party**, **B- Information on initiative nominated**, and **C- Selection Criteria**. For remarks, be concise and highlight best practices as necessary. If the information is not applicable, write “N/A.”
* 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-0)**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Longitude:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

**Date tree planting commenced (DD, MM, 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. Indigenous species and biodiversity should be protected. This criterion underscores the following:*

* *Use of indigenous or native tree species.*
* *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.*
* *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.*
* *Environmentally appropriate collection, handling, and disposal of waste materials are in place.*
1. **Provide a list of species planted. Add rows if necessary.**

| **Common Name** | **Scientific Name** **(if known)** | **Threat Status** | **Number of trees planted** |
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| **Local Name** | **English Name (if applicable)** | **National** | **IUCN[[2]](#footnote-1)** |
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| **TOTAL NUMBER OF TREES PLANTED** |  |

1.1. Remarks (optional). Put “N/A” if there are no further comments.

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1. **Source of seedlings (select all that apply)**

☐ Wildlings grown in community nurseries

☐ Provided by a project/program, Indicate project name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

☐ Purchased from a commercial nursery. Indicate name and location of nursery, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

☐ Others, specify \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2.1. Remarks (optional). Put “N/A” if there are no further comments.

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1. **Do you use agricultural inputs in growing your trees planted?**

☐ Yes ☐ No

* 1. If **yes,** provide a list of agricultural inputs used, whether organic and/or chemical and their frequency of application. For chemical pesticides/biological control agents, indicate the diseases/insects that are being controlled. Put “N/A” if not applicable.

| **Agricultural input** **(Commercial name and/or active ingredient)** | **If pesticide or biocontrol agent, indicate disease/pest being controlled** | **Frequency of application** |
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3.2. Remarks (optional). Put “N/A” if there are no further comments.

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1. **Which of the following waste management activities are practiced? Select all that apply.**

☐ Waste is properly segregated

☐ Weeds and other organic materials are composted/recycled/upcycled

☐ Plastic planting bags are disposed properly

☐ Chemical containers are disposed properly

☐ Other good waste management practice implemented, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

☐There is no waste collection/waste disposal system implemented

4.1. Remarks (optional). Put “N/A” if there are no further comments.

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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. People and communities are consulted and are able participate 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.*

**5. Which of the following activities did the community participate in? Select all that apply.**

☐ Planning

☐ Seedling production

☐ Planting

☐ Maintenance

☐ Others, specify \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

☐ None

5.1. Remarks (optional). Put “N/A” if there are no further comments.

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6. **What are the gained/perceived health benefit/s from this initiative?**

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7. **What are the gained/perceived livelihood benefit/s from this initiative**?

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8. **What are the gained/perceived overall well-being benefit/s from this initiative?**

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1. **SUSTAINABILITY**

*Proponents of 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.*

9. **Summary of your short-term plan (Indicate time frame).** Put “N/A” if there is none.

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10. **Summary of your long-term plan (Indicate time frame).** Put “N/A” if there is none.

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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 contribute to national reforestation programmes and other international commitments, as applicable.*

*NOTE:*

* *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.*

11. **What is the current land tenure status of the planting site?**

☐ Government

☐ Private, individual

☐ Private, corporation/company

☐ Indigenous Peoples’/Community-owned

☐ Others, specify \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

11.1. Remarks (optional). Put “N/A” if there are no further comments.

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12. **Does the initiative have the necessary legal requirements and/or permits from appropriate government authorities?**

☐ Yes ☐ No

12.1. Remarks (optional). Put “N/A” if there are no further comments.

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13. **Indicate national reforestation programme involvement of the initiative**. Put “N/A” if not involved. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

13.1. Remarks (optional). Put “N/A” if there are no further comments.

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**SECTION D. List of Supporting Documents**

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

1. **For Ecological Soundness**

| ☐ Landscape plan, preferably labeled with tree species and planting distance☐ Geotagged photos (landscape, aerial, individual tree when available)☐ Disease diagnosis/ recommendation from local Crop Protection agency to use organic/chemical inputs☐ Waste disposal plan☐ Photo of waste disposal practices☐ Certification of sustainable waste management practices☐ Other supporting documents not listed, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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1. **For Socio-Economic Impact**

| ☐ Minutes of meeting (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)☐ Dates when community activities were conducted☐ Documentation photos (file name must indicate date of meeting and photo owner)☐ Business plan☐ Photos of products and services arising from the initiative☐ Other supporting documents not listed, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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1. **For Sustainability**

| ☐ Maintenance/Management/Operation plan (includes mitigation plans for dead seedlings, and other hazards like typhoons, forest fires, etc./ contains the perceived annual budgetary requirements and source☐ If maintenance plan is under development, provide minutes of meeting and/or other evidence that supports its sustainability features☐ Report on maintenance activities☐ Others supporting documents not listed, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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1. **For Compliance with Governance and Institutional Mechanisms**

| ☐ Tenurial certificate/notarised agreement with private landowners☐ Tree planting permit or related document from government authorities☐ Project contract/certification☐ Certificate of participation in the tree planting program☐ Others supporting documents not listed, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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**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-0)
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-1)