

# REDD Implementation Centre (RIC)

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

## Introduction

Nepal covers an area of 147,181 square kilometres on a uniquely steep topography, extending from the mountains in the north to the plains in the south. Nepal has a population of 23.15 million with an annual 2.24% growth. Forest and shrub land covers about 5.83 million hectares, equivalent to 39.6% of the total land area in Nepal.



## Mission of the Institute

The Mission of REDD Implementation Centre (RIC) is to strengthen the integrity and resilience of forest ecosystems, and improve socio-economic and environmental values of forests for emission reductions and increased community benefits through improved policy and legal measures, improved institutional functioning, and enhanced stakeholders' capacity, capability and inclusiveness.

## Key Forest Statistics

Area	Area cover in thousand hectares (ha)	Percentage of land area
Total Land	14335	-
Forest	3636	25.4%
Other Wooded land	1897	13.2%
Other land	8802	-
Inland water	383	-
Forest Characteristics	Area Cover in thousand hectares (ha)	Percentage of total forest area
Primary	526	14.5%
Other naturally generated	3067	84.4%
Planted	43	1.2%
Biomass / carbon stock	Forest biomass stock (million tonnes)	Forest Carbon stock (million tonnes)
Above ground biomass	718	359
Below ground biomass	251	126
Deadwood	-	-
Litter	-	3
Soil	-	-

Source: Global Forest Assessment, 2015



## REDD+ activities in Nepal

- Nepal, as one of the REDD+ Participant Countries, signed a Participation Agreement to engage in the Readiness Fund of the FCPF in 2010. The government then prepared the Readiness Preparation Proposal (R-PP), which was assessed by FCPF in July 2010.
- First phase of the readiness process was completed in August 2015. Nepal's request for additional Readiness Funding of US\$ 5 million was approved by the Participant Committee of the FCPF in November 2015.
- The Letter of Intent (LoI) between GoN and the World Bank was signed in June 2015 for potential purchase of emissions reduction. Nepal is now developing the Emission Reduction Program Document (ER-PD) for the proposed ER Program area, which is expected to be completed in 2017 for submission to the FCPF Carbon Fund meeting.
- The GoN has established a National REDD+ Management and Institutional structure that include REDD working Group and REDD Implementation Centre.
- About 70,000 people have been exposed to the REDD+ concept through trainings, workshops and consultations.
- The draft National REDD+ Strategy has been prepared through national multi-stakeholder consultation process.
- Nepal has made progress to develop a National Data Base of Basic Attributes of All Forest Management Regimes and on developing National REDD+ Information System or Registry which incorporates existing data collection at the management regime level, covering all forest types.
- A national Forest Reference Level (FRL) has been developed for Nepal along with a RL for a sub-national Emission Reduction program area in the Terai Arc Landscape (TAL) that covers 12 Terai districts.
- About 25 districts are known to have already established REDD+ desk involving district level stakeholders.



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