

Fostering Community Forest Management in Nagaland

Executive summary

The objective of the Project was to create an innovative conservation programme for forest land owned by rural communities of the Phenstunyu (P) Khenyu (K) Rumesinyu (R) villages (collectively called as PKR Community Reserve), Kohima Forest Division of Nagaland through carbon-credit-backed financing.

The specific objective of the project was to restore the degraded forest land and conserve the existing native forest area in the PKR Community Reserve region through:

- Community resource micro-planning to ensure reduction of pressure on forests;
- Local institution building to enable community based natural resource management;
- Capacity building of local communities on conservation and sustainable management of forests in PKR Community Reserve.

Micro-plan preparation

PKR Community Reserve in association with the Nagaland Forest Department will prepare micro-plans in accordance with the Plan Vivo Standards and applicable local laws for conservation and effective management of natural resources. The activities include REDD+ project area delineation, mapping of forest resources, monitoring and evaluating their development, planning of conservation, alternate livelihood planning, etc.

Institution building

The implementation of the project activity will lead to the recognition of cultural practices, tenure rights alongside building of robust technical and institutional capacity within the community by way of creation and running of the PKR Community Reserve.

Capacity building of local communities

The project will focus on building capacity amongst communities in areas including scientific forest management, community-based monitoring and social fencing. The PKR Community Reserve will execute trainings related to livelihood generation techniques and improved agriculture techniques for the community members to ensure reduction of pressure on forests. The Nagaland Forest Department will assist in development and execution of these trainings throughout the PKR Community Reserve.