



## REDD+ HIMALAYA: CAPACITY BUILDING FOR USING REDD+ TO CONSERVE NATURAL BIODIVERSE CARBON SINKS IN THE HIMALAYAS

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The forestry authorities and the forest-using population in the Himalayan partner countries lack sufficient competence and practical experience to implement REDD+ (Reduction of Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation in Developing Countries). This is why the project prepares its partners for results-based REDD+ approaches and supports them in restoring and sustainably using biodiverse forest ecosystems. One priority is to support the national REDD+ coordination offices in the further development of national strategies. The project is also involving local forest users and indigenous communities to test REDD+, and developing cooperation with stakeholders in the voluntary certificate market and with other donors to finance compensation payments. The results are translated by the project into policy recommendations for action at national level, introduced into international climate negotiations and used in the consultation for the implementation of the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) emission reduction treaty.

### State of implementation/results

- REDD+ pilot sites in Myanmar for the development of community based forest management are developing synergies with the Norwegian forestry and peace building programme.
- REDD+ safeguards are being actively addressed by regional ICIMOD countries.
- REDD+ action plans under preparation in Nepal, India and Myanmar with the objective to get REDD+ fully functional. ICIMOD plays its role as regional knowledge broker and officials from the region use ICIMOD effectively as a regional knowledge hub.
- The project contributes to the re-orientation of Nepal's national REDD+ strategy as a result of Nepal's decentralization efforts. The

## PROJECT DATA

### Country/Countries:

Bhutan, Indien, Myanmar (Burma), Nepal

### Implementing organisation:

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

### Political partner(s):

- Ministry of Agriculture and Forests - Bhutan
- Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) - India
- Ministry of Forest and Soil Conservation - Nepal
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- Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation - Myanmar

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- International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) - Nepal
- Ministry of Agriculture and Forests - Bhutan
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- Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation - Myanmar

### BMU grant:

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### Duration:

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### Website(s):

<http://www.giz.de/en/worldwide/26913.html>





strengthening of subnational decision makers in a newly federal setting is being developed and supported by the project.

- Adoption of new REDD+ action plans in Shan State of Myanmar, thus completing this REDD Readiness process over two years after intensive consultations at all levels.
- In two states of India (Sikkim and Himachal Pradesh) further activities from the REDD+ action plans were carried out with communities on energy and feed management.
- Study published “Benefiting from the REDD+ Himalaya Programme: Success stories from Bhutan, India, Myanmar, and Nepal”:  
[lib.icimod.org/...](http://lib.icimod.org/...)
- Interview with Bhaskar Singh Karky (ICIMOD) published:  
[www.international-climate-initiative.com/...](http://www.international-climate-initiative.com/...)

