



REDD+ in Bhutan & roles of local communities

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Bhutan's natural capital, e.g., water, medicinal plants/herbs, forests

Visual: Natural capital above

Conservation of forests is of paramount importance to safeguard the country from natural disasters, sustain the livelihood of the population and revenue generation through hydroelectricity.

REDD+ mechanism will complement efforts of RGOB and its people in conserving its forest resources and meet the commitment of ensuring 60% forest coverage as enshrined in the constitution of Bhutan besides enhancing livelihood of the local communities

The role of local communities in REDD+

Local communities play an important role in conservation by upholding the traditional beliefs, practicing traditional farming systems, participating in decision making & implementation of the decision & policies that reflect their needs.



People worshipping a local deity in a forest one of the villages



The processes initiated involving stakeholders & local communities will contribute to better decision making & policies for management & utilization of natural resources

Call to Action

All stakeholders including the local communities have an important role to play in translating global ideas into local actions.



As the Bhutanese saying goes “Baep man Tagya sey” meaning many frogs can collectively kill a tiger, if all join hands and work together, the national vision of clean growth & sustainable development goals can be met.