

**CRITICAL FACTORS AFFECTING THE ADOPTION OF PRODUCTION SYSTEMS  
TO PROMOTE EFFECTIVE FOREST MANAGEMENT IN FAMILY FARMS OF  
COSTA RICA**

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There is evidence that suggests that there are certain factors associated with land use systems that influence the adoption of those systems by producers. The adoption of forests in particular present a difficult challenge for small rural producers. The study conducted used a powerful tool in determining the main factors influencing the decision to dedicate land use for forest production or otherwise dedicate it to other agricultural activities and it can be applied to all different aspects of land use. With the goal of coming to a better understanding of the factors at play for producers in Santa Maria de Dota certain underlying factors were identified which show what needs to be addressed for a successful forest management regime to be adopted.