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Definitions

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This publication forms part of the Official Publication Library of THE EDIBLE FOREST ESTATE LIMITED.

It provides the official definitions and interpretation of terms used throughout Estate publications.

Unless expressly stated otherwise, defined terms contained within this publication shall apply consistently across all publications forming part of the Official Publication Library.

Publication Purpose

The purpose of this publication is to establish a single authoritative source of definitions and interpretation for The Edible Forest Estate.

Consistent terminology promotes clarity, reduces ambiguity and assists in ensuring that all Estate publications are interpreted consistently.

Where a word or expression is defined within this publication, that definition shall apply throughout the Official Publication Library unless an alternative definition is expressly provided within a specific publication.

1. Scope

This publication applies to every publication issued as part of the Official Publication Library.

It should be read alongside

- TEFE-CH-001 – Founding Charter
- TEFE-CO-001 – Constitution
- TEFE-ES-001 – Estate Standards Manual
- TEFE-MP-001 – Estate Master Planning Standard
- TEFE-DS-001 – Estate Drawing Standard

2. Interpretation

Unless the context requires otherwise:

- Words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa;
- References to one gender include all genders;
- References to persons include individuals, companies, partnerships and other legal entities;
- Headings are provided for convenience only and do not affect interpretation;
- “including” means “including without limitation” ;
- References to publications include any approved revision of that publication;
- References to legislation include any amendment or replacement legislation;
- Measurements are approximate unless expressly stated otherwise;
- References to written communication include electronic communication unless expressly excluded.

3. Official Definitions

A

Acre

Approximately 4,046.86 square metres (43,560 square feet) of land.

Agricultural Land

Land primarily intended for agricultural, horticultural, forestry or related rural use.

Allocation

The assignment of land, rights or responsibilities in accordance with approved Estate publications.

Applicant

A person seeking to purchase land or otherwise participate in an Estate.

Approval

Formal written authorisation issued by the appropriate Estate authority.

B**Biodiversity**

The variety of plant, animal, fungal and microbial life present within an Estate.

Boundary

The legal or surveyed limit of a plot, Estate or designated area.

C**Charter**

The Founding Charter (TEFE-CH-001), being the constitutional foundation of The Edible Forest Estate.

Community Area

Land designated for shared use by landowners, visitors or Estate activities.

Constitution

The Constitution (TEFE-CO-001), setting out the governance arrangements of the Estate.

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A publication forming part of the Official Publication Library that is subject to version control and formal approval.

D**Development**

Construction, engineering, landscaping or other physical alteration of land.

Drawing

Any approved plan, map, survey or technical illustration prepared in accordance with TEFE-DS-001.

E

Estate

The Edible Forest Estate, being a planned agricultural estate established in accordance with the Founding Charter and Constitution.

Estate Management

The persons or organisation responsible for administering the Estate.

Estate Standards

The standards contained within TEFES-ES-001.

Estate Stewardship

The long-term care, improvement and responsible management of the Estate for the benefit of present and future generations.

F

Food Forest

A planned multi-layer agricultural planting system designed to produce food whilst enhancing biodiversity and soil health.

Food Forest Area

The area allocated for Food Forest planting in accordance with approved Estate plans.

Where a landowner owns multiple qualifying plots, the corresponding Food Forest Areas may be grouped together into one continuous Food Forest where approved by the Estate Master Plan.

Founder

The individual responsible for establishing the vision and principles of The Edible Forest Estate.

G

Governance

The constitutional framework, policies and decision-making arrangements of the Estate.

H

Harvest

The collection of produce from trees, plants or crops.

Historic Variety

A traditional fruit, vegetable, nut or other cultivated plant variety maintained for its heritage, biodiversity or agricultural value.

I

Improvement

Any approved activity that enhances the quality, productivity, biodiversity or long-term value of the Estate.

L

Landowner

A person or legal entity holding legal ownership of a plot within the Estate.

Lease

A legally binding agreement granting defined rights over land.

Long-Term Stewardship

The principle of managing land for the benefit of future generations rather than short-term gain.

M

Main Estate Way

The principal access routes serving the Estate.

Main Estate Ways provide the primary means of access for landowners, visitors, maintenance and emergency services.

Master Plan

The approved Estate Master Plan prepared in accordance with TEFÉ-MP-001.

O

Official Publication Library

The complete collection of approved publications issued by THE EDIBLE FOREST ESTATE LIMITED.

Organic Growing

Growing practices intended to promote healthy soil, biodiversity and sustainable food production without unnecessary reliance upon synthetic inputs.

P

Plot

A surveyed parcel of land forming part of an Estate.

Plot Plan

The approved drawing defining an individual plot.

Produce

Fruit, vegetables, nuts, herbs, timber or other products grown or harvested from the Estate.

Publication

An approved document forming part of the Official Publication Library.

Publication Number

The unique reference assigned to an official publication.

Publication Owner

The organisation responsible for maintaining and issuing a publication.

R

Registered Office

The official registered office of THE EDIBLE FOREST ESTATE LIMITED.

Restoration

Activities intended to improve soil, biodiversity, habitats or landscape quality.

Rule of Thirds

The Estate principle governing the allocation of harvested produce.

Unless otherwise agreed in writing, approximately one-third of harvested produce shall be allocated to the landowner, approximately one-third to the Estate and approximately one-third retained within the Food Forest ecosystem.

If no produce is harvested, no allocation is due.

S**Seed Saving**

The collection and preservation of viable seed for future cultivation.

Standard Plot

An Estate plot of approximately one acre unless otherwise specified.

Stewardship

The responsible care, protection and improvement of land and natural resources.

Survey

A measured representation of land prepared by an appropriately qualified person.

T**Tree Protection**

Measures implemented to preserve valuable trees during development or Estate works.

V**Version**

The approved revision number assigned to a publication.

W**Written Approval**

Approval recorded in writing by an authorised representative of the Estate.

Written Communication

Communication made in writing, including correspondence by letter or electronic mail.

Where important matters are discussed verbally, the discussion should ordinarily be confirmed in writing before being relied upon as representing an agreed Estate position.

4. Use of Defined Terms

Defined terms should be used consistently throughout the Official Publication Library.

Where a defined term exists, that term should be used in preference to creating alternative descriptions that may introduce ambiguity.

Estate publications should avoid creating duplicate definitions unless a publication requires a specific technical definition that differs from this publication.

5. Future Definitions

New definitions may be introduced where necessary as additional publications are developed.

Definitions should be:

- Clear;
- Concise;
- Consistent with the Founding Charter;
- Consistent with the Constitution;
- Capable of long-term use; and
- Free from unnecessary ambiguity.

6. Review

This publication shall be reviewed periodically to ensure that it remains consistent with:

- TEFE-CH-001 Founding Charter;
- TEFE-CO-001 – Constitution;
- TEFE-ES-001 – Estate Standards Manual;
- TEFE-MP-001 – Estate Master Planning Standard;
- TEFE-DS-001 – Estate Drawing Standard; and
- All subsequent approved Estate publications.

Where definitions conflict, this publication should ordinarily be updated to maintain consistency across the Official Publication Library.

7. Closing Statement

Clear language supports good governance.

The purpose of this publication is not merely to define words, but to ensure that every publication within the Official Publication Library is interpreted consistently, fairly and in accordance with the founding principles of The Edible Forest Estate.

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Every generation inherits a choice: to leave the land unchanged, or to leave it better than they found it. The Edible Forest Estate has chosen the latter.

This Charter is the constitutional statement of purpose for
THE EDIBLE FOREST ESTATE LIMITED
and the foundation upon which the Official Publication Library is built.