



Does Community Forestry Survive in Restructuring New Nepal?



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Introduction

- Pioneer of Community Forestry (Begins 1978).
 - Forest Area: 5.5 million hectare (39.4%)
 - CFUGs= ~14500
 - CF Area = over 1.22 million hectares (18%).
- Small country with high diversity: Social, Geographical and Economical
- High Mountains, Mid-hills and Terai: totally different.
- Single set of CF programme Implemented
- Country is transformed to Federal Democratic Republic and all the communities asking for their rights

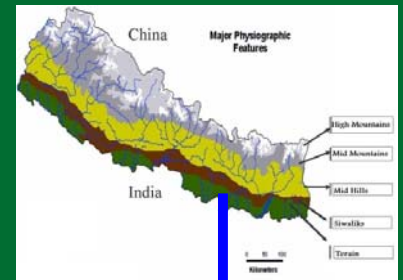


Fig. 1 Map of Nepal



Fig. 2 Land Use Map of Sarlahi

Objectives

- To analyse the involvement of various communities in CF program in lowland of Nepal
- To analyse the participation of CF program by traditional users in Terai

Methodology

- Literature review
- Key informant interview (selected forestry professional from Nepal)
- Semi structured interviews, Field observation and experience

Findings and Discussion

1. Hill-immigrants snatches the rights of Madhesi people

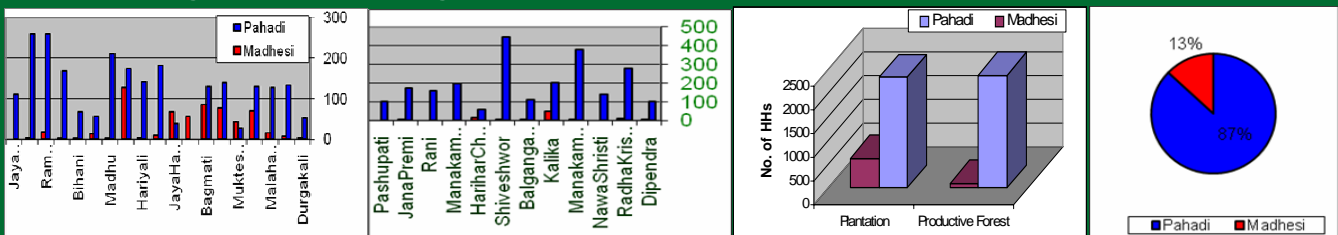


Fig. 3-6: the participation of different groups in the Community Forestry User Groups in Sarlahi

2. Community Forestry Vs Other Forms of Community Based Forest Management

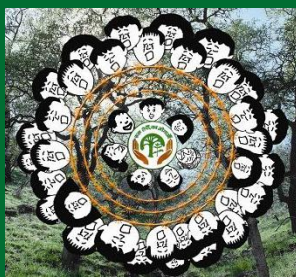


Fig. 7 Distant users are kept away

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Fig. 8 Ideal Community Based Forest Management

3. Federal Nepal and Possible autonomous Terai Province and Madhesi Voice

- Terai based political parties are against CF program in the Terai
- Possible struggle and conflicts between CF users and distant users

Conclusion

More power and autonomy to the CFUGs in Hills.

Without modification and involvement of traditional users, CF programme cannot go smoothly in Terai under Federal Democratic Republic Nepal