



ASSOCIATION FOR SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY SILVICULTURE CRITERIA

CROP TREE PRUNING (Category 7b)

“A treatment to increase the quality and value of selected trees by 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
Selected Crop Trees	Pruned trees must be >8m in height Pruned trees must be <20cm (DBH)
Treatment Combinations	This treatment may be combined with Crop Tree Release (Category 7a) in the same year. <u>Caution:</u> Not all species eligible for Crop Tree Release are eligible for Crop Tree Pruning.

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

Required Number of Crop Trees	≥125 Trees/ha
Crop Tree Species	SW: RP, WP HW: WAS, YB, SM, RO, WB, RM
Selected Crop Trees	Pruned trees must be >8m in height Pruned trees must be <20cm (DBH)
Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crop trees must be pruned up 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) • Sprout or sucker origin trees are not eligible (qualifying trees must be seed origin).
Claims	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submitted areas must conform to ASF Shapefile Standard • 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. • Pruning should be completed with a manual pruning saw, and not with a powered pruning saw or chainsaw.

Rates
\$300/ha

This treatment may be combined with Crop Tree Release during the same year.

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