



GUYANA FORESTRY COMMISSION



Log Tagging System in Guyana

There are two (2) types of tags:

- Tags used in the State Forest
- Tags used in Private Properties (Including Amerindian Villages)

Tag description

State Forests and Private Property tags are divided into two halves. Both parts have the same information; except that the bottom half has the word 'STUMP'.

Tag colours are not always different but they can easily be separated by the letters in their sequence code.

State Forest tags will have either 00B – Berbice, 00D – Demerara, 00E – Essequibo and 00N – North West which indicates the four (4) Forest Divisions; whereas Private Property tags will have 00P in their sequence.

Issuance of tags by the Guyana Forestry Commission

State Forest Tags

The amount of tags issued for a concession is based on the concession size, (that is, whether it is a State Forest Permission (SFP), Wood Cutting Lease (WCL) or Timber Sales Agreement (TSA)); this must also correspond to the quota or Annual Allowable Cut.

Tags are prepared for each concession and placed in the SFP package. Large Concessions uplift tags on a request.

Private Property Tags

A Private Property owner goes to the Forest Station with proof of ownership of land and requests a Private Property Removal Declaration and tags. The GFC validates this request based on

the Private Property area size and productivity.

The GFC's Tag Management and Issuance Officer then prepares tags for distribution to the Land owner. Sequence numbers, Private Property number, name of person collecting the tags, numbers of tags given and the date of issue are written in the Private Property tags register.

The land owner then signs for the tags and also indicates the date on which tags are collected.

Usage of Tags

1. When a tree is felled, half of the tag that is marked 'STUMP' is attached to the stump and the other half is attached to the log.
2. If the log is converted at the stump, each batch of produce derived thereof must bear the tag number.
3. Each tag is valid for a specific concession operation and period.
4. The information gathered is recorded in the Log Production register.
5. The tag number is also captured on the Private Removal Declaration



next to the corresponding species and volume of the forest produce.

6. If the tag is damaged or lost it must be returned or reported promptly to the nearest forest station.
7. All tag information submitted to GFC will be incorporated into the Forest Monitoring Division Database.
8. The GFC verifies, through various levels of reconciliation, that a tag used is valid, legally issued, correctly used and reported. Reconciliation is done by analyzing tags issued, tags used, and declared production, using the Tag Allocation Register, Private Property Declaration where applicable, and Production Register, among other sources.
9. This informs future allocation of tags.

