

Community Forest Tenure and restoration in Nepal

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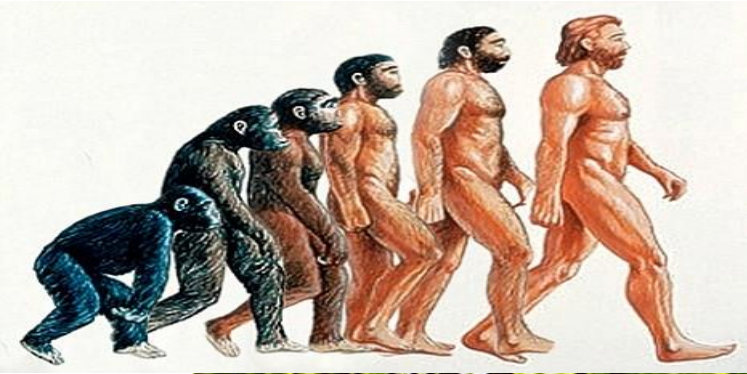


This presentation covers

1. Why Community Forestry Tenure Reform was done?
2. What does mean by community forestry in Nepal?
3. What change has been seeing in community forestry?
4. What need to change?
5. What community voices want to see to address the climate change issue ?

Forest life to Modern

Life **Climate Change**
Happened



Why Community Forestry Tenure Reform was done?

- **Government Actions**

- Nationalize the forest in BS 2013/1957, Established the forest department to manage and protect the forest, established the government owned Nepal Timber Corporation Nepal (TCN), extended the government forest office to the local level

- **Result in 20 years**

- 2.2 Million Hectares of forest converted to Agriculture land, high deforestations, conflict
- Government failed to protect the forest, community forestry tenure reform started, TCN bankrupt

Community Forestry

- Community Forest is the part of a National Forest which is handed over to a Local Community Users' Group to develop, conserve, use and manage the Forest; and sell and distribute the Forest Products independently by fixing their prices according to Work Plan. (FOREST ACT 2049 (1993))
 - Land Ownership Belongs to the Government
 - Forest Managements and User rights belongs to the community
- Community Forestry is generally defined as ‘forestry for the people and by the people’.

Community Resilience

- 18300 CFUGS
- Protecting and managing 1.7 million hectares of forest
- 2.2 million house hold
- 40% total population
- Most inclusive leadership compare to other institutions
- Leading to community development and community resilience

Before and After Community Forestry

Deforestation

1978



Restoration

2005



Restoration of Democracy

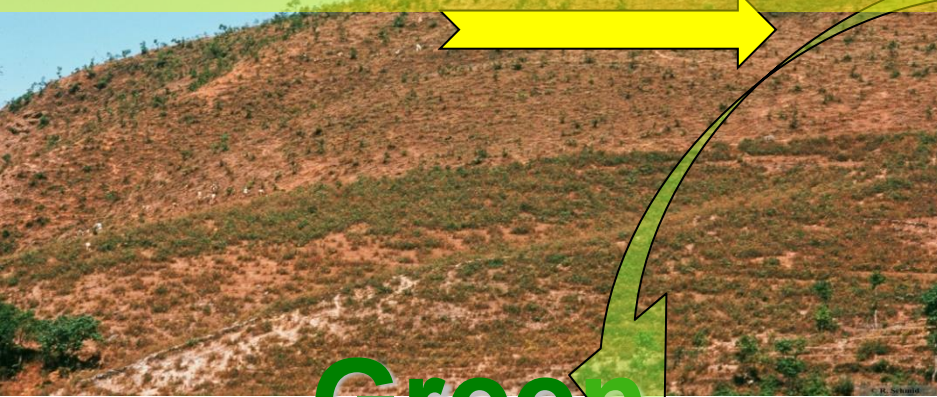


Rebuilding After Earth Quakes



Now and Future: Green Growth

1970s Under Government Management



Now Under Community Forest Management

Sustainable Forest Management

Green

Enterprises



Conclusion and Recommendations to Address Climate Change

- Secure Community Forestry Tenure and community property rights
- Sustainable Forest Management, Forest Enterprise Development and Green Jobs
- Strengthen the Forest Right holders organization, associations and networks
- Community Forestry has done restoration (Forest and Democracy), Rebuilding after Earth Quakes and Resilience in Climate Change, Now **Needs Much More Recognition - 4R**

Let's Change: Bottom in the Top for the Future Hope



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