



2025 Resilience Learning Month: Knowledge Sharing and Learning Events

# Webinar on Agroecological Landscape Restoration: Enhancing Climate Resilience through Nature-based Solutions



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# Role of community-based organizations in restoring landscapes

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# Background

- **MJP** works over 20 years in the northwester Cambodia to conserve forests and improve community lives. We work with 11 forest communities and a state protected areas of 60,000 ha.
- **Partnering with** Ministry of Environment, Forest Administration, ICEM, and FFI.
- The latest lesson learnt is from **TA – 6539**: Investing in Climate Change Adaptation through Agroecological Landscape Restoration, 2022- 2024.

# Why Community?

- They are in many ways directly related to the forest as beneficiaries, impactors, victims, and protectors.
- There are rare remaining spirit of the forest lovers to be nurtured and motivated.
- The approaches of local participatory that lead to effective, efficient, ownership, and sustainability.



A photograph of a classroom in a rural setting. A teacher, wearing a camouflage uniform, stands on the left, holding a large black cylindrical object, possibly a water filter or a seedling. Several students, mostly girls in white uniforms, are seated at wooden desks, looking towards the teacher. The classroom has yellow walls with educational posters, including one about plants and animals. Sunlight streams in through windows on the right.

# Key Interventions

- Restoration
- Protection
- Education
- Eco-friendly farming

# Restoration

- Tree nurseries,
- Re-planting,
- Prevent further erosion,
- Water storage,
- Tree planting events,
- Tree seedlings distribution.



# Protection

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- FC members regularly patrol their forest.
- They call backup from the rangers and local police when found forest crime.



# Education

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- Eco-friendly youth clubs: environment education to 120 volunteer students joined the clubs.
- Regular public campaigns focused on forest and wildlife conservation.
- House by house education by rangers.



A photograph showing a group of farmers in a forest setting. They are wearing protective beekeeping suits with hats and face masks. Each farmer is holding a wooden frame covered in a dense layer of bees. The background is filled with lush green trees and foliage. The lighting is natural, filtering through the leaves.

# Eco-Friendly Farming

- Beekeeping,
- Poultry and vegetable farm.
- Agro-forestry farming: Ginger, turmeric, and peanut were planted in between the young trees.

# MJP's Tree Nursery



## Qualitative outputs.

- The story of the Samlaut forest and the Sangker River connection is better heard.
- Groups of forest lovers within the community are identified, engaged, and motivated.
- Youth groups are inspired and actively engaged to care the environment.
- Livelihood improvements gained support for natural conservation.



# Lesson Learnt

- While the community involvement is important, support from the local authorities is necessary.
- The pull and push tendency is ongoing. Solidarity among FC members ensure the success.
- Natural conservation needs to go with livelihood improvements.
- If seedlings made available there are always people willing to plant trees.



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