

# **REDD+ Preparedness in Bhutan**



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# Bhutan-Country Profile

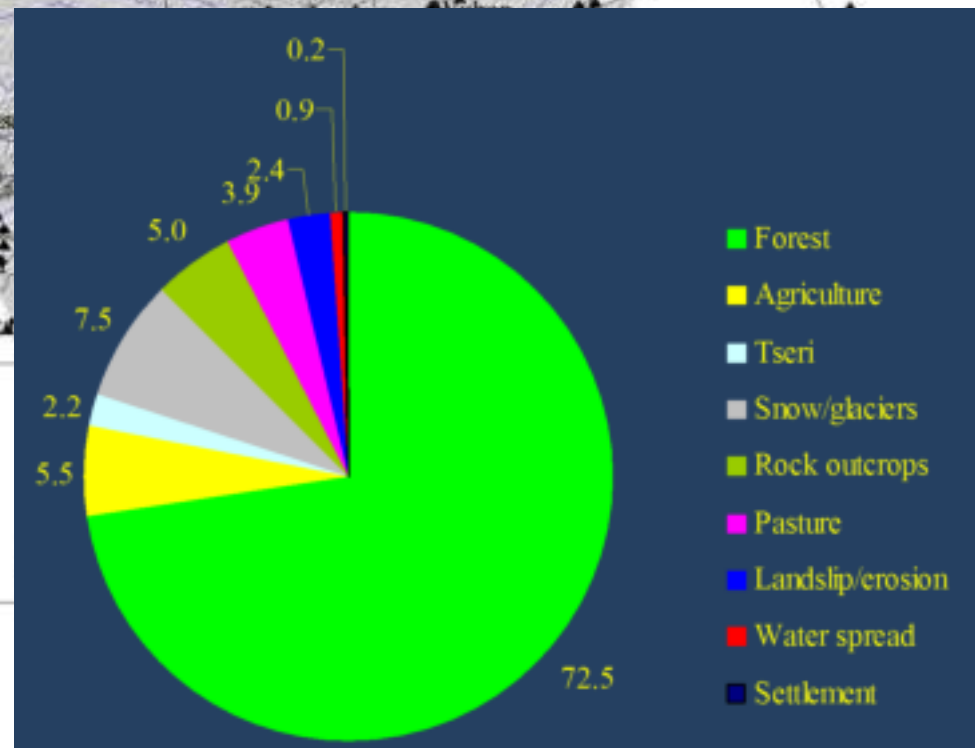
**Location:** eastern Himalayas

**Size:** 38,394 sq.km

**Population:** 768,577 (NSB, 2016)

**Forest Cover:** > 70 % ( 80 % incl. shrubs)

**Protected Areas:** 51.44 %







# **Why Pursue REDD+ in Bhutan**

- International commitments and national imperatives
- Enabling socio-cultural, political, legislative and natural environment
- Potential benefits during readiness and implementation phases

# Status of REDD+ Preparedness

- REDD+ strategy and or Action Plan
  - Analyses of drivers of deforestation & forest degradation
  - Valuation of Forest Ecosystem Services starting soon
  - Potential REDD+ actions piloted in 5 CFs
- REDD+ Safeguards
  - Roadmap document for Bhutan's approach to REDD+ Safeguards

# Status of REDD+ Preparedness

- NFMS
  - Land use and land cover map 2015
  - Participatory monitoring framework for CFs being developed
- FREL
  - NFI completed in all 20 districts
  - Data analysis
  - Carbon sample collection (for understory and soil carbon) also completed.
  - QAQC & biomass equation development on-going
  - Forest cover mapping 2016 under way

# Status of REDD+ Preparedness

- REDD+ pilots
  - REDD+ PES pilot site
  - Piloting Heritage Forests in 20 sites in all 20 districts
- Preparatory works on-going for development of REDD+ National Strategy, FREL, MRV, Safeguards, GRM, Benefit sharing & fund mobilization
- Capacity building, awareness raising and sensitization
- Institutional and management arrangement for REDD+ implementation

# Partners/donors for REDD+ Readiness

- FCPF: USD 3.8 million
  - World Bank as the delivery partner
  - July 2015-December 2018



- Federal Environment Ministry (BMUB) German: EURO 0.5 million
  - ICIMOD GIZ as the delivery partner
  - 2015-2017



- UN REDD: USD 0.345 m
  - 2014-2015
- FAO-TCP: USD 0.192 m
  - 2014-2016





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