



Supporting Community Action for Achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Targets



A new Community Information Resource Centre (CIRC) in Myanmar is being developed as a platform to bring a range of stakeholders – the government, communities, and other partners – together to strengthen the link between biodiversity conservation and livelihoods. This participatory platform will raise awareness of the value of natural landscapes and the sustainable practices needed to minimize biodiversity loss and degradation. It will also help communities in remote parts of Myanmar contribute to the nation’s commitment to achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Targets set out by the Convention on Biological Diversity.

A new Community Information and Resource Centre in Myanmar will act as a platform for multi-stakeholder engagement and community participation in achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Targets

The CIRC – located in Putao District in Kachin State – caters to the Hkakabo Razi Landscape, which is rich in biodiversity and a high-priority conservation area.

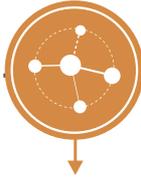
How does the Community Information Resource Centre work?



**PARTNERSHIP
DRIVEN**



**GOVERNMENT
SUPPORTED**



**COMMUNITY
MANAGED**



**PEOPLE
CENTRED**



**OPERATIONAL
GUIDANCE**

SUPPORTING ELEMENTS

**Community Information
Resource Centre**

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CORE COMPONENTS

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COMMUNITY AND VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

Promotes conservation education and awareness by providing information on the region's biodiversity and cultural assets

HOMOTEL

Engages local communities in ecotourism enterprises through community-managed accommodation for visitors

DEMONSTRATION SITE

Promotes sustainable land and water management by demonstrating simple, low-cost, and easily replicable technologies

COMMUNITY MART

Provides a market space for local produce and handicrafts to support enterprise development

The Community Information Resource Centre (CIRC) helps communities contribute directly to the following Aichi Biodiversity Targets



TARGET 1

Increase awareness of biodiversity and conservation values

CIRC is a platform for increasing conservation awareness and generating benefits from conservation-related activities



TARGET 3

Develop positive incentives for conservation and sustainable use

Additional income from ecotourism and conservation practices will increase interest in the sustainable use of biodiversity resources



TARGET 5

Reduce habitat loss and degradation

Providing an alternative source of livelihood helps reduce dependence on resources and creates conservation awareness



TARGET 7

Manage forests and agriculture sustainably

Sharing effective land management techniques supports sustainable management of agriculture and helps farmers optimize production



TARGET 13

Safeguard the genetic diversity of cultivated plants and domesticated animals

Displaying cultivation techniques for agriculture and maximizing the productivity of local crops would help maintain local identities



TARGET 14

Safeguard essential ecosystem services for local communities

Building capacity and awareness on sustainable fishing practices supports conservation as well as income generation and diversification



TARGET 18

Recognize and respect traditional knowledge and local innovations

Demonstration and promotion of local innovations and traditional knowledge that support sustainable resource management



TARGET 19

Share knowledge on biodiversity, its values, and its functions

Display of conservation-related awareness materials and biodiversity data and geospatial maps of the surrounding landscape



**DIRECT CONTRIBUTION
TO AICHI BIODIVERSITY TARGETS:**

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