

*RESOURCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
SOCIETY-NEPAL*

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RESOURCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION SOCIETY-NEPAL
Center for Integrated Research & Resource Utilization

Introduction

Established in 2001 with a goal to support the rural development activities Resource and Environmental Conservation Society, Nepal (RES Nepal) is a non-profit making non-governmental organization. It got its legal affiliation with His Majesty's Government of Nepal in 2002. Promoting participatory and sustainable rural development is the mission of RES. Center for Integrated Research & Resource Utilization (CIRRUS), is a unit of RES that focuses in the research activities of the organization. CIRRUS has been created with an aim of giving a superior priority to the research and development in the resource utilization sector. Many individuals with diverse academic and professional backgrounds are associated with CIRRUS to design, implement and delivering action researches, scientific researches and professional consultancies in natural resource sector. Individuals from forestry, agriculture, civil engineering, sociology, rural development, resource economics, data management are associated with the activities of CIRRUS.

Goal

The goal of RES/CIRRUS is to achieve integrated and sustainable natural resource management in the country and thus contribute to socio-economic development through the innovative research and development of natural resources.

Objective

- enable target groups to apply integrated and sustainable forest management practices.
- research, advocacy, lobbying and strategy formulation for the cultivation, conservation and sustainable management of Bamboos.
- develop strategies for sustainable community based, private forestry and agro forestry management and initiate their implementation to ensure a direct socio-economic benefit and livelihood improvement of disadvantageous community.
- develop, test and implement appropriate conservation and management technologies in natural resources on a sustainable basis.
- conserve natural resources for their environmental roles in safeguarding humanity.
- mainstreaming gender in natural resource management and social development

Working Principle

- equity based, justifiable, non discriminative and environmental friendly society.
- encourages innovative and daring to take risk for environment and its conservation.
- promote a team approach and ethics.
- play a leading role for in making the transition from paper to reality.
- Learn from rural people, work with rural people and start from what the rural people know
- respect local indigenous knowledge and skill
- Improve the existing system first prior to new intervention
- make science work for poor.

Its strategies include

- Providing a common platform for knowledge and informing sharing.
- Brining interrupted NGOs/institutions together towards establishing a networking for mutual help/cooperation;
- Facilitating networking and coordination between/amongst GOs/NOGs/ for policy making and implementation in the sector of environment and natural resource management.
- Enhancing capabilities of self-help groups and locally based NGOs to promote participatory and sustainable development.
- Preparation of reading material and manuals for Natural resource management sector.
- Conduct action research to find out the gap between the intention and reality of forest act and other resource utilization act and regulation to lead policy level advocacy.
- Conduct action research in existing community forestry practices of Nepal and develop criteria and Indicator to make a CF sustainable.
- Mainstream gender in each sector

Presently, RES/CIRRUS is involved in the following activities

- Participatory action research and studies
- Training and workshops
- Curriculum and manual development
- Publication and information dissemination
- Policy research, analysis and reformation exercises
- Base line data collection for Bamboo-eco-housing project

A. General

1. Name of organization: Resource and Environmental Conservation Society, Nepal
2. Type: Non Government Organization
3. Key Qualifications: Action Research, Rural development, Inventory, EIA, GIS
4. Focus: Training, Action research, advocacy, Policy revision
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9. Established year: 2001
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12. Contact person: Mr. Vijay Prasad Kesari

B. Office facilities

1. Total staff: Twelve persons
2. Part time staff: Three persons
3. Office equipment (major):
Computer/printer: Three
Telephone: Two set

C. Resource library

A good collection of books, published and unpublished reports and documents on Natural resource management, research Methodology, training, and gender issues in resource management, Environmental Impact Assessment and GIS and PRA related guidelines books, Manuals Guidelines and book published by forestry related I/NGO, and other contemporary development issues.

D. Accomplished and on going Project

1. Bamboo eco-housing Project

Bamboo Eco-housing is on going project of RES-Nepal. It is a unique concept, which is specially focused on the freed bonded labour of far-west Nepal. Main objective of this project is to enhance the existing knowledge base on bamboo resources by documenting; carrying out researches, disseminating outcomes and support to formulate eco-friendly bamboo based housing policy in Nepal. Specifically this project is addressing design and Research for bamboo cultivation, building capacity of groups to plan and implement their development activities. It is also focused on promoting cultivation and conservation of bamboo and rattan resources, facilitating construct and use of bamboo eco house, assisting for market, linkage and promotional activities. Dissemination of research outputs and learning and experience are the other corner of this project.

Funding Agency:

Global Environment Facility/ Small Grant Program UNDP

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2. Livelihood Program for Dhangar

This project is running in ward no. 12 of Gaur municipality of Rautahat district with the help of Australian Embassy under Direct Aid Program (DAP). The project has been aimed to the Dhangar ethnic community. Gender is the main focus of this project. Women of this community depend heavily on the product of bamboo to support their livelihood.

Specifically this project is focused on organize Dhangar in self-help groups to cultivate Bamboo in marginal land, enhance the existing knowledge of bamboo cultivation (propagation, harvesting) by providing training on bamboo cultivation, provide training on modern value added bamboo products and develop entrepreneurship and finally conservation, cultivation and use of bamboo in a sustainable manner achieving a significant level of increase in income for Dhangars in the project area

Funding Agency:

Embassy of Australia /Direct Aid Program

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3. Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

RES-Nepal has completed EIA for harvesting *Taxus baccata* in Mustang district of Nepal. The EIA was completed in Lete, Kunjo and Kobang Village Development Committee of Mustang district. The main objectives of the study were estimate the permissible cuts of *Taxus baccata* leafy biomass in the environment and local economy by conducting resource assessment, predict the positive and negative impacts and recommend best alternatives to mitigate the likely negatives impacts and prescribe technologies/ methods to promote positive impacts.

Funding Agency

KMTNC/ACAP

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4. Feasibility Study of Red Panda Habitat Eco-trail Development in Thulo Sybru – Cholanpati Area of Langtang National Park

RES – Nepal is conducting a feasibility study of Red Panda habitat eco-trail development in Thulo Sybru – Cholanpati area of Langtang National Park. This program is supported by TRPAP project of Department of Wild life and National Park of Nepal.

The specific objectives of this project are provide wilderness experience by establishing eco-trail in red panda habitat, provide floristic knowledge about the red panda habitat, design safe and pleasing wilderness day hike eco-trail develop eco-trail as a model for conservation education to generate environment awareness and assist with information to the nature guide for resource interpretation.

Funding Agency:

Tourism for Rural Poverty Alleviation Program / DDC Rasuwa

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5. Bamboo eco-housing Project for Nepal

Project Grant Contract has been signed between RES-Nepal and International Network for Bamboo and Rattan (INBAR) for Bamboo Eco-housing Project in Nepal. It is an additional support for the on going Bamboo Eco housing Project running in Krishnapur VDC of Kanchanpur district. Numbers of houses to be built are added.

Funding Agency:

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