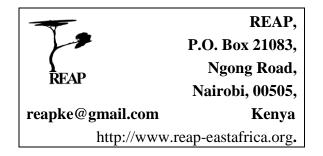
OTHER USES

Still other species can be included for other uses such as for natural medicines, poles, insecticides etc. By carefully choosing the right trees and planting them a multipurpose useful hedge can be created



The principle of the Six "F" hedge is one that can be adapted for any area and the most suitable species for the area need to be chose, so that the hedge is really useful.



SIX "F" HEDGES



Hedges can be far more than just a boundary. When plants like *Euphorbia* are used, they are chosen as being easy to plant but the land is wasted and it has no other use. By planting a hedge and choosing the right species a hedge can become a very productive part of any farm and can help to create an improved environment in agricultural areas.

The six "F" hedge refers to six uses of the tree that can be included in any hedge:

- Fence as a boundary.
- Fuel the hedge can be pruned for firewood
- Fertiliser the leaves from certain species, especially legumes form good manure for the soil
- Fodder the leaves and pods of some species can be fed to animals
- Food species that produce fruit and vegetable can be chosen for including in the hedge
- Fibre for tying things in the garden

CHOICE OF SPECIES FOR USE INA SIX "F HEDGE

Use	Species to chose from	Part used	Comments
Fence	Any species chosen for	The trunk and branches	Quick growing species such as Sesbania or Moringa help
	other uses will help		establish the line of the fence while others are growing.
	form the fence		Branches can be bent to fill in gaps.
Fuel	Sesbania	The branches and trunk	Fast growing trees that sprout (coppice or pollard) when
	Leucaena		cut back are particularly suitable
	Calliandra		
Fertiliser	Leguminous trees such	The leaves	Most leaves form a good basis for fertility when added to
	as Leucaena, Sesbania		the soil. They also help improve animal manure. Trees in
	and Calliandra	For <i>Tithonia</i> the whole plant is cut	a hedge should be chosen to be ones that do not damage
	Tithonia	back regularly and used for mulch	the crops nearby.
		or manure tea	
Fodder	Leucaena	The leaves, green shoots and	Young leaves are particularly palatable to animals, and
	Sesbania	immature pods	these species are chosen as being very suitable.
	Calliandra		Fodder trees can be added to cut grass such as Napier.
			When using <i>Leucaena</i> do not use more than 20% of the
			total feed
Food	Moringa	Moringa and mulberry leaves are a	Moringa is a very useful multi-purpose tree.
	Guava	very good vegetable.	Passion fruit is a climber and the support of trees in a
	Mulberry	The fruits of mulberry, guava and	hedge is very practical. It can be planted a little way away
	Passion fruit	passion fruit are eaten	from the hedge and the trees used as the trellis.
Fibre	Mulberry	Bark	There are many places in the garden when things need to
			be tied. The bark of a number of species of tree and shrub
			can be used for this