

44. Marine resources be made as the key economic sector of the islands through promotion of deep sea fishing, fishing from shelves, mariculture, mud crab farming, shrimp-cultivation and small scale enterprises for sea-food and shellcraft. Stringent regulations should be formulated to prevent unsustainable harvests from the natural ecosystems.

Marine Resources:

Small scale enterprises be created; (i) for making toys from small diameter cylindrical short pieces of wood from local saw mills, disposable cups and plates from leaves, and food containers from forest based raw materials; and (ii) for cultivation and marketing of edible local mushrooms, orchids and medicinal plants. Infrastructure and training be provided to local self help groups for starting these small scale enterprises.

Beekeeping industry be promoted

43. Cane and native bamboo-based handicrafts be promoted and necessary plantations of these species to meet the raw materials be raised in vacant lots and roadsides and degraded swamps and marshy areas.

Small Scale Enterprises based on Nontimber Forest Products:

42. Ecoenterprises for the production of biopesticides, biofertilizers, and vermi-compost based on locally available bioresources by the local self help groups or cooperatives be promoted. Coconut-based small scale enterprises by local self-help groups or cooperatives be promoted. Small scale enterprises for processing and marketing spices be promoted. To sustain all these enterprises, necessary training to local inhabitants be provided, necessary infrastructure be created and financial support be extended.