

Forest Department

Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment Conservation (MONREC)



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 **MYANMAR:** Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+)

Introduction

Myanmar has total land area of 676,577 km². The topography can roughly be divided into three parts: the Western Hills, the Central Valley, and the Eastern Hills. The population of Myanmar is estimated to be 55.7 million with a population growth rate of 1.03% as of July 2014. Approximately 70% of the population lives in rural and remote areas (Government of Myanmar 2013).



Mission of the Institute

Forest Department has been managing its natural forests under Myanmar Selection System, which is a system of sustainable forest management, for over 100 years. The FD is responsible for the protection and conservation of biodiversity and the sustainable management of forest resources in the country.

Key Forest Statistics

Area	Area cover in thousand hectares (ha)	Percentage of land area
Total Land	67657	-
Forest	29041	44.2%
Other Wooded land	15080	22.9%
Other land	21634	-
Inland water	1903	-
Forest Characteristics	Area Cover in thousand hectares (ha)	Percentage of total forest area
Primary	3192	11.0%
Other naturally generated	24905	85.8%
Planted	944	3.3%
Biomass / carbon stock	Forest biomass stock (million tonnes)	Forest Carbon stock (million tonnes)
Above ground biomass	2751	1293
Below ground biomass	550	258
Deadwood	-	-
Litter	-	64
Soil	-	-

Source: Global Forest Assessment, 2015





REDD+ activities in Myanmar

- The Government of Norway and the UN-REDD programme have provided the necessary funding for the preparation of the Myanmar’s REDD+ Readiness Roadmap. Technical support was provided by the UN-REDD programme, RECOFTC, and many government, CSO, and private sector organizations. All these groups contributed to the drafting of Myanmar’s REDD+ Roadmap.
- The letter of agreement was signed on March 29, 2016, 3 years project period from 2016 to December 31, 2018 in Collaboration between Forest Department and ICIMOD.
- Myanmar has conducted nationwide forestry-centered trainings and workshops, such as the “Training on Establishment of Bamboo Plantation to Support Rural Development and Forest Conservation,” the “Training for Trainers (ToT) for improving Extension Capacity in REDD+ and Climate Change,” and a “National workshop on “Development of Social and Environmental Safeguards for REDD+ in Myanmar.”
- The government implements the REDD+ Himalaya capacity development programme with support from ICIMOD. This Project will follow the REDD Readiness Roadmap by conducting a gap analysis of its current REDD services, and by developing capacity to address those gaps.
- Current REDD+ projects and activities of Myanmar include Stock taking report on FPIC, SESA, and Biodiversity; developing a monitoring system for measuring impacts on biodiversity; Value chain analysis in timber; Deforestation and forest degradation driver analysis; Setting up a demonstration site and strengthening forest governance at township and local level.
- Some of the regional trainings included Financial Workshop in Nepal and MRV training in Myanmar in July 2016.

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