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New Forests Project: World Seed Program 2002

Washington, DC--The New Forests Project (NFP) is a people-to-people, direct-action program established in 1982 by the International Center in an effort to curb deforestation in developing countries. Since 1982, we have assisted more than 4400 villages in over 120 countries.

NFP offers packets of tree seeds, technical information and training materials free of charge to groups of small farmers and civil society groups worldwide who are interested in starting reforestation projects with fast-growing, nitrogen-fixing trees.

Available for immediate distribution are high-quality seeds of 16 different tree species. They can be used for firewood, charcoal, furniture, and shipbuilding. They can also provide fodder, and are used as a living barrier against shifting soil. Among the 16 species are also leguminous tree species, which are better suited for temperate climates and higher elevations, and which have nitrogen-fixing capabilities that make them extremely useful for alley cropping.

Available for immediate distribution are high quality seeds of:

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| 1. <i>Acacia auriculiformis</i> | 8. <i>Dalbergia sissoo</i> (sisu, nelkar, shewa, yette) |
| 2. <i>Acacia mearnsii</i> (Black waddle, tan waddle) | 9. <i>Grevillea robusta</i> (Silky Oak, Silver Oak) |
| 3. <i>Acacia nilotica</i> (Egyptian thorn, red-heat, barbar) | 10. <i>Gliricidia sepium</i> (Madre de cacao) |
| 4. <i>Acacia tortilis</i> (Umbrella thorn, Israeli babool, seyal) | 11. <i>Gleditsia tricanthos inermis</i> (honey locust) |
| 5. <i>Albizia lebbek</i> (East India walnut, kokko, woman's tongue) | 12. <i>Leucaena leucocephala</i> (ipil-ipil, leadtree) |
| 6. <i>Cajanus cajan</i> (pigeon pea, gandul) | 13. <i>Prosopis juliflora</i> (mesquite) |
| 7. <i>Cassia siamea</i> (Bombay blackwood, yellow cassia) | 14. <i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i> (black locust) |
| | 15. <i>Sesbania sesban</i> (Sesban, Egyptian rattle pod, suriminta) |
| | 16. <i>Moringa oleifera</i> |

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Please provide an environmental description of your area, including elevation, average annual rainfall, length of rainy and dry seasons, average temperatures, and how you intend to use the trees (fuelwood, lumber, forage, soil conservation, soil enhancement, etc).