

Nepal's Initiatives for Sustainable Forest Management and Forest Certification

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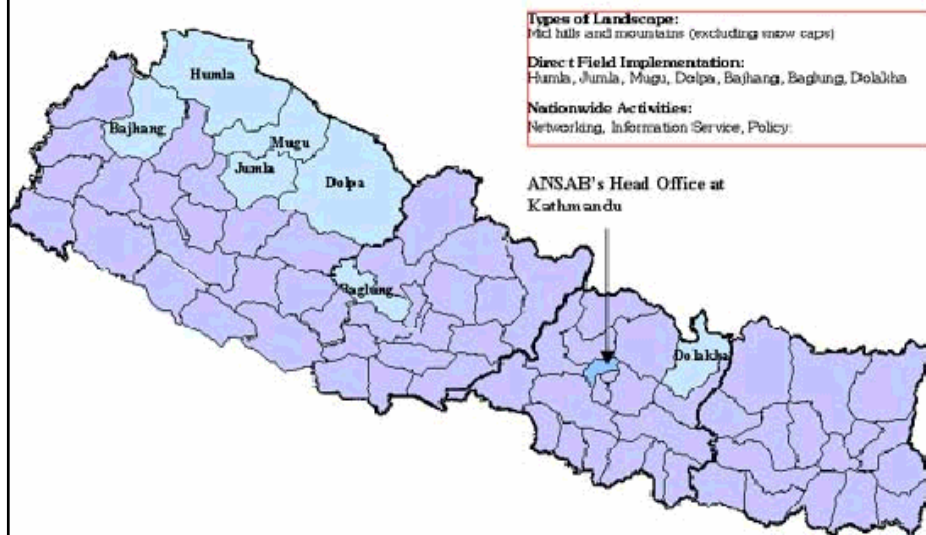
Presentation Includes

- Highlights of the Nepal's forest and community forestry status
- Highlights of the Forest Certification through Public Private alliance

Nepal

- 1,47,181 sq km; rectangular
- North China, others India; land locked
- About 23 million population
- Above 80% mountains and Himalaya
- Elevation from 200 m asl to The Everest (8848 m); rich in biodiversity
- Agriculture, main occupation
- Diversity in culture
- 5 regions, 14 zone, 75 districts

Map of Nepal



Nepal's forest status

- ✓ About 13000 FUGs, FECOFUN into play
- ✓ 37% Forest area of the total land
- ✓ 20% of the total forest area under community management
- ✓ Paradigm shifts from govt. management to community management
- ✓ ANSAB's role in the promotion of community forestry through R&D, grassroots implementation, certification initiatives, policy advocacy and federations building



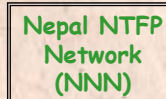
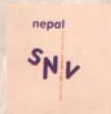
ANSAB

- ✓ **Asia Network for Sustainable Agriculture and Bioresources**
- ✓ **INGO, 1992, Headquarters Kathmandu, led by a board of international experts**
- ✓ **Mission and vision: Rich and productive biodiversity for sustainable community development**
- ✓ **NRM/Community forestry; community based enterprises development; Networking, research and studies; Marketing and business development services.**
- ✓ **A team of experts and support staff**
- ✓ **Grassroots implementation mainly in outlying parts of Nepal, focused on NTFPs**

About the certification initiatives

- ☛ Certification and Sustainable Marketing of Non-timber Forest Products (NTFPs)- Public Private Alliance (PPA)
- ☛ Alliance for Nepali NTFPs promotion

- National and International
- Private and Public
- Production and Marketing
- Communities and Business



Goals

- ☛ Increase incomes and employment for Nepal's NTFPs producers
- ☛ Promote sustainable resources management
- ☛ Institute a certification program for NTFPs in Nepal, and
- ☛ Expand responsible buying practices among industry members in the west



Innovative and Forward Looking

- Seeking models that incorporate an understanding of each actor's perspective, but are realistic on market, socio-economic, and biological issues
- Alliance for addressing third generation issues- from subsistence to enterprising mode while ensuring sustainable resource management



Sustainable Resource Management and Forest Certification

we were introducing the concept of certification in 2003 we ...

- Built awareness and capacity in certification among multiple stakeholders
- Promoted certification as national priority agenda (strongly recognized by FECOFUN and other organizations/members) – a way to bring forest management advancement and consistency to FUGs

Last year we were introducing the concept of certification in 2003 we ...

- Finalized certification pilot model (FECOFUN is certificate holder, group certification for multiple FUGs, third party, Chain of Custody firms identified)
- Completed preliminary assessment and Nepali guidelines for forest certification; 26 trained in certification by Rainforest Alliance
- Did FUG capacity/operational plan review and gap analysis with 315 FUG members - exemplary operational plan being developed

Challenges

- Security situation – required adaptive management and creative strategies to keep project activities on track
- Overcoming new subject and knowledge gaps
- Meeting requirements of markets – identified several key ones, now need to address in year 2