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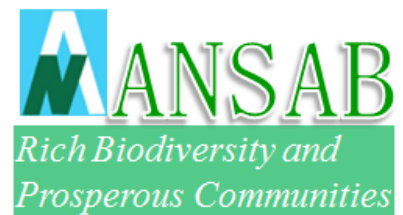


Value Chain and Tenurial incentives for conservation





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Enterprise-Based Biodiversity Conservation

- **Where:** 5 High mountain districts in western Nepal
- **Partners:** 5 Local partner NGOs, 5 District Forest Offices, Ministry of Forest and Soil Conservation, private sector, and local communities
- **Outcomes:**
 - 43,630 ha of high biodiversity forests and pastures under effective management (against the target of 30,000 ha);
 - 66 Community Forest User Groups organized and with secure tenure - documented adaptive management; about 1/3 with FSC certification;
 - 35,227 small-scale producers participating in NTFP enterprises generated US \$1,479,000 in 2004 (last year of GCP funding); enterprises still operating today with increased revenues
 - improved policy provisions and implementation in community forestry nation-wide.



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Tenurial and Economic Incentives: Outcomes

- Developed community-based Non-timber Forest Products (NTFPs) enterprises tied to *in situ* biodiversity using value chain methodology
- Provided technical support for community forestry tenure process that included **explicit** biodiversity conservation
- Tied enterprise development with access to government land tenure program (Community Forestry)
- Developed and facilitated linkages with key lead firms in the value chain
- Improved information access – legal rights, scientific based biological monitoring, markets



Conclusion

- Economic incentives throughout a value chain play an important role for conservation – should be meaningful and sustainable for community based conservation program
- Tenure rights have to allow for:
 - Equitable access to resources for subsistence and commercial purposes
 - Growth in economic use of resources through diversification of sustainably harvested products
 - A long-term commitment to build community capacity to effectively manage the resources and comply with government requirements
 - A full understanding of value chains and comfort level to allow partnerships with the private sector who are capable of selling products with social and environmental values