



## ASSOCIATION FOR SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY SILVICULTURE CRITERIA

### MANUAL EARLY COMPETITION CONTROL (ECC) (Category 3)

*“A treatment to free selected planted and/or natural crop trees from competition within the first few years of establishment.”*

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

<b>Plantation ECC:</b> Stocking of <i>All</i> Crop Trees Density of Planted Trees Density of Planted + Natural <i>Softwood</i> Crop Trees	≥ 85 % (at 2.4 x 2.4 m spacing) ≥ 900 trees/ha ≥ 1500 trees/ha
<b>Natural ECC:</b> Stocking of <i>All</i> Crop Trees Density of All Crop Trees	≥ 80 % (at 2.4 x 2.4 m spacing) ≥ 1500 trees/ha
Crop Tree Species	<b>SW:</b> BS, RS, WS, JP, RP, WP, BF, TL, EH <b>HW:</b> WAS, TA, LA, YB, WB, RM, SM, RO, BE, BC, IW, BP
Height of Crop Trees (Planted or Natural ECC)	≤ 2 m
Site Quality	Land Capability ≥ 5m <sup>3</sup> /ha/year (LC ≥ 5 SWD)
<b>Eligibility and Approval</b>	Natural ECCs sites <b>MUST</b> be pre-approved by ASF Staff. All ECCs <b>MUST</b> have a pre-treatment stocking assessment completed to confirm eligibility. See Forms section on the ASF website for stocking assessment procedures ( <a href="https://www.asforestry.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/ASF-Silviculture-Assessments-Procedures-Manual-2015.pdf">https://www.asforestry.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/ASF-Silviculture-Assessments-Procedures-Manual-2015.pdf</a> )

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

<b>Plantation ECC:</b> Stocking of <i>All</i> Crop Trees Density of Planted Trees Density of Planted + Natural <i>Softwood</i> Crop Trees	≥ 85 % (at 2.4 x 2.4 m spacing) ≥ 900 trees/ha ≥ 1500 trees/ha
<b>Natural ECC:</b> Stocking of <i>All</i> Crop Trees Density of All Crop Trees	≥ 80 % (at 2.4 x 2.4 m spacing) ≥ 1500 trees/ha
Height of Crop Trees (Planted or Natural ECC)	≤ 2 m
Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All hardwood trees that are NOT CROP TREES must be cut.</li> <li>Treatment area must retain post-treatment criteria for a period of at least 18 months after treatment.</li> <li>Stumps must be no more than 30cm high.</li> <li>Evidence of manual treatment over entire area claimed is required.</li> </ul>
Claims	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submitted areas must conform to ASF Shapefile Standard</li> </ul>

**Rate: \$400/ha**

**All ASF Silviculture Rates are subject to change without notice.**