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Managing Conflicts in Forest Resource Management – Perspectives of foresters from Tripura

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ABSTRACT

The article attempts to assess the foresters' (from north-eastern state of Tripura in the country India) perspective on basic element of conflict management and related framework/process- like a consensus process or stakeholder negotiation etc. It also attempts to capture their perspective on different aspects including desirability of conflict, their capability to distinguish substantive or emotional dimension of issues, basic reasons for conflict, effectiveness in real life situations, and overall usefulness of conflict resolution techniques in Forest Resource Management, their ability to distinguish different types of conflict and choosing appropriate options in conflict management, their understanding of principles involved to reduce forestry resource based disputes / conflicts. The article also assess perspective of practising foresters, whether their hierarchical division has any effect on related use of strategies to reduce forestry resource based disputes / conflicts.

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Forestry, conflict resolution, perception of foresters, Tripura, forest managers / foresters.

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