

**REDD+ within INDCs: Governance Lessons Learnt from Community
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**Forest Policy Targets in INDCs and
Community Forest Management in Myanmar**

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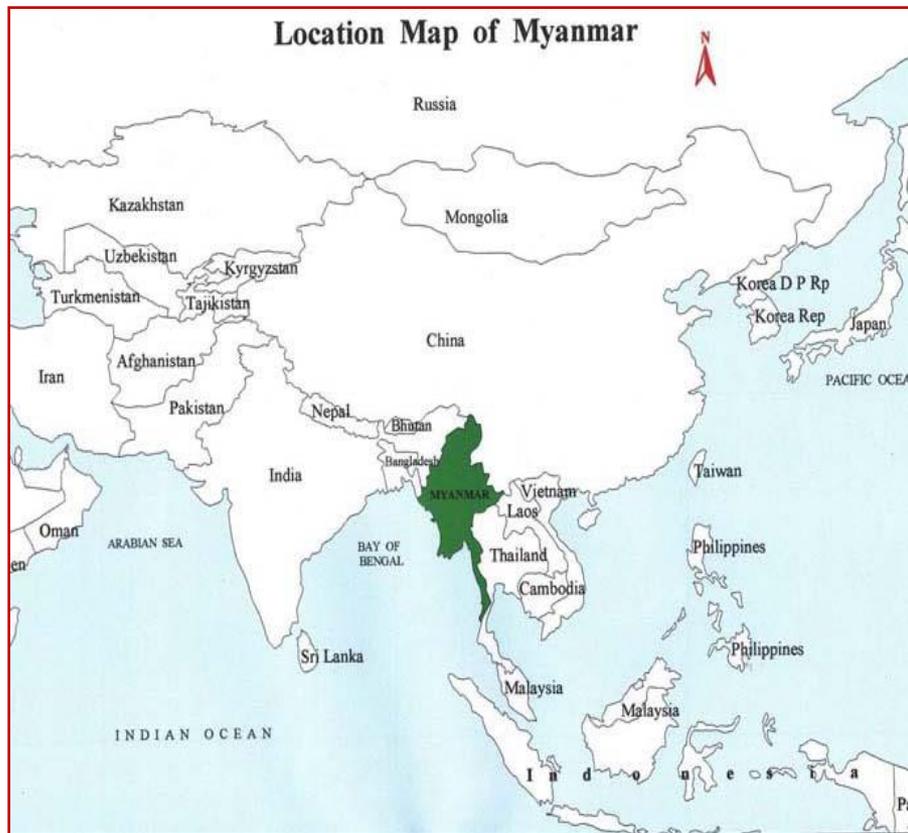
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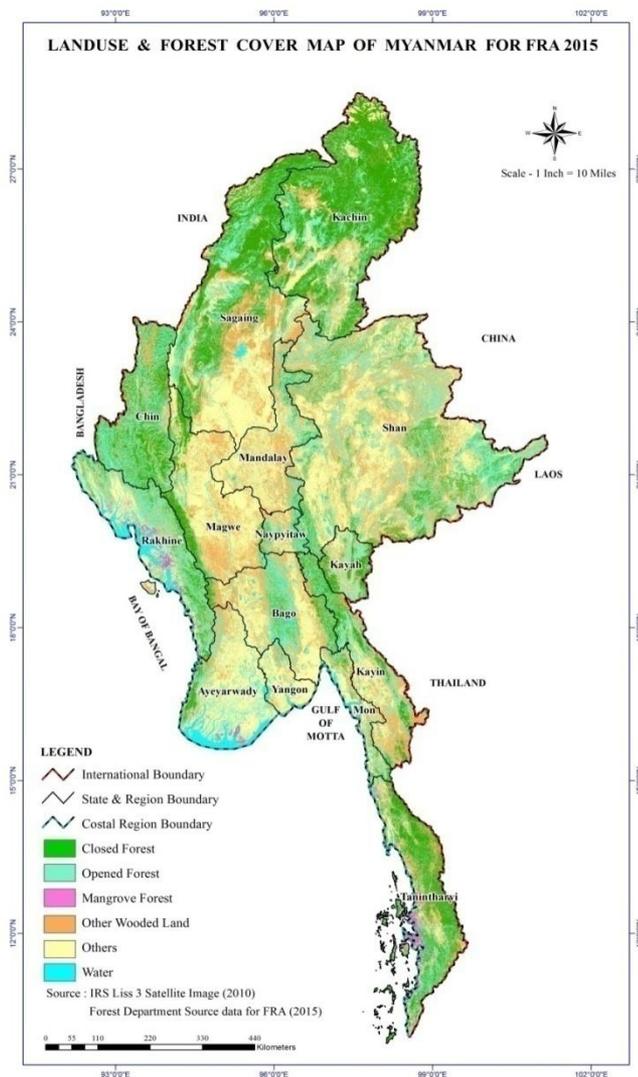
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Country Profile – Myanmar



Population: 54.5 millions (2015)

Total forest area: 29 mill ha (42.9% of total country area)



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[\(http://countrysmeters.info/en/myanmar/\)](http://countrysmeters.info/en/myanmar/)

INDC from Myanmar to UNFCCC

”Myanmar has identified mitigation actions and policies in the primary areas of **forestry and energy**, complemented by supporting policies in other sectors.

Forest Policy target (INDC Target)

- ❖ Reserved Forest (RF)+Protected Public Forest (PPF) – **30% of total country's area**
- ❖ Protected Areas (PAS) – **10% of total country's area**

These actions will not only deliver reductions in GHG emissions and climate change mitigation, but also have significant development co-benefits: biodiversity conservation, soil and water conservation, livelihood and rural development.



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Myanmar's Intended Nationally
Determined Contribution-INDC

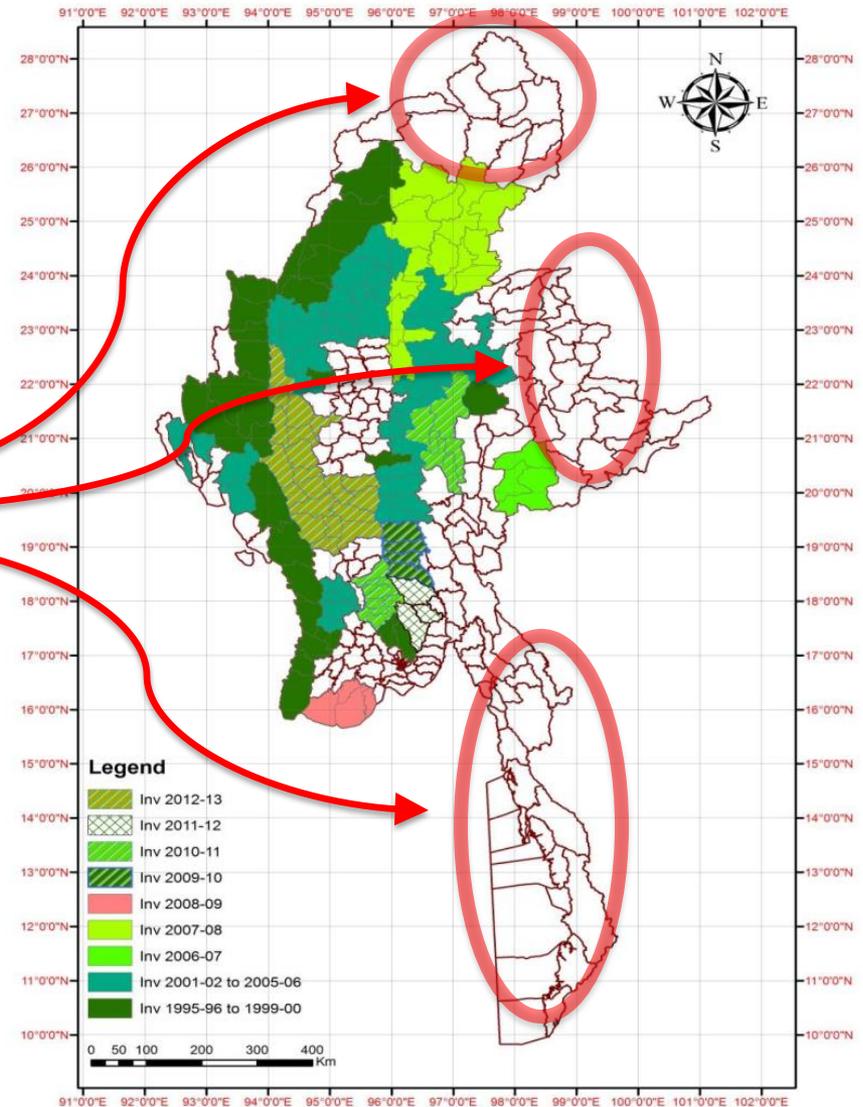
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Forest Policy and INDC Target

Reserved Forest = 30 %
Protected Areas = 10%

Challenge: Majority of priority forest areas are largely outside of the Forest Department jurisdiction, and are in contested areas (Kachin, Shan, Tanintharyi)

Coverage of districts with field inventory in Myanmar until the year 2013

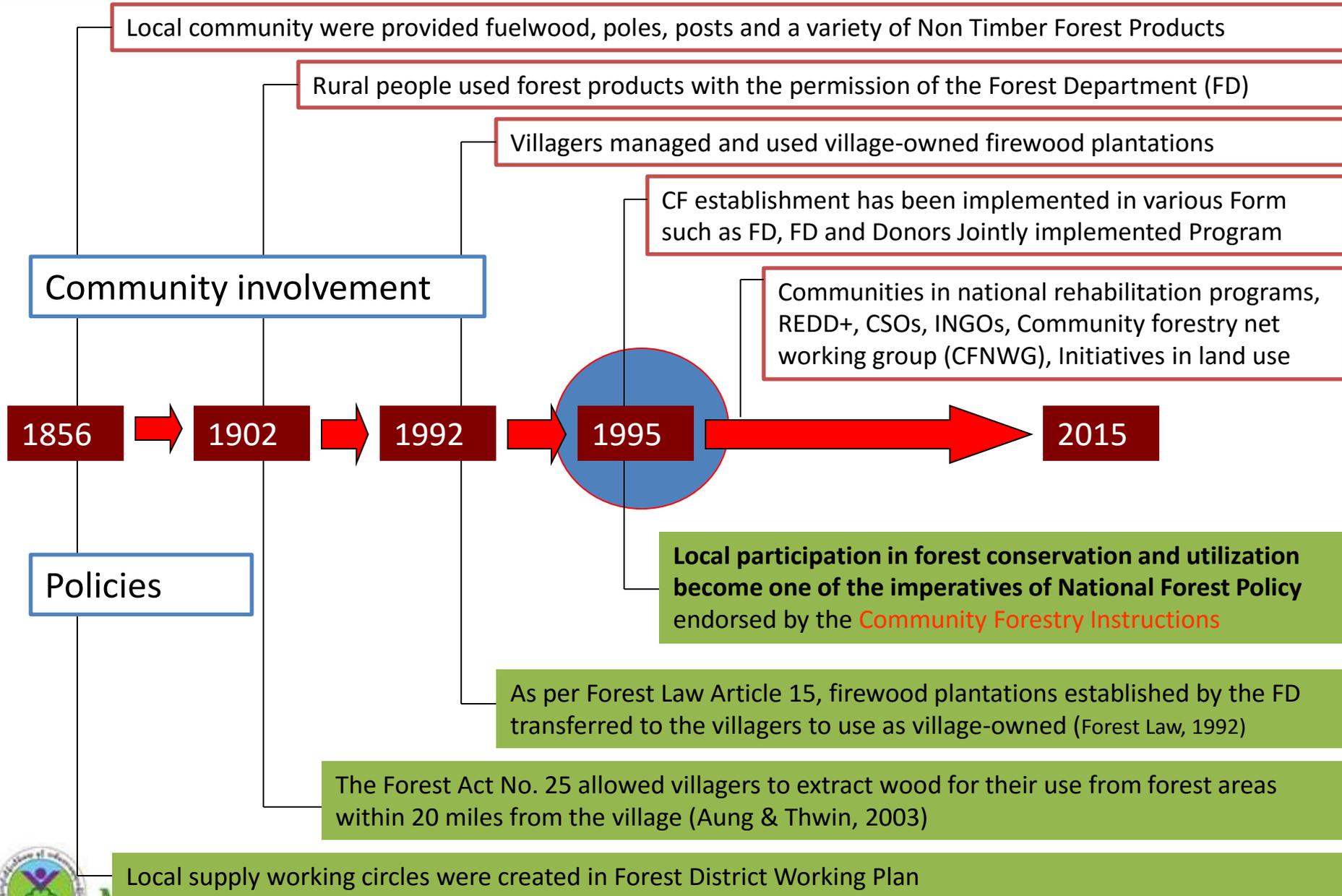


Source: Forest Department of Myanmar



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Trend of community participation in the Forestry Sector



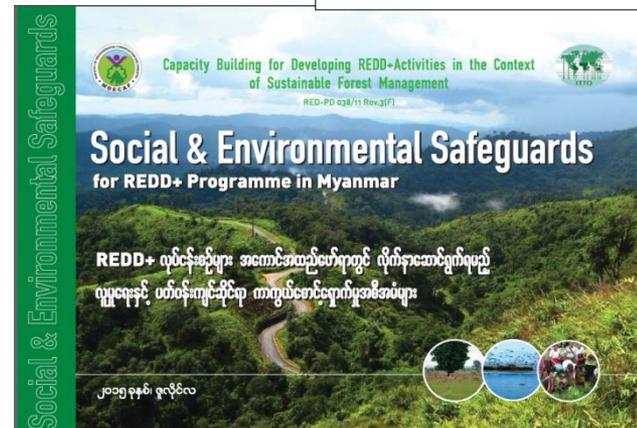
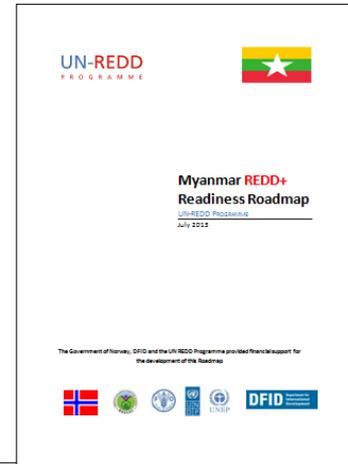
Community Forestry in Myanmar



- ❖ **Any land** at the disposal of the state can be alienated as community forests;
 - ❖ **Land tenure** is initially granted for 30 years
 - ❖ The tenure right is **inheritable**;
 - ❖ **Forest products** harvested from CF for domestic use are tax-free;
 - ❖ **Seeds and seedlings** needed for the first rotation and **technical assistant** are provided by FD with free of charge;
 - ❖ **No restriction** is imposed on the selling and pricing of the surplus forest products
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- ❖ Total area of CF established: 49,061 hectares
 - ❖ Targeted Area to be established by 2030 = 900,000 ha

Successful Community Forestry to support to REDD+

- ❖ Myanmar REDD+ Roadmap was developed in July 2013 by UN-REDD
- ❖ Social & Environmental Safeguards for REDD+ Programme in Myanmar was developed by FD Taskforce members through ITTO project: Consist of **7 Principles, 27 Criteria and 59 Indicators**.



- ❖ On **15 October 2015**, Myanmar signed ceasefire deal with **8 armed ethnic groups**. While an encouraging development, more work and negotiations lie ahead.
- ❖ Builds on 2-year bottom-up consultation process drafting the **Land Use Policy** that includes **Indigenous and Customary Lands (Chapter 8) and Gender Equality (Chapter 9)**.
- ❖ Protection of National Races Law (**February 2015**)
- ❖ Initiative of FLEG-T and EU VPA process



The Way Forward

- To fulfill the forest policy target of 30% (RF+PPF) and 10% (PAS); through community-based forest management.
- To strengthen community/social forestry by strengthening CFIs in policy, institutional, social and economical and ecological aspects linking to REDD+ (from subsistence to market-led approach)
- Preparation for **4 elements** of National REDD+ System:
 - ❖ National strategies/Action plan
 - ❖ National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS)
 - ❖ Forest Reference Emission Level/Forest Reference Level (FREL/FRL) and
 - ❖ Safeguard Information System (SIS)





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