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**FOREST RESOURCES AND TIMBER UTILISATION
(FELLING LICENCES) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2019**

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IN exercise of the powers conferred by section 44 of the Forest Resources and Timber Utilisation Act (Cap. 40), the Minister for Forestry and Research makes the following Regulations:

1 Citation

These Regulations may be cited as the *Forest Resources and Timber Utilisation (Felling Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 2019*.

2 Commencement

These Regulations commence on the date of publication in the *Gazette*.

3 Amendment to the Forest Resources and Timber Utilisation (Felling Licences) Regulations, (Legal Notice 89 of 2005).

The Forest Resources and Timber Utilisation (Felling Licences) Regulation 2005, Legal Notice 89 of 2005, is amended by inserting the following new Part 3A after Part 3:

“Part 3 Protected Species

In this part:

“*mining lease*” means a mining lease that is issued under section 30 of the *Mines and Minerals Act* (Cap. 42);

“*sawn timber*” means milled timber that is further sawn into beams and planks.

- (a) A person can only apply for a felling licence to harvest tubi (*Xanthostemon melonoxylon*):
 - (i) from areas that are subject to a mining lease; and
 - (ii) below 400m altitude and outside from riparian buffer zones.

- (b) A person can only apply for a felling licence to harvest kauri (*Agathis macrophylla*):
 - (i) from Vanikoro Island excluding surrounding islands;
 - (ii) from registered land as follows:
 - (A) parcel number 266–001–2;
 - (B) parcel number 266–001–3; and
 - (iii) below 400m altitude and outside from riparian buffer zones.
- (c) A person can only export Ironwood (*Instia bijuga*) in sawn timber form except in the following areas, which can be exported in unmilled timber form:
 - (i) Dai Island;
 - (ii) Santa Cruz.
- (d) A person can only export the following in sawn timber form:
 - (i) Rosewood (*Pterocarpus indicus*);
 - (ii) Walnut (*Dracontomelum*);
 - (iii) Canoe trees (*Gmelia moluccana*), (*Canarium spp.*);
 - (iv) Vasa (*Vitex cofassus*).
- (e) A person can only export rattan (*Calamus spp.*) in manufactured form.”

4 Repeal

This regulation repeals the following:

- (a) Legal Notice No. 96 of 2012;
- (b) Legal Notice No. 39 of 2018;
- (c) Legal Notice No. 40 of 2018;
- (d) Legal Notice No. 49 of 2018.

MADE IN HONIARA this nineteenth day of March, 2019.

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