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JOB PROFILE

Forestry worker

Traballadór floresta

Agriculture, fisheries & forestry · ISCO-08 6210

Forestry workers plant, look after and protect forests, and cut trees for timber and other wood products. Forest areas make up about half of Timor-Leste's land, and the Government plans to plant one million trees every year.

TRAIN IN TIMOR	**University** Forestry at the UNTL Faculty of Agriculture
COURSE LENGTH	**To confirm** No published source yet
IN TIMOR	**Priority** Government programme 2023–2028
ABROAD	**Japan · new route** Agriculture and forestry, agreement 2025
PAY IN TIMOR	**US$234 / month** Average for all skilled agricultural workers in Timor-Leste, not this job alone (Labour Force Survey 2021)

WHAT YOU DO

Plant: Grow seedlings in a tree nursery; Clear the land and plant young trees; Water, weed and protect the young trees.

Look after the forest: Thin and prune trees so they grow well; Count and map the trees in an area; Watch for pests and sick trees.

Cut and move timber: Mark the trees that can be cut; Fell trees and cut them into logs with a chainsaw; Load logs and keep the tools sharp and safe.

Protect the forest: Help stop and put out forest fires; Report illegal cutting and burning; Work with communities to look after the land.

Based on the ILO description of ISCO-08 unit group 6210, Forestry and related workers.

WHERE YOU WORK

Tree nurseries (Permanent and community nurseries); Forests and national parks (Such as the Nino Konis Santana National Park); Mangroves (Replanting along the coast); Bamboo and timber (Raw material for carpentry and furniture).

You work outdoors in hills and forests, in heat and rain, often far from town. Cutting trees with a chainsaw is dangerous, so safety gear and training matter.

Timor-Leste has already lost much of its native forest, such as sandalwood and mahogany. The Government plans nurseries for sandalwood, red cedar, mahogany, bamboo and other trees, and technical training for forestry professionals.

IS IT FOR ME?

You are good at: Hard physical work, Walking long distances, Using tools safely, Knowing plants and trees, Teamwork.

You like: Nature, Being outdoors, Caring for the land, Seeing your work grow.

To work in Japan you must speak Japanese well.

TRAIN FOR IT IN TIMOR-LESTE

- **Faculdade de Agricultura, UNTL** · Its fields include forestry (florestas). Course titles: to confirm.
- **Produção Florestal (Diploma I and II)** · Named in 2017 as a possible future course at the Betano polytechnic (IPB; its new name IPTL is to confirm). Whether it runs now: to confirm.
- **Technical training for forestry professionals** · Promised in the Government programme 2023–2028. Providers to confirm.

No INDMO national certificate for forestry is listed yet, and the published list is incomplete. Course length and fees: to confirm. The directory never shows a number without a source.

WHERE IT LEADS

- **Forestry worker** · Learn in a nursery or on a planting team
- **Forestry technician or professional** · Forestry at the UNTL Faculty of Agriculture
- **Your own nursery, bamboo or wood business** · Startups of Timor helps you start one

WORK ABROAD, SAFELY

- **Japan: new agreement** · In April 2025 SEFOPE signed a labour mobility agreement with a northern Japan association. Workers will go to elderly care and agriculture, especially horticulture and forestry, on contracts of three to five years that can be renewed. They must speak Japanese well and be in good health. This route is new: actual forestry placements are to confirm.

Never pay a fixer. Join only through SEFOPE, the Timor-Leste government office for work abroad. No one can sell you a place, and a real overseas job never asks you for a recruitment fee.

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