

Community Forest Management (CFM) Applications

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CFM Pontentials

CFM as a forest management strategy has the potential to:

- **Reduce the budgetary requirement in project implementation**
- **Suppliment the limited government staff**
- **Promote greater ownership of project output by the community members**
- **Strengthen the local structure and governance**
- **Promote self-reliance of the community**

CFM Potentials*continuation*

- **Reduce conflict or strengthen the trust between the government and the community**
- **Promote the revival or strengthening of good local traditions and knowledge related to forest management**
- **Promote equity (gender, generations, poorest of the poor)**
- **Spread the impact of the project**
- **Sustainability of the project**

CFM Limitations

- **Requires appropriate government policy and legislations**
- **Qualified staff capable of organizing and providing technical and management supports to the community is essential**
- **Longer period of time is needed to organize and build the capacity of the community to implement activities**
- **Difficult to reconcile government policy, donor requirements and community needs**

CFM Limitations ... *continuation*

- **Raises community expectations**
- **Results to complicated interventions to solve just one problem**
- **CFM is often use as a strategy in the rehabilitation of degraded forest areas and seldom use as strategy in the management of productive natural forests**