FUNCTIONS OF PLANTATION FORESTS

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• Supply raw material to the manufacturing industry

• Developing the figure of the forest producer among the farmers, mainly small and medium farm owners

Development of agroforestry

 forestry associated with cattle
 growing and agriculture)

- Protecting the native forests to be harvested in an indiscriminatory way
- Avoiding human pressures on existing natural resources

• Utilization of degraded areas and exhausted soils

• Sustaining the production of forest products

Creating jobs to people

• To be a reservoir of carbon, reducing the impact of the greenhouse effect

• Keep the population at the countryside, avoiding the growing pressures on the large metropolis

• Reducing social pressures generated by social movements and by the lack of job positions in the big cities

- To promote economical growth
- To promote social development
- To protect the environment

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

PLANTATIONS WORLDWIDE

Total plantation area in the world
119 million hectares

57.5% industrial plantations

Source: FAO, 1999

PLANTATIONS: BRAZIL & CHILE

Brazil:

Industrial plantations = 4.6 M ha

Total plantation area = 6.0 M ha

Chile

Total plantation area = 2.0 M ha