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The Minister of Natural Resources;

Pursuant to the Constitution of the Republic of Rwanda of 04 June 2003 as amended to date, especially in Articles 120, 121 and 201;

Pursuant to Law n° 47bis/2013 of 28/06/2013 determining the management and utilization of forests in Rwanda, especially in Article 27;

After consideration and approval by the Cabinet, in its session of 13/02/2015;

HEREBY ORDERS:

Article One – Purpose of this Order

This Order establishes a list of protected trees in a State, District or a private forest and isolated species of trees.

Article 2 – List of protected trees

The list of protected trees shall be composed of trees that should not be cleared due to one (1) of the following reasons:

- 1° being a disappearing tree species;
- 2° being trees that are rarely found in a few parts of the world, endemic trees of Albertine rift and rare trees endemic of Rwanda.
- 3° being a medicinal tree;
- 4° being trees used in the development activities and which takes above twenty (20) years to reach the harvesting maturity;
- 5° being cultural related trees;
- 6° being a tree protected at the international level;
- 7° any other reason that may be determined.

The list of protected trees is annexed to this Order.

Article 3 – Repealing provision

All prior provisions contrary to this Order are hereby repealed.

Article 4 – Commencement

This Order shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Official *Gazette* of the Republic of Rwanda.

Annex**List of protected trees**

Name of protected tree Species	Kinyarwanda name	Distribution	Altitude	Reasons for tree protection
<i>Vernonia amygdalina</i>	Umubilizi, Umugaragara		1000-1800m	Bivamoimiti
<i>Acacia hockii</i>	Umuigenge	1(A, B, C, D), 2	1000-1700m	Byendagucika mu karere
<i>Acacia kirkii mildaedii</i>	Umukinga	1(C D)	1250-1400m	Byendagucika mu karere
<i>Acacia polyacantha</i>	Umugo, Umugo, Umukoto	1(ACD), 2	1000-1700m	Bivamoimiti + Birakoreshwacyane
<i>Acacia sieberiana vermoesenii</i>	Umunyinya	1(BCD), 2	1000-1800m	Bivamoimiti
<i>Acacia abyssinica calopoda</i>	Umunyinya	2, 3A	1400-1800m	Bivamoimiti
<i>Adenia barquaertii</i>		3B	1700-2000m	Bibonekahake
<i>Adenium micifolia</i>		1C	1250m	Bibonekahakecyane
<i>Adenia schweinfurthii</i>		IkirwacyaBugarura	1500m	Bibonekahakecyane
<i>Afrocarpus usambarensis</i>	Umufu	3B	1800-3000m	Byendagucika/ byibasiwe
<i>Alangium chinense</i>	Intogota, Umuhuhwe, umukopfu, umuvuka, Umuvugangoma	1C, 3(A-B), 4B	1300-2400m	Bivamoimiti
<i>Albizia adianthifolia</i>	Umusebeya	1(ABCD)2	1000-1700m	Bivamoimiti + Bibumbatiyeumuco

<i>Albizia grandibracteata</i>	<i>Albizia bequaertii</i>	1C	1400m	Byendagucika mu karere
<i>Ardisia kivuensis</i>	Injubati, Umugendajoro, umusuli, Umusheshe, igisheshe	3B	2000-2500m	Bibonekahacye
<i>Beilschmiediarwandensis</i>	Imbayu, ingombwa, umusuli	ishyambarya	Nyungwe 1900-2500m	Biboneka mu Rwanda gusa
<i>Bersama abyssinica</i>	<i>Ulmus kaka</i>	3B	1900-2200m	Bivamoimiti
<i>Carapaglandiflora</i>	Umushwati	3(A, B)	1600-2500m	Birakoreshwacyane
<i>Casearia runnssorica</i>	Umuhanda, umuhandagore, Umunyereza, imbayu	3B	1800-2450m	Bibonekahake
<i>Chassalia subochreata</i>	Ikibonobono, Umumenamabuye, umusabanyama	3(A-B)	1700-2700m	Bibonekahacye
<i>Clerodendrum silvanum</i>	<i>Ulmus degabuga</i> , umubwabwa, Umunugunugu	1D	1400-1450	Bivamoimiti
<i>Cola pierlotti</i>	Umuhanantare	3B	1700-1900m	Bibonekahake
<i>Commiphora africana</i>	Umudahwera	1(C-D)	1300-1600m	Bivamoimiti
<i>Dracaena steudneri</i>	Umuhati, Ighondohondo	1C, 3(A-B)	1300-2500m	Bivamoimiti
<i>Embelia libeniana</i>	Umubungobungo, Umuhanurankuba	3B	2000-2450m	Bibonekahake
<i>Embelia schimperi</i>	Umukaragata	3(A-B), 4(A-B)	1600-3350m	Bivamoimiti
<i>Entandrophragma excelsum</i>	<i>Ulmuyove</i>	3(A-B)	1500-2100m	Birakoreshwacyane

<i>Erica johnstonii</i>	Igihungeli, Ikinyabushishi	3B, 5 (A-B)	2400-3800m	Bibonekahake
<i>ErythrinaAbyssinica</i>	Umuko	Bibonekahenshi mu Rwanda	1000-2400m	Bibumbatiyeumuco
<i>Fagarachalybea</i>	Isoyo, Umubavo	Nyungwe,		
<i>Faureawentzeliana</i>	Umutiti, Igikuri	3(A-B)	1600-2400m	Birakoreshwacyane
<i>Ficus dekdekena</i>	Umuvumu	1B, 1D		Bibonekahakecyane
<i>Ficus ardisioidescampstoneura</i>	Umuvumu	3B	1550m	Bibonekahakecyane
<i>Ficus sansibalicamacrosperma</i>		1D	1300m	Bibonekahakecyane
<i>Ficus sycomorussycomorus</i>		1B	1450m	Bibonekahakecyane
<i>Ficus thonningii</i>	Umuvumu	Bibonekahenshi mu Rwanda	<2300m	Birakoreshwacyane
<i>Ficus tremula</i>	Umuvumuvumu	1D	1400m	Bibonekahakecyane
<i>Grewiamildbraedii</i>	Umurundambazo	1B	1750-2500m	Bibonekahake
<i>Harunganamadagascar</i> <i>lensisangui</i> , Umushayishayi		1B, 2, 3(A-B)	1600-2400m	Bivamoimiti +Birakoreshwacyane
<i>Harunganamontana</i>	Umushayishayi	3B	1950-2500m	Bibonekahake
<i>ixora burundiensis</i>	Ikinesha, Umuhotora	3(A-B)	1900-2500m	Bibonekahake
<i>KigeliaAfricana</i>	Ikivungovungo	3B, 1(C-D)	1300-1900m	Bivamoimiti
<i>Lindackeriakivuensis</i>	Umubwira, Umunyarubobi, Umunywamansi, Umicarampundu	3B	1700-2300m	Bibonekahake
<i>Loberiapetiolata</i>		3(A-B)	2200-2800m	Bibonekahake

<i>Maesalanceolata</i>	Umucundura, Umuhanga, Umusengesi, Umusagara- mahunda	1D,3(A-B),4A	1350-3000m	Bivamoimiti
<i>Maesawelwitschii</i>	Umuhoke	1D	1300m	Bibonekahakecyane
<i>Maesopsiseminii</i>	Umuhumuro, Muhumura	1(BCD), 2	1300-1800m	
<i>Makarangaschweinfurtii</i>	Umuhanantare	3B,5(A-B)	1300-2000m	Bivamoimiti
<i>Markhamialutea</i>	Umusave	1(C_D),2	up to 1800m	Bibonekahake +Birakoresh wacyane
<i>Maytenusacuminata</i>	Umunembwe, Inembo, Inembwe	3(A-B),4A,5B	1600-2450m	
<i>Melchioriaschiebenii</i>	Umusengesi, Umwasha	3B (ishyamba rya Nyungwe)	2000-2500m	Bibonekahake
<i>Memexylonmyrianthum</i>		3B	1800m	Bibonekahakecyane
<i>Memexylonwalikalense</i>	Umushuli, Urusuli, Isoyo	3B	1900-2100m	Bibonekahake
<i>Monanthotaxisorophila</i>	Inganigani, Umuhashya, Uruhashya, Uruzinge	3B	2100-2400m	Bibonekahake
<i>Musangaleo- errerae</i>	Icyanya, Icyanyana, Umagajagaja	3B (ishyambaryaNyungwe)	1600-2400m	Bibonekahake
<i>Myrianthusholstii</i>	Icyufe, Umwufe	3(A-B)	1900-2400m	
<i>Myrica kandtiana</i>	Isubylo	1(A-B-C), 2, 3A	1250-1800m	Bivamoimiti
<i>Newtoniabuchananii</i>	Umukereko	1(C-D), 3(A-B)	1300-2400m	Birakoreshwacyane
<i>Ocoteausambarensis</i>	Umutake	3B	1700-2400m	Birakoreshwacyane

<i>Olea europaea africana</i>	Umunzenze, Umumuri	1(C-D)	1400-1700m	
<i>Oriciarenieri</i>	Umuno, Umuso	3B (Nyungwe na Cyamudongo)	1600-2300m	Bibonekamu Rwanda gusa
<i>Osyrislanceolata</i>	Umusheshe	1(C-D)	1350-1500m	Byendagucika
<i>Oxyanthustroupinii</i>	Ingongo, Umugendajoro, Umuyewe, Umutovu	3B	1700-2450m	Bibonekahake
<i>Parnaricuratellifolia</i>	Umunazi	1(C-D)	1300-1800m	Birakoreshwacyane
<i>Parnariexcelsa</i>	Inkunga, Umukungu, Umunazi	3B	1600-2400m	Birakoreshwacyane
<i>Peddiearapaneoides</i>	Umusine	3B (ishyamba rya Nyungwe)	2000-2800m	Bibonekahakecyane
<i>Pentadesmareyndersii</i>	Umwasa	3(A-B)	1800-2100m	Biboneka mu Rwandagusa
<i>Podocarpusfalcatus</i>	Umufu	3B	1800-3000m	Birakoreshwacyane
<i>Podocarpuslatifolius</i>	Umuhuhulizi	3B,4A	1550-3000m	Birakoreshwacyane
<i>Prunus africana</i>	Umwumba, Umuvumba, Umuhunga	3B,4B	1600-3200m	Byendagucika, Bivamoimiti
<i>Psorospermumfebrifugum</i>	Umukubangwa	1(A-B-C-D)	1000-2000m	Bivamoimiti
<i>Psychotriapalustris</i>	Ikibonobono, ikiyogera	3B (ishyambarya Nyungwe)	1800-2400m	Bibonekahake
<i>Pterygotamildbraedii</i>	Umumunuro, Umuguruka	1(C-D)	1350-1500m	Byendagucika
<i>Rhusvulgaris</i>	Umusagara, Umusagara- Nyamabunda	1(B-C-D), 2, 3A	1300-1600m	Birakoreshwacyane

<i>Solaneciomannii</i>	Umutagara	Bibonekahenshi mu Rwanda	1400-2700m	Bivamoimiti
<i>Sterculiaquinqueloba</i>		1A	1000m	Bibonekahakecyane
<i>Sterculiatragacantha</i>		1A	1000-1200m	Bibonekahakecyane
<i>Stromboziastcheffleri</i>	Umushyika	3(A-B)	1600-2450m	Birakoreshwacyane
<i>Symponiaglobulifera</i>	Umushishi	3B	1700-2400m	Birakoreshwacyane
<i>Syzygiumparvifolium</i>	Umugote	3(A-B)	1700-2500m	Bivamoimiti, Birakoreshwa cyane
<i>Syzygiumrowlandii</i>	Umugote	3B	1600-2000m	
<i>Tabernaemontanaodoratissima</i>		3B	1700-1900m	Bibonekahakecyane
<i>tabernaemontanaventricosa</i>		1B (kuKirwacyaIwawa)	1450m	
<i>Tarennarwandensis</i>	Inembwe, Urusheshe, Urwuzu	3B	2000-2400m	Bibonekahake
<i>Tridactyle anthomaniaca</i>				

Explanations

1: Savannah Landscape

- 1A: Plain of Bugarama
- 1B: Littoral zone of Lac Kivu
- 1C: Zone of South – Est
- 1D: Depression of Akagera-Migongo

2: Central plateaus

3: Congo - Nile divide

- 3A: Disturbed secondary vegetation and relict forest (1100-3000m)
- 3B: Mountain forest of Congo Nile divide and heather areas

4: **Volcanic zone**

- 4A: Second vegetation highly disturbed, mountain forest, relict forest and bamboo (2000-3000 m)
- 4B: Subalpine and Alpine zones of Volcanoes, Hagenia forest, shrubs, Lobelia and Senecio belt, montane grasslands (3000-4500m)

5: **Marshland**

- 5A: Marsh of mean altitude around rivers, streams and lakes (1300-1500m);
- 5B: Marsh of high altitude (1900-2500m)