



UKFC-India

Forest Landscape
Restoration Project

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FOREST LAND RESTORATION

Landscape- A contiguous area, intermediate in size between an ecoregion and a site, with a specific set of ecological, cultural and socio-economic characteristics distinct from its neighbours. (WWF & IUCN)

FLR- A process that aims to regain ecological integrity and enhance human well being in deforested or degraded forest landscapes

Global Partnership on Forest Land Restoration (GPFLR)

- A proactive network of Governments, UN & other non-government organisations, communities and individuals
- Launched in 2003 by IUCN, WWF and UKFC
- Restore forest landscapes to benefit people and nature and contribute towards reversing the trend of forest loss and degradation
- Across the globe a billion ha of lost and degraded forest lands that could be restored

Project Objectives

- To review past and current forest regeneration initiatives in the light of the FLR concept,
- To review the evolution of forest regeneration policies in the light of the FLR concept, and
- To document the information regarding economic, social, and biodiversity initiatives under reforestation, afforestation and restoration.

Major Tasks

To conduct a quick initial surveys and compile:

- An overview of forest restoration activities in India; small and large scale, public and private; that have the potential to deliver co-benefits for biodiversity and people,
- An overview of forest regeneration policies, National and State level, in India with relevance for multiplication of these efforts under FLR approach, and
- An index of studies of the economic, social and biodiversity issues and their related costs and benefits of restoration, reforestation and afforestation.

Methodology

- Two-phase process
- Production of a general overview of the current forest restoration activities in India and specific initiatives in the states of Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh and Orissa.
- The review to provide material for the development of the second phase, with focus on the implementation of the FLR approach in the whole country.

First Phase

Activity 1: Status of Forest landscape restoration in India

- Identification of technical partners
- Desk study to identify current activities in India to the above three objectives and tasks through the internet, published material and interviewing individuals in key organisations in India.

Activity 2: Detailed status of forest landscape restoration in Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh and Orissa

- Identification of local implementing partners
- Identification of forest landscape restoration sites in Uttarakhand, M.P. and Orissa
- Extensive field surveys
- Scope of their duplication in other areas
- Conduct of a national-level workshop at the end of first phase.

Achieved Deliverables

- Desk Review Report on FLR Activities in India documenting different methodologies/approaches/models adopted on national level for maximising benefits through FLR
- Report on 'Inception Workshop on FLR Project held on 14th Jan 2011 at ICFRE Dehradun details description of successful FLR models already in place in the states of Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh and Odisha
- Report on 'Regional Workshops held on Odisha, M.P & Uttarakhand' on 04/03, 06/03 & 13/03/2011 respectively
- UK-India FLR Summary Report

Ongoing Work

- **Selection of FLR sites in 3 states for socio-economic survey-
Survey Under Progress -By November 2011**
- **National level FLR Workshop- 24th November 2011**
- **Establishment of National level Network by December 2011**

Future Road Map

- Implementation of Phase II in other States of India
- Development to a bigger, 3-5 years long duration Umbrella UKFC-ICFRE, India Project
- Financial Assistance of DFID
- Support establishment of International Centre for Sustainable Management at New Delhi
- Establishing Global Network with GPFLR



Thanks