

A Brief Report on Forest Carbon Inventory Training for Officers

9 to 13 October, 2012 conducted in Nepalgunj

1. Introduction

REDD+ is global emerging issues and presently Nepal is also preparing for it. In this process, government personnel feel capacity gaps in inventory of forest carbon. Realizing this, REDD-Forestry and Climate Change Cell organized forest carbon inventory training for forest officers. It is expected that this training will help prepare the skilled manpower with the capacity to conduct similar trainings for subordinate staff, community forest users and help to incorporate issues of climate change and forest carbon in forest operational plan as well.

Altogether 19 participants (1 female and 18 male) were took part in this training. The participants were from DFOs, DSCOs, National Parks and Wildlife Reserves and Hariyo Ban Program, representing both mid-west and far-west development regions. The training was coordinated through Mid-west Regional Directorate of Forests, Surkhet.

2. Objective:

The main purpose of this training was to transfer the techniques of forest carbon inventory. Objectives of the training were:

- to capacited on general concept of climate change and REDD+,
- to transfer the knowledge and skill of forest carbon inventory; and
- to share the issues of climate change and REDD+ to update forest operational plan .

3. Outcomes of the training

Following were the outcomes of the training.

- The participants got the concept about the climate change process drivers, REDD+ and its status in Nepal.
- They got skills and knowledge of forest carbon measurement technique.

4. Lesson learnt and suggestions

- The major lesson of this training was: participants feel that they are able to do the forest carbon inventory and record forest carbon.
- The Participants emphasized that the training period was not sufficient to cover all aspects of REDD+.
- The participants indicated that knowledge on forest carbon benefit, monitoring reporting and verification, reference emission level and social and environmental standard could be more beneficial.

5. Opening and Closing of the training

The forest carbon inventory training was formally inaugurated by Regional Director of the Mid-western Forest Directorate. The regional director expressed the opinion that this training will be fruitful for participants and suggested participants for active participation.

In the closing session, the participants expressed the view that the training was fruitful for them to conduct similar training. They further added, that they are able to deliver the message of climate change and REDD+ at the local level. Meanwhile, they raised several technical questions like: Can community forests of Nepal be benefitted from REDD+? What are the issues REDD+ in Nepal? How the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation can be addressed etc? Lastly, chair person of the closing session, District Forest Officer, Banke, remarked that to implement REDD+ in Nepal forestry professionals need to be intensively capacitated. The sort of trainings could be one of the ways to improve forestry professionals' ability in REDD+ and forest carbon inventory.

6. Photos of Training



Resource person demonstrating the use of GPS



Participants carrying out field inventory