

Developing and Using Experiences in Implementing REDD+ in the Himalayas

A regional programme in Bhutan, India, Myanmar, and Nepal

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Introduction

The international negotiations of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) on the REDD+ structure are ongoing. At the same time, many countries already have REDD readiness projects in place in order to establish the political, institutional and technical frameworks for REDD+ implementation. In the Himalayas, national forest authorities and forest user groups are not yet able to effectively implement REDD+ projects. Transparent and effective incentives for national and subnational forestry actors to invest in REDD+ need to be established. And coordination at the regional intergovernmental level, especially in the area of measuring, reporting, and verification (MRV) and in the identification of potential leakages, needs to be improved.

Objective and Approaches of 'REDD+ Himalayas'

The regional programme 'REDD+ Himalayas' is part of the International Climate Initiative (IKI) and funded by the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB).

Its objective is to improve the frame conditions for socially and ecologically oriented REDD+ Readiness in the eastern Himalayan region. At the same time, climate risks will be systematically considered and the potential for adaptation measures will be increasingly used.

In building a regional REDD+ learning platform, the programme lays the groundwork for participating countries to further develop REDD+ and simultaneously expand ecosystem-based adaptation to climate change. The programme supports capacity building and training, technical and organizational advice, and, among others, developing methods for the measurement, reporting, and verification (MRV) of carbon storage.

As part of ICIMOD's REDD+ Initiative, the programme is supporting the protection and use of the landscapes of the Himalayas and making a direct contribution to ICIMOD's Transboundary Landscapes Regional Programme.



Major Outcomes and Benefits

- Capacity building for the implementation of REDD+ on different levels and of different stakeholders (in particular in Nepal)
- Development of methods for calculating, modelling, and forecasting carbon storage (in particular in Bhutan)
- Development of instruments for the preparation of the regional REDD+ Readiness (in particular in India and Myanmar)
- Regional exchange of experience and capacity development for the REDD implementation through South-South cooperation (regional)

Partners and Focal Points



- Nepal:** Ministry of Forests and Soil Conservation
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