

Nepal's Community Forestry Programme — Devolved Forest Management by Community Forest User Groups

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Quality score: 53/100

Evidence strength: Quasi-experimental

Summary

Since Nepal's 1993 Forestry Act, 22,000+ Community Forest User Groups manage 2.3 million hectares — a third of national forest. NASA/Landsat data shows cover nearly doubled (26%→45%, 1992–2016), though a matched study finds mixed, region-dependent carbon effects.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	2/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	2/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	1/3
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	0/3
Governance, certification & transferability	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-02

[Government of Nepal, Ministry of Forests and Environment](#) — accessed 2026-08-02

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