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Drivers Affecting Forest Change in the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS)

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PANEL REFLECTIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

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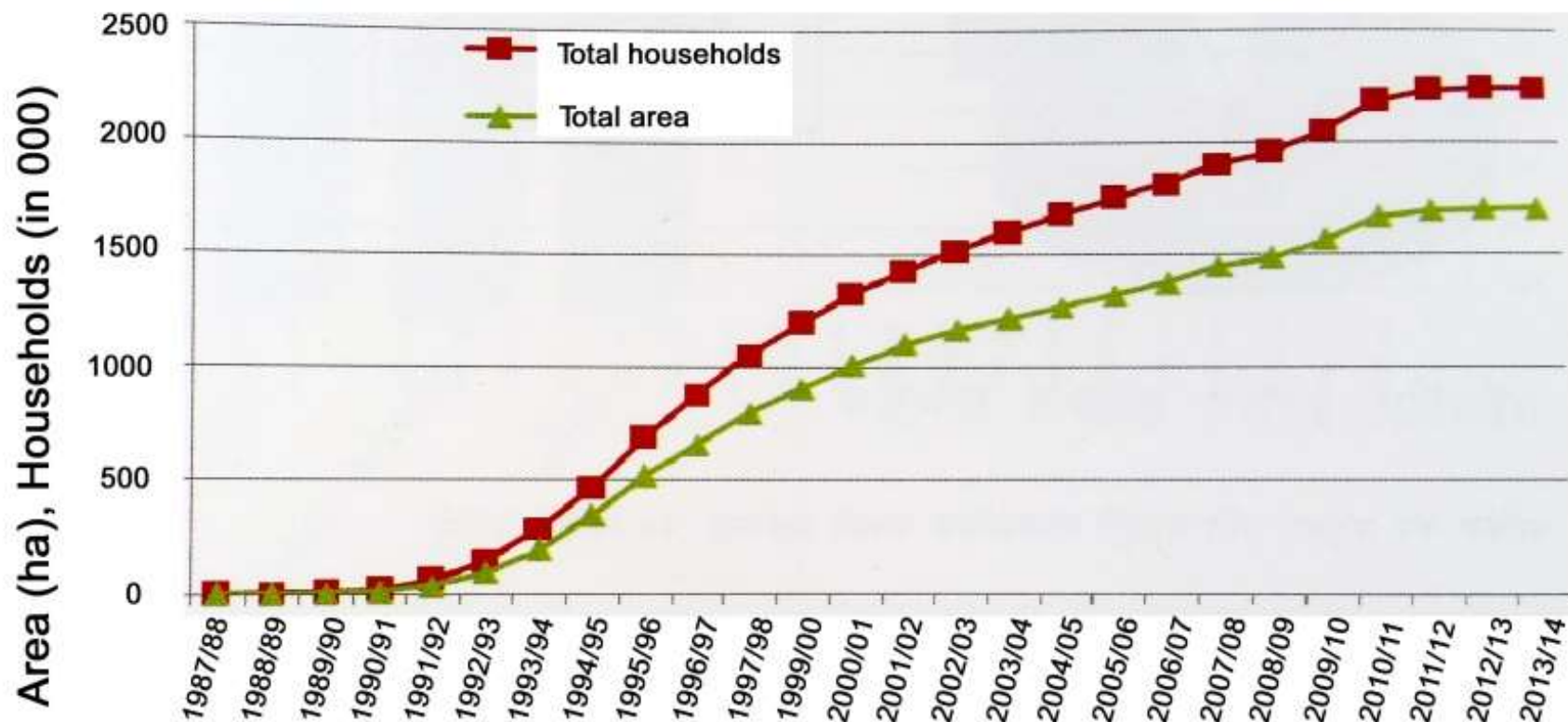
Message

Positive and Negative Forest Change

- Political will and commitment
- Regulatory framework (policy, law & implementation guidelines)
- Institutional arrangement for implementation - at national and local levels
- Support for capacity strengthening
- Bureaucratic process
- Intended and non intended consequences

Evidence of Forest Change in Nepal

Total households and CF area





Evidence of Forest Change in Nepal

Degraded and recovered forests



Serabasi -1974



Serabasi - 2010



Dandapakhar -1975



Dandapakhar -2010



Evidence of Forest Change in Nepal

Degraded and recovered forests



Bonch -1989



Bonch - 2010



Namdu, Dolkha -1989



Namdu, Dolkha -2010



Evidence of Forest Change in Nepal

**CF income used to support poor households
income generating activities**





Evidence of Forest Change in Nepal

CF income used to support village development activities – schools, roads, forest enterprises etc.





Evidence of Forest Change in Nepal

- Expanding forest based enterprises
 - Some 41,000 forest based enterprises operates in the country
 - Over 10,000 wood based enterprises
 - Annual turn over of these enterprises >US\$320 M
- Private/ Farm Forests (PFFs)
 - With limited product flows from govt managed & CFs, most forest enterprises buy raw materials from P/FFs
 - 85% of the raw material needed by some 10,000 wood based enterprises – met from the P/FFs
 - Potentially more P/FFs - with increasing rural outmigration, agri. land being abandoned & regenerating with trees
- Need major shifts for sustainable utilization of CF resources



Final Remarks

- Many examples of CF income being used for:
 - Providing low interest loans to poor h-holds for IGAs
 - Supporting local dev work - schools, drinking water, roads etc.
 - Regenerating/ managing forests
- In Nepal, already tens of thousands of green jobs, making contribution to local and national economies
- Huge opportunity for creating significantly more green jobs and contributing to local/ national economies, and to meeting national targets of the 2030 SDGs
- **Critical in all this is the combination of the following:**
 - **Political will & commitment**
 - **Policy, law & guidelines**
 - **Institutional mechanisms (national & local levels)**
 - **Support (government & dev partners) for capacity building**
 - **Bureaucratic process and intended/ unintended consequences**



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