

A Brief Report on Forest Carbon Inventory Training for Officers

30 October-3 November, 2012 conducted in Bhaktapur

1. Introduction

The technical part of REDD+ is establishment of reference emission level (REL) and development of monitoring, reporting and verification system (MRV). These parts are significantly linked with the status of the forest carbon stock but the forest officers are not adequately familiar with the measurement of forest carbon stock. Hence, this training was conducted to strengthen their technical capacity in forest carbon stocks' measurement.

This training was organized as per the annual target of fiscal year 2068/69. Altogether there were 21 participants- 16 from DFOs, 4 from DSCOs, and 1 from regional directorate. This training was organized for five days. First two days were allocated for conceptualization of the climate change process, REDD+ and forest carbon inventory methodology. Third day was focused on the field work and fourth and fifth days were used in data analysis, result interpretation and presentation.

2. Objective:

The major objective of this training was to transfer the knowledge and skills about the forest carbon inventory to the forest officers so that they would be capable of carrying out similar training for midlevel field staff and forest users. Following were the objective of this training.

- To share and discuss knowledge about climate change process drivers and concept of REDD+
- To familiarize with the international negotiations on climate change and Reducing Emission from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD), Nepal's climate change policies, NAPA, R-PP (Implementation framework, MRV, Reference Emission level etc in brief)

3. Outcomes of the training

The outcomes of the training were as follows

- The participants were able to understand the concept of climate change process and REDD+

- They updated knowledge about the Nepal's climate change policies, NAPA, Nepal's R-PP (Implementation framework, MRV, Reference Emission level etc), Nepal's R-PP implementation Status
- They were able to adopt the techniques of forest carbon inventory
- They were capacitated to integrate the forest carbon inventory in forest inventory for CFOP preparation.

4. Lesson learnt and suggestions

- The participants demonstrated keen interest to learn about potential benefit of REDD+ mechanism. Participants were interested to learn about the benefit sharing mechanism of REDD+ in Nepal. They were interested to know about the opportunity and challenges of the REDD+ in Nepal.
- Participants also suggested that without REDD+ strategy Nepal will not be able to get the benefit, so this should be formulated soon. Moreover, the REDD+ strategy will be aligned with the national development strategy and forest strategy as well.

5. Closing of the training

The closing session was followed by post training evaluation of the participants and closing remarks. In this context, the participants commented that the training session, materials and information delivery were satisfactory. The field practice regarding forest carbon inventory was very fruitful but time was not adequate for forest carbon inventory. Another key achievement of this training was to share and list out the points to be incorporated in forest operational plan.

6. Photos of Training



Plenary discussion



Participants measuring leaf litter collected during inventory