

# Forest Development

## Abstract

At a time when forest issues have become a central subject of heated debate in the face of pressing environmental ills.

Community forestry has become an ~~imp~~ important strategy. As a ~~res~~ result of disillusionment with the performance of the state as a resource manager, community forestry seeks to reinforce the use of forests and their trees for local rural development, based on self-management of the existing resources by working with local communities and their institutions.

Yet there is an aesthetic value to forests that appeals to an increasingly high number of nature lovers. Booming ecotourism in areas of pristine natural resources such as natural forests may have a negative impact by degrading forest resources and disrupting local community's socio-cultural assets. On the other hand, ecotourism may also provide an economic benefit to local communities and serve as an incentive for forest conservation.