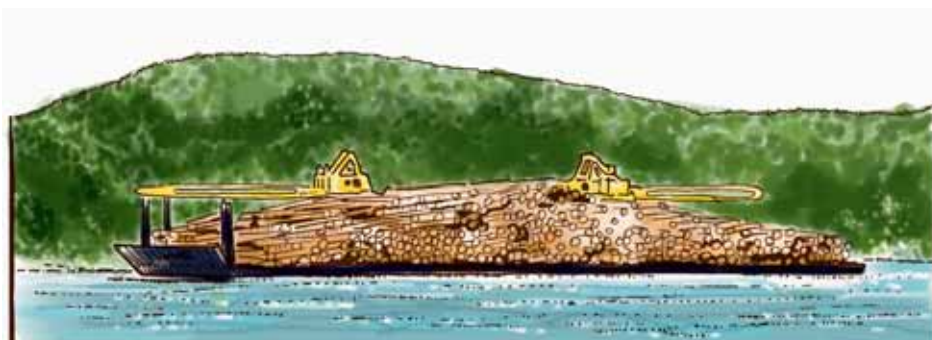




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## Foreword

Does forest tenure matter? In what way does it matter? What are the links among tenure, sustainable forest management (SFM) and poverty alleviation (PA)?

This paper presents the main findings of research that was conducted by FAO and partners from the Asia Forest Partnership with the aim of analysing and understanding the role of tenure arrangements, their enabling impacts and their limitations. The paper presents a summary of different tenure instruments' performance in supporting SFM and PA, and provides recommendations for more effective forest tenure systems.







## Acronyms

1 acre	0.405 ha
1 foot	30.48 cm
1 inch	25.4 mm
1 mu	approximately 0.07 ha.
1 rai	0.16 ha
5MHRP	5 Million Hectare Reforestation Program
AAC	annual allowable cut
ADB	Asian Development Bank
AHRS	agricultural household responsibility system
AJK	Azad Jammu and Kashmir
asl	above sea level
AusAid	Australian Agency for International Development
CADC	certificate of ancestral domain claim
CADT	certificate of ancestral domain title
CALC	certificate of ancestral land claim
CARE	Cooperative for Assistance and Relief Everywhere
CBFM	community-based forest management
CBFMA	community-based forest management agreement
CBS	Central Bureau of Statistics
CCF	Chief Conservator of Forests
CDS-YASS	Centre for Community Development Studies, Yunnan Academy of Social Sciences
CF	community forestry
CFLUP	Consensus Forest Land-Use Plan
CFM	community forest management
CFUG	community forest user group
CFUG	Community Forest User Group (Nepal)
CFWG	Community Forestry Working Group

CIFOR	Center for International Forestry Research
CPC	communal people's committee
CSC	certificate of stewardship contract
D	Vietnamese dong
DAI	Development Alternatives Inc.
DANIDA	Danish International Development Agency
DAO	department administrative order
DCC	District Coordination Committee
DENR	Department of Environment and Natural Resources
DFCC	District Forestry Coordination Committee
DFID	Department for International Development (United Kingdom)
DFO	divisional forest officer
DILG	Department of the Interior and Local Government
DNP	Department of National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation
DOE	Department of Energy
DPC	District People's Committee
EcoGov	Philippine Environment Governance Project
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
FD	Forest Department
FDA	forest development agency
FECOFUN	Federation of Community Forest User Groups in Nepal
FFI	Flora and Fauna International
FINNIDA	Finnish International Development Agency
FIO	Forest Industry Organization
FIPI	Forest Inventory and Planning Institute
FLA	fishpond lease agreement
FMB	Forest Management Bureau
FMU	forest management unit
FPC	forest protection committee
FPD	Forest Protection Department

FPE	Foundation for the Philippine Environment
FRA	Forest Resources Assessment (Global)
FSC	Forest Stewardship Council
FSMP	Forestry Sector Master Plan
FUC	Forest User Committee
FUP	forest use permit
FVDP	Forest Village Development Programme
FWI	Forest Watch Indonesia
GDP	gross domestic product
GEF	Global Environment Facility
GFW	Global Forest Watch
GIS	Geographic Information System
GP	Gram Panchayat (local governing body)
GTZ	German Agency for Technical Cooperation
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ha	hectare
IDS	Institute for Development Studies
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development
IFMA	industrial forest management agreement
IGF	Inspector General Forests
IPF	Intergovernmental Panel on Forests
IRA	internal revenue allotment
IRRs	implementing rules and regulations
ITE	industrial timber estate
ITPLA	industrial tree plantation lease agreement
ITTO	International Tropical Timber Organization
IUCN	World Conservation Union
JBIC	Japan Bank for International Cooperation
JFM	joint forest management

JFMC	Joint Forest Management Committee
LEAD	Leadership for the Environment and Development
LGU	local government unit
LHF	leasehold forests
M&E	monitoring and evaluation
MARD	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
MBPF	management board for protection forest
MBSF	management board for special-use forest
MDG	Millennium Development Goal
MPFS	Master Plan for the Forestry Sector
MPSA	mineral production sharing agreement
NCIP	National Commission on Indigenous Peoples
NEFUG	National Federation of User Groups
NESDP	National Economic and Social Development Plan
NFP	National Forestry Programme (FAO)
NGO	non-governmental organization
NIA	National Irrigation Administration
NPC	National Power Cooperation
NR	Nepalese rupee (US\$ 1 = NR70)
NTFP	non-timber forest product
NWFP	North West Frontier Province
OFD	Orissa Forest Department
OP	Occupation Permit
PA	poverty alleviation
PACOS	Partners of Community Organizations
PAMB	Protected Area Management Board
PAS	protected area system
PASU	protected area supervisor
PC	people's committee
PCCCP	Provincial Committee of the Chinese Communist Party

PER	Project for Ecological Recovery
PES	payment(s) for environmental services
PF	Panchayat forest
PFD	Punjab Forest Department
PNOC	Philippine National Oil Company
PO	people's organization
PPC	Provincial People's Committee
PPF	Panchayat-protected forest
PSP	provincial spatial planning
RBC	Red Book Certificate
RECOFTC	Regional Community Forestry Training Centre for Asia and the Pacific
RFD	Royal Forest Department
RMP	resource management plan
SDC	Swiss Development Cooperation
SFD	Sabah Forestry Department
SFDP	Small Farmers Development Project
SFE	State forest enterprise
SFM	sustainable forest management
SFMLA	Sustainable Forest Management Licence Agreement
SIDA	Swedish International Development Agency
SIFMA	socialized industrial forest management agreement
SLUP	sustainable land-use planning
STK	Sor Tor Kor (national forest land allotment)
SWOT	strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats
TAO	Tambon Administrative Organization
TFPUK	timber forest product use permit
TFSMP	Thai Forestry Sector Master Plan
TLA	timber licence agreement
TNC	The Nature Conservancy
TUP	timber use permit

UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
VFC	village forest committee
VSS	Van Samrakshan Sammittee
WSC	watershed class
WWF	World Wide Fund for Nature