

ASSOCIATION FOR SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY SILVICULTURE CRITERIA

CROP TREE PRUNING

(Category 7b)

“A treatment to increase the quality and value of selected trees by artificially removing the lower limbs.”

To be eligible for funding, the site must conform to the following criteria **prior to treatment**:

Crop Tree Species	SW: RP, WP HW: WAS, YB, SM, RO, WB, RM
Height of Crop Trees	> 8 m
Diameter of Crop Trees	<20cm

To be eligible for funding, the **submitted** area must conform to the following criteria:

Number of Pruned Crop Trees	≥ 125/ha
Crop Tree Species	SW: RP, WP HW: WAS, YB, SM, RO, WB, RM
Height of Crop Trees	> 8 m
Diameter of Crop Trees	<20cm
Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crop trees MUST be pruned to a height of at least 5m • Quality retention standards must be met as outlined in the ASF Crop Tree Pruning Standards and the ASF Crop Tree Pruning Brochure (please contact ASF for these documents prior to treatment)

NOTE: To qualify, there must be a minimum of 125 pruned trees per hectare. All pruned trees must be marked with flagging tape or paint, and with GPS waypoints.

Pruning should only be undertaken simultaneously or on previously treated stands, including Crop Tree Release, Commercial Thinning or Selection Management. Note that *not all species* eligible for Crop Tree Pruning are also eligible for Crop Tree Release.

Pruning should be completed with a manual pruning saw, and not with a powered pruning saw.

All ASF silviculture rates are subject to change without notice.

Rate

\$300/ha