

Watershed management – results, impacts and changes achieved by ICIMOD and its member countries / partners

ICIMOD has a long experience in working on Integrated Watershed Management (IWM) particularly, sustainable land use and management of ecosystems. The rich experience in collaborative IWM, particularly in Participatory Action Research, provides the knowledge base upon which to build new IWM approaches aimed at coping with climate change and developing adaptation strategies and thereby achieving appropriate management of fragile ecosystems using structural and non-structural measures providing better livelihood opportunities for rural highland communities.

Capacity building of partners in the HKH region

After the closing down of the 10 year regional “People and Resources Dynamics Project, PARDYP in the Middle Mountains” in June 2006, ICIMOD started to focus on capacity building of watershed practitioners on IWM practices through training & demonstration and study tours. A training module on “Low Cost Soil and Water Conservation Techniques and Watershed Management Activities” was developed in 2006 and in total three international three week paid training courses have been held in 2007, 2008 and 2009 in Kathmandu, Nepal. After having trained partners from Regional Member Countries customized trainings were held in TAR (China), Afghanistan with trainees as resource persons and ICIMOD staff providing support and back-stopping.

Sustainable Land Management (SLM) knowledge sharing

ICIMOD is part of the global SLM knowledge sharing network WOCAT (World Overview of Conservation Approaches and Technologies). ICIMOD is the focal point for the Himalayan activities of this network called as HIMCAT (Himalayan Conservation Approaches and Technologies). The Nepal initiative of this network, NEPCAT (Nepal Conservation Approaches and Technologies) published 30 Fact Sheets on Natural Resource Management Approaches and Technologies in Nepal in April 2008. This publication was a first step of the further expanding loose network on NRM with different stakeholders in Nepal, which is currently further strengthened.