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Livelihood issues in Forestry Carbon Projects

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Abstract

Many of the world's numerous (including indigenous) peoples live in and around forests and they are highly dependent on their forest for their survival. Forest meets the prime needs of these people. Thus, sustainable development should be a key aspect of any forestry carbon projects which talks about inclusive growth and benefit sharing. Well designed forestry carbon project* strive, for a planned mechanism, consultative in spirit, promoting community participation and subsequently addressing their livelihood need. There are many ways by which these forestry projects can be made more comprehensive in nature such that they will become a prime source of the livelihood and hence can be made more effective in terms of sustainable development. This paper highlights the importance of ensuring sustainable livelihood development approach in a forestry carbon projects. This also illustrates how the various types of forestry projects like large scale industrial pulp, timber plantations, community forestry plantations, agro-forestry plantations, forestry regeneration and rehabilitation project can help in ensuring better livelihood prospects at the same time offering carbon benefits.

* Forestry Carbon Project- is a attempt to raise trees and vegetation in different combinations at different locations for different output in shape of products and services, but "Carbon Sequestration" is one of the important objectives, in order to get carbon credit for this.