Forestry Communications in Bhutan

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Overview

- Introduction
- Forestry Communication
- Case study
Where?
Forest Communication in Bhutan

- Make people aware of importance of conservation and sustainable forest management
- bridge the gap between foresters and the local people
Mode of communication: Consultations & Advertisements
Incentives
Environmental education
Strong legislations
Bhutan Ecological Society

Royal Society of Protection of Nature

Bhutan Trust Fund for Environmental Conservation

National Environment Commission
Review of the Rural Timber allotment System
Timber allotment system

- Commercial timber
- Free(Kidu) timber
- Rural (subsidized timber)
Review of the Rural Timber allotment System

- 4000 cft of timber every household once in 25 years for house construction
- 2500 cft every 15 years for renovation

Drawbacks:
- Huge amount of trees cut every year especially for rural allotment
- Huge room to illegal activities
What was done?

- Public consultations carried out
- Shared report with the policy makers and the people
- Came up with many probable solutions
Result:

- New rural timber allotment system under the G2C (Government to citizen) initiative.

- Timber to be allotted only once in a lifetime for house construction

- Fast and efficient service delivery
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