

# Regional Stakeholder Consultation Workshop: Sylhet

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## Background:

The REDD+ Readiness Roadmap will serve as a living document to guide the country through the Readiness phase. In this connection several regional stakeholder consultation workshops been conducted. The Sylhet regional workshop covered the stakeholders from the North East Forest areas of Bangladesh.

## Objective:

To share and discuss national and local perspectives on strategy, safeguard and MRV (monitoring, reporting and verification) about the key issues facing the forest sector and potential approaches to address these issues.

**Total Participants:** 65 (attendance list attached)

## Group formation:

Total three groups been formed consisting of

- Forest Dependent Community
- Forest Department Officials
- Co-management Committee

At the outset the participants were briefly enlightened with the REDD+ idea. Afterwards the workshop facilitators in consultation with the participants extended their effort to define the meaning of deforestation and degradation so that participants feel confident to explain the root causes and the subsequent drivers within the stipulated time. The standard facilitation guide for the workshop series was used (see separate document).

The following table captures the drivers, root causes and the subsequent recommendations from the three groups as mentioned above in connection to deforestation and degradation of forest for the North East region.

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Summary table combining the views from all the three groups as mentioned above:

<b><u>Drivers at the regional level for</u></b>		<b>Underlying Causes</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
<b>Deforestation</b>	<b>Degradation</b>		
Development of establishments/infrastructures	Use of forest as livelihood	Increasing number of Saw mill and Brick Kilns	Improvement of Logistics, Manpower training for FD
Increasing demand of Agricultural land	Poverty ridden population	Illegal trade of forest resources	Enforcement of rules/laws
Illegal settlements	Lack of alternative sources of livelihood	Inadequate logistics and manpower of Forest department	Bottom up approach in policy formulation instead of traditional top down one
Forced acquisition of land	Climatic Change	Missing alternatives of using fire wood and livelihood	Inclusion of local/indigenous community into decision making
Settlement of increasing number of forest villagers	Natural Disaster	Poor implementation and weaknesses of applicable laws	Prior approval of FD and CMC for building infrastructure, Brick Kilns/saw mills
Lack of Political will	Decrease in soil fertility	Misconducts of Unscrupulous forest officers	Awareness campaigns related to environment
Excavation of minerals/gas		Improper maintenance after reforestation	Demarcation of forest areas
Juum cultivation of Beatle leaf		Forceful acquisition of land by influential elites	Legal measures against the encroachers/Foresters/
		Cattle grazing	Implementation of social forestry rules
		Degradation of wild life	Development of alternative livelihoods
		Lack of awareness	Strong coordination among FD, Police and DC office

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Deforestation	Degradation		
		Ignoring recommendations from the grass roots	Planned development work/forestation
		Increasing number of unreasonable forest case filing	Alternative livelihood security for forest dependent people
		Influential elites cultivate lemon and pineapples into forest areas	Ensuring accountability of forest officers and Co-management committee members
		Grounding medicinal plants	Finalization of verdicts in connection to Forest related cases
		Cultivation of Beatle leafs outside the leased lands	Release deeds/agreements to forest dependent community in time
			Conservation of forest through co-management.
			Introducing Social forestry in derelict land

The workshop ended up with the vote of thanks from the conservator of forests of the Central Circle zone.

**Key observations:**

Both the Government and Non-Government participants agreed on the causes in a non-confrontational way

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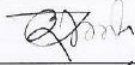

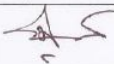
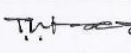

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