



REDD+ and Communities Participation: Nepal Experience

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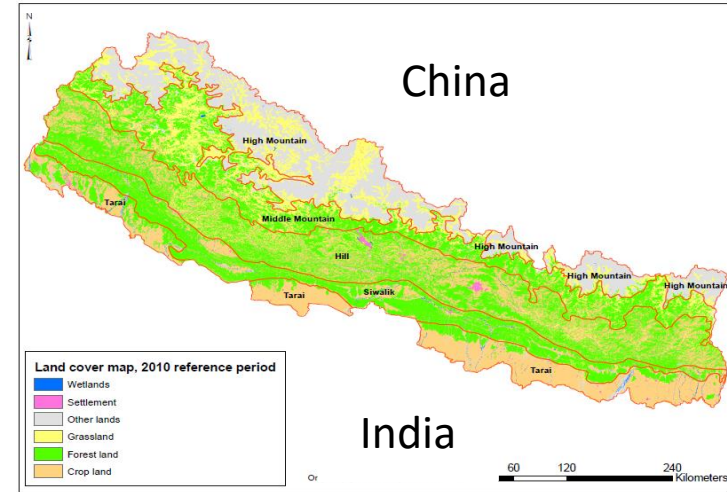


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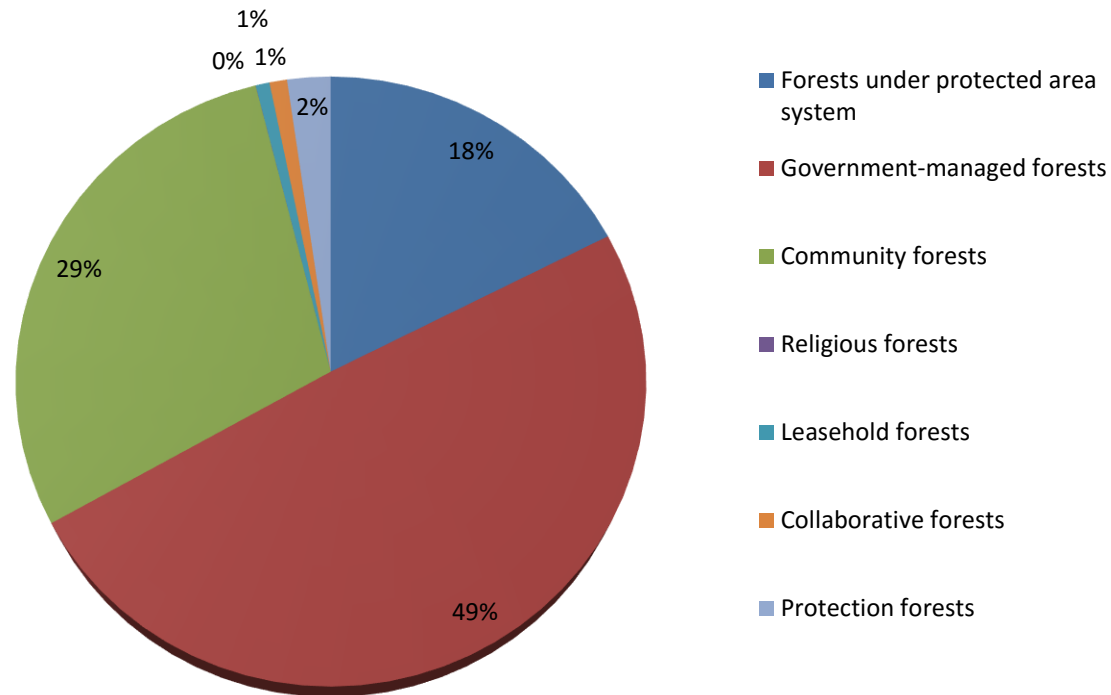
- Nepal in glimpse
- REDD+development and ambitions
- Community approach to REDD+
- REDD+Himlanaya programme
- Strengths and opportunities for community-based REDD+ in Nepal

Nepal in Glimpse

- Total area: 14.72 Million ha
- Forest cover: 5.96 m ha (40.36%)
- OWL: 0.65 m ha (4.38%)
- New constitution (2015)
 - Three tier governance
 - Federal structure: 7 states
- Implications to REDD+:
 - Institutional arrangement,
 - Cost/benefit sharing
- A task force is working to suggest new arrangements

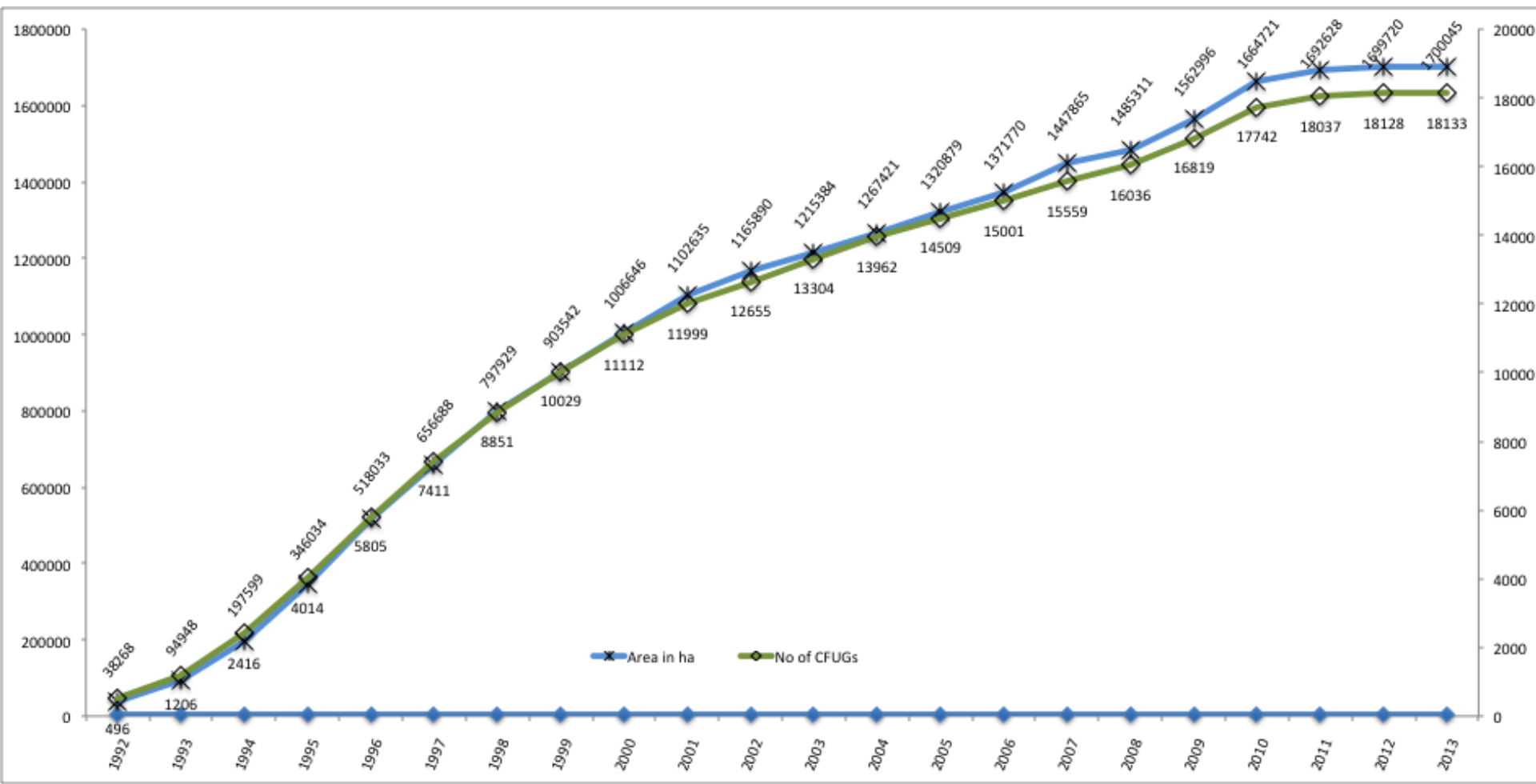


Institutional forests landscapes

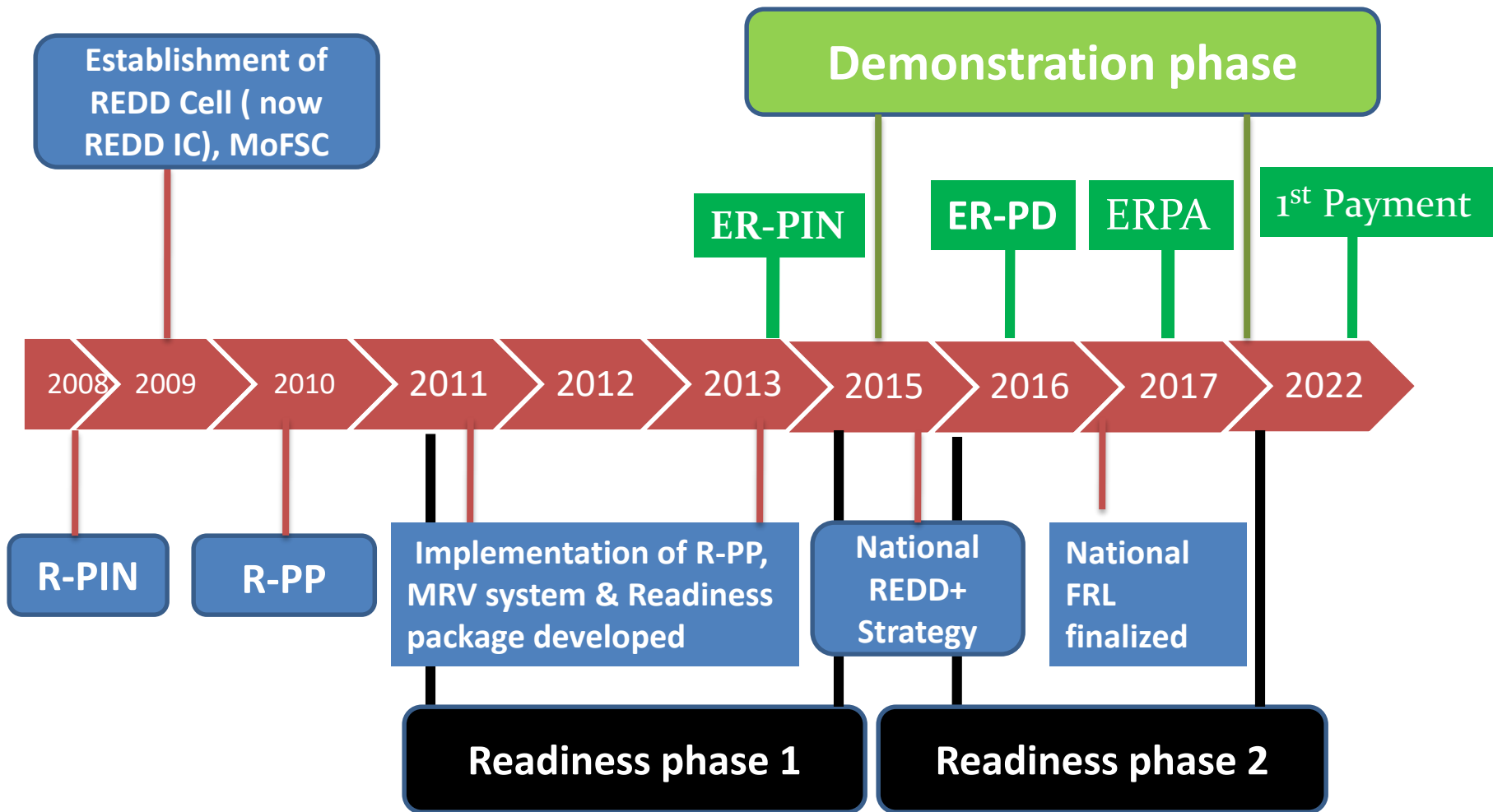


Total forest area: 6.1 million ha (44.7% of the country's total area)

Community forests hand over trend (1992 – 2013)



REDD+ development and ambitions



Approaches to Nepal's REDD+

- **Community-based/participatory**
- Multistakeholder/multi-actor
- Multi-sectoral
- Gender and social inclusive (women, Indigenous peoples, Dalits (suppressed), Madhesis.....)
- Collaboration with IPs and LCs

Community-approach to REDD+

- Federation of community forest users Nepal (FECOFUN) a key actor in REDD Working Group (Decision making forum for Nepal's REDD+)
- Collaboration with Nepal Federation of Indigenous Nationalities (NEFIN)
- REDD+ Himalaya programme (partnership with district level FECOFUN)
- REDD+ Himalaya at CFUG level

REDD+ Himalaya Program: community-approach to REDD+

- Collaborations : Government of Nepal, FECOFUN, ICIMOD, GIZ, NORAD
- Piloting in 3 districts
- REDD Working Groups at District and Sub-district level
- Development of District REDD Action Plan (DRAP_
- Sensitization of community-approach to REDD+
- Institutionalization of community approach to REDD+
- Local level capacity building in REDD+

Strengths and opportunities for community-based REDD+ in Nepal

- Strong community-based institutions (26000+ FUGs)
- Vibrant community federations
- Emerging forest enterprises and networks
- Growing women leadership
- Claim of IPs to contribute to natural resources
- Community-based, multistakeholder and inclusive approach to resource management
- Haven of nature-based tourism
- Satisfactory REDD readiness

Beauty of community participation in REDD+

- Synergistic efforts (REDD+ and community forestry reinforcing each other)
- Recognition of customary rights
- Enhanced/certified SFM
- Better engagement of IPs in forest governance
- Acknowledgement of improved forest tenure
- **No risks of 'recentralizing while decentralizing'**

A photograph of a vast, lush green mountain range. The hills are covered in dense, vibrant green forest, with a prominent, taller tree standing in the foreground. The sky is bright and slightly hazy. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

Thank you

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