

SHIFTING CULTIVATION

In some areas, tree plantation programmes are implemented to rehabilitate forest land degraded by 'slash and burn' practices arising from shifting cultivation. It is estimated that as much as 4.74 million ha of forest land in Sabah and Sarawak have been so affected over the years. In Sabah, part of the tree plantation programme has been specifically directed towards the rehabilitation of forest land thus degraded, while Sarawak is taking steps to restore the productivity of its damaged forest areas. As more of the remaining migratory forest dwelling peoples take to settled lifestyles, there will be a corresponding reduction of 'slash and burn' of the forest.



ABOVE : Patches of degraded land due to shifting cultivation.
BELOW : Rehabilitation programmes are implemented to restore damaged forests.

