

### Appendix 3: Socio-Economic Factors

Whilst difficult to set criteria and indicators, some baseline information needs to be collected for consideration in planning for tree planting as listed below.

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Critical factors and Considerations</b>
Size of available area	should be large enough for sustainability
Causes of forest degradation (including fire)	these causes must be addressed in forest/land use planning
Current land use	may not be 'forest' in reality
Current land users, and demand for forest products	indicates reliance on resources in the area, conflicting interests, and threats to the resource
Potential land use conflicts	within and between communities, between communities and businesses/military/FA/local authority
Future land uses	eg. hydropower and other national/provincial development projects
Alternate land use values	tree planting should only be planned where it offers a higher value than other activities
Number of villages within 5 km radius	this will influence the level of priority given to the site, as well as the tree planting objective
Total population	as above
Population density	as above
Population growth	as above
Migration trends	as above
Employment opportunities/labour potential	as above
Level of village/community organisation	some organisation is beneficial to participatory approaches
Influence of NGOs/civil society	beneficial to participatory approaches
Access to markets	to ensure a place of sale for end products