



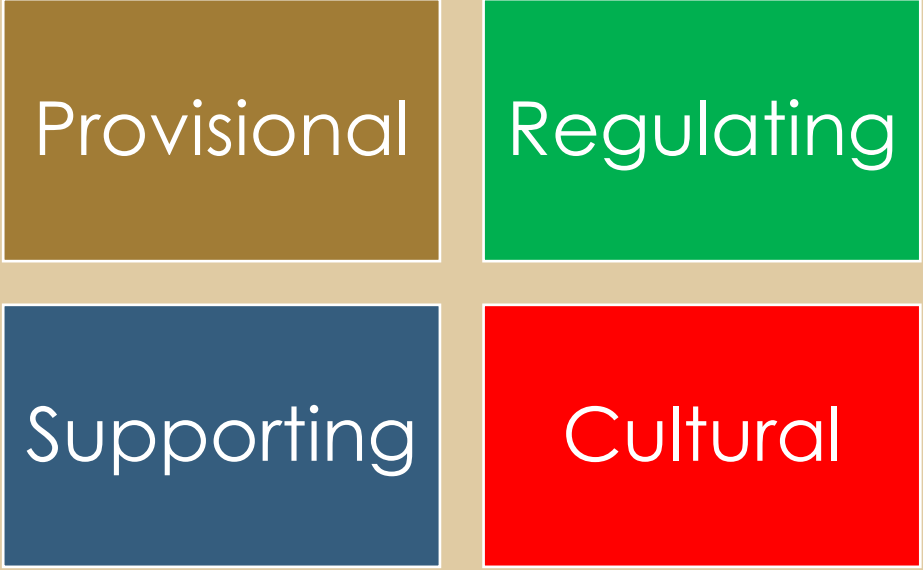
Governing Ecosystem Services

Institutions and Policies in Nepal

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Levels of Governance





Institutions in Nepal

Federal Institutions

Line Ministries

- MoFE, MWRE, MALMC

State Institutions

Line State Ministries

Local Government

Municipalities, Rural Municipalities



Constitution of Nepal

51. Policies of the State: The State shall pursue the following policies:
(g) Policies relating to protection, promotion and use of natural resources

57. Distribution of State power:

(1) The powers of the Federation shall be vested in the matters enumerated in Schedule-5, and such powers shall be exercised pursuant to this Constitution and the Federal law.

Schedule-5 (Relating to clause (1) of Article 57, and Article 109 List of Federal Power

(27) National and international environment management, national parks, wildlife reserves and wetlands, national forest policies, carbon services



Other Policies

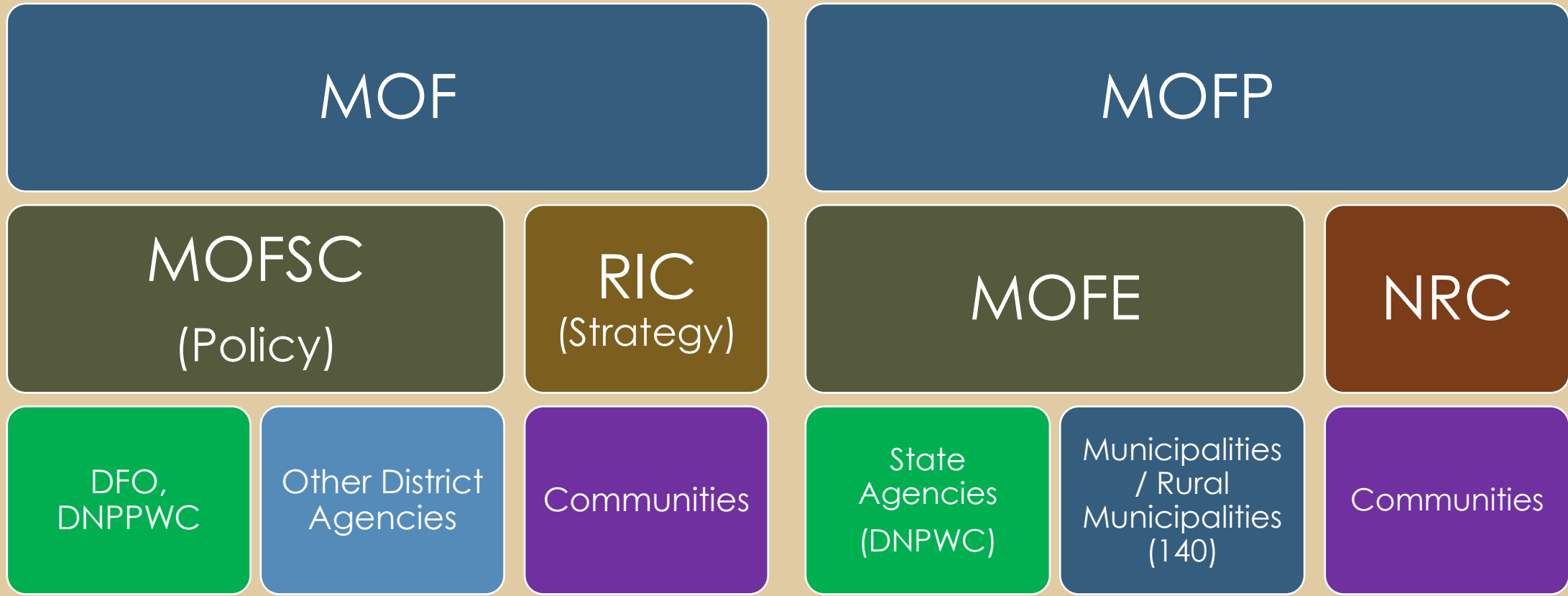
- **13th Plan (2071-72 to 2072-73):** Acknowledges that the income generated from ecosystem services will be managed and be appropriately distributed among the right stakeholders
- **Forest Policy 2071:** Development of legal provisions and institutional mechanisms for the identification of Environment Services and payments
- **Forest Sector Strategy 2072:** Generation and Sustainability of Ecosystem Services through the promotion of PES
- **Nepal Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (2014-2020):** Outlines collaboration with the private sector and development of legal provisions for the promotion of PES
- **SDGs (2015-2030):** Outline the promotion of national and international PES mechanisms for the sustainable management and ecological balance of ecosystems
 - Nepal has looked into contributing Target 15.1, 15.3 and 15.4 with a focus on forest, fresh water resource and mountain ecosystems



PES Policy (Draft)

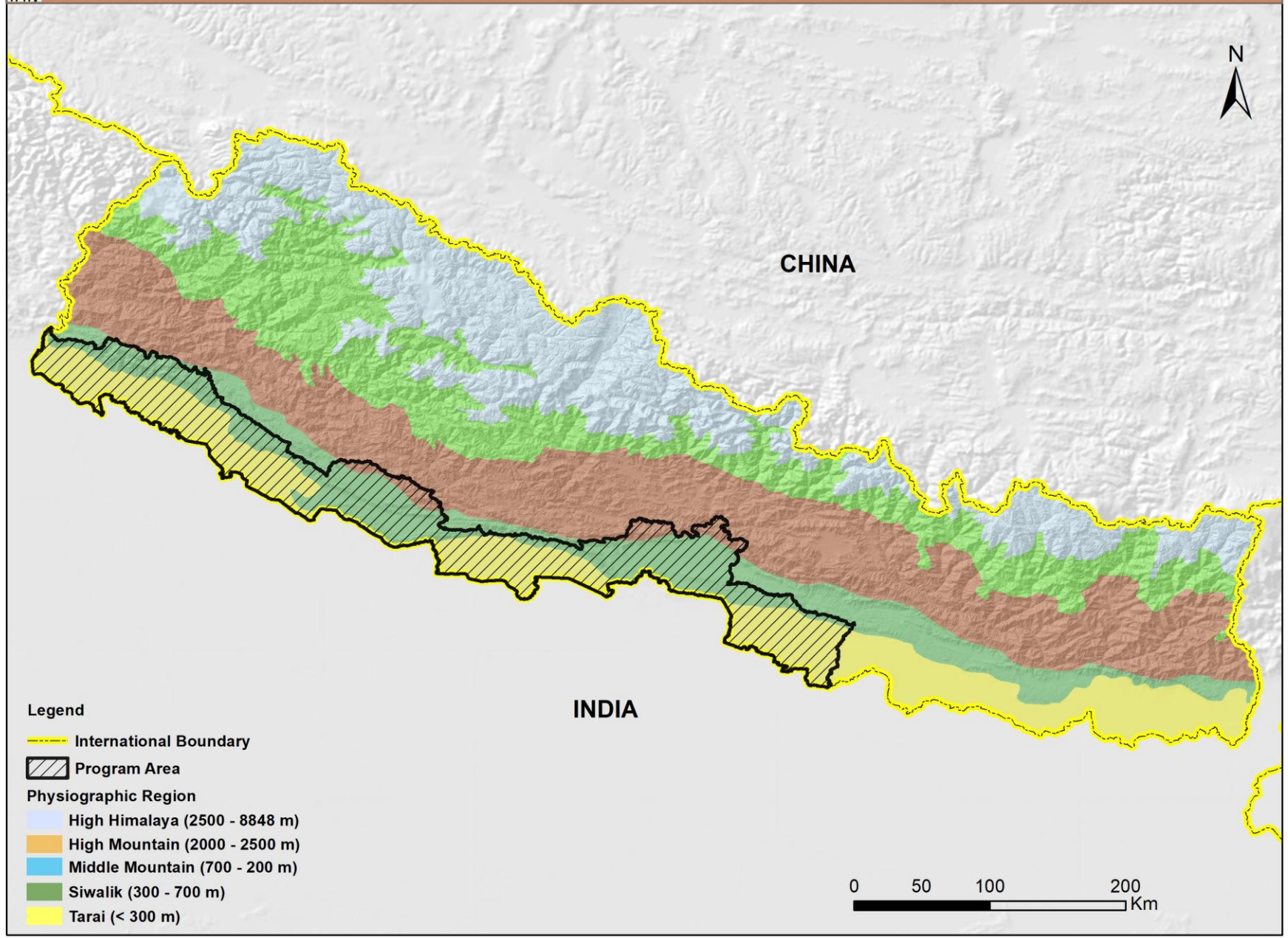
- 118 Ecosystems providing various services
- Voluntary Mechanism
- Opportunities: (Conservation, Poverty reduction, watershed & landscape resource management, developing international market for carbon, Mobilizing CBOs,
- Challenges: Land use change, pricing, compliances, capacities, monitoring and reporting,
- Strategies: Sustainable Management of ecosystems, Capacity Building of Stakeholders, Institutional Mechanism, Investments and Equitable benefit sharing

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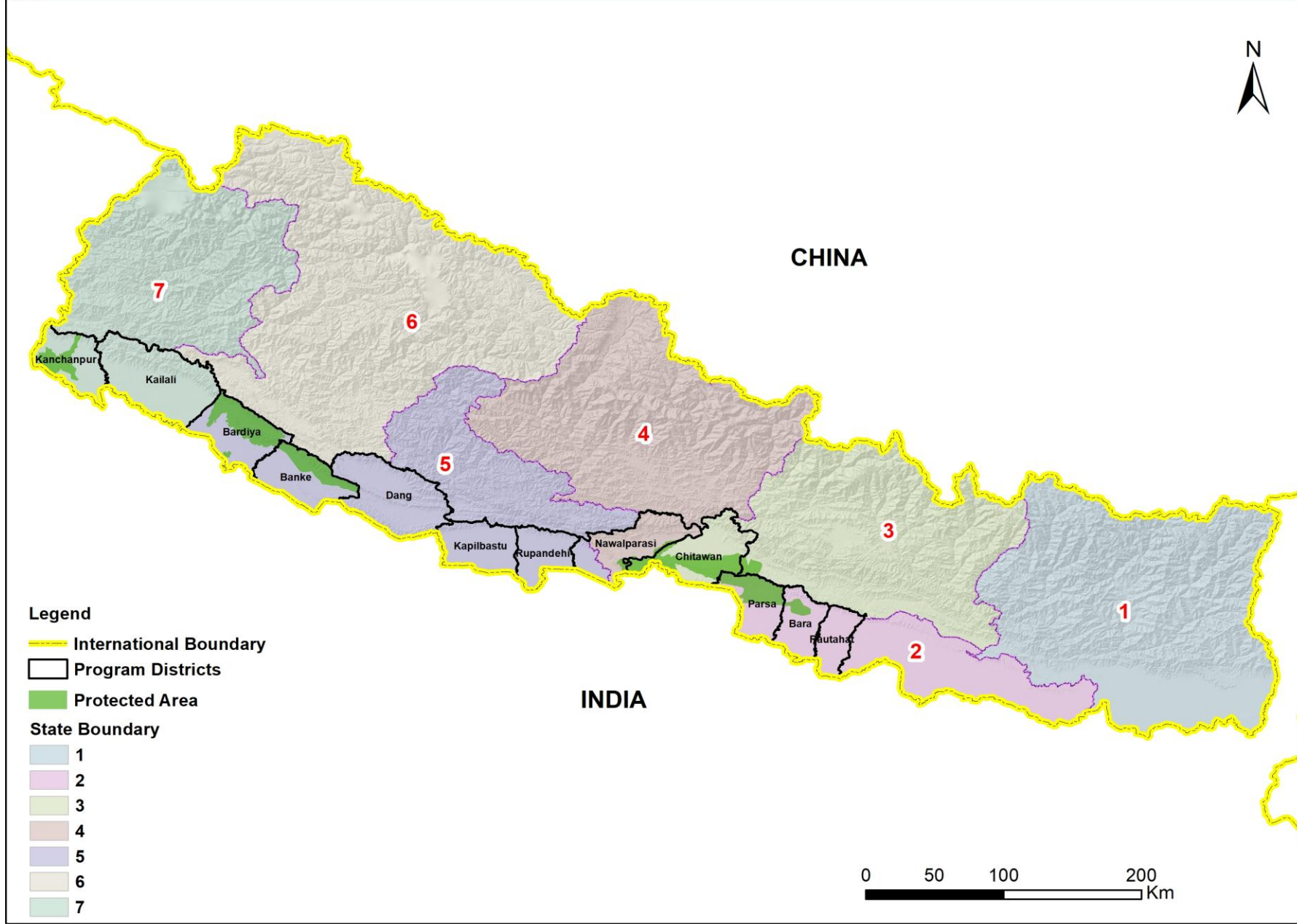


PROGRAM AREA WITH PHYSIOGRAPHIC REGIONS





PROGRAM AREA WITH DISTRICT AND STATE BOUNDARIES





CHALLENGES/ISSUES

- Technical Issues
- Administration
- Capacity
- Baselines and Timing
- Monitoring Reporting and Verifications
- Pricing
- Benefit Sharing- Cash vs Activities
- Trading and Non-Trading





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