

No Deforestation Commitment

Love the Forests and the Community Project

Objectives

- Promote community engagement in the management, development and rehabilitation of forest resources for sustainable community benefits.
- Accelerate the number of community forests, to increase national forest areas and carbon sinks.
- Develop, care for and restore community forests with prize money.



Target group

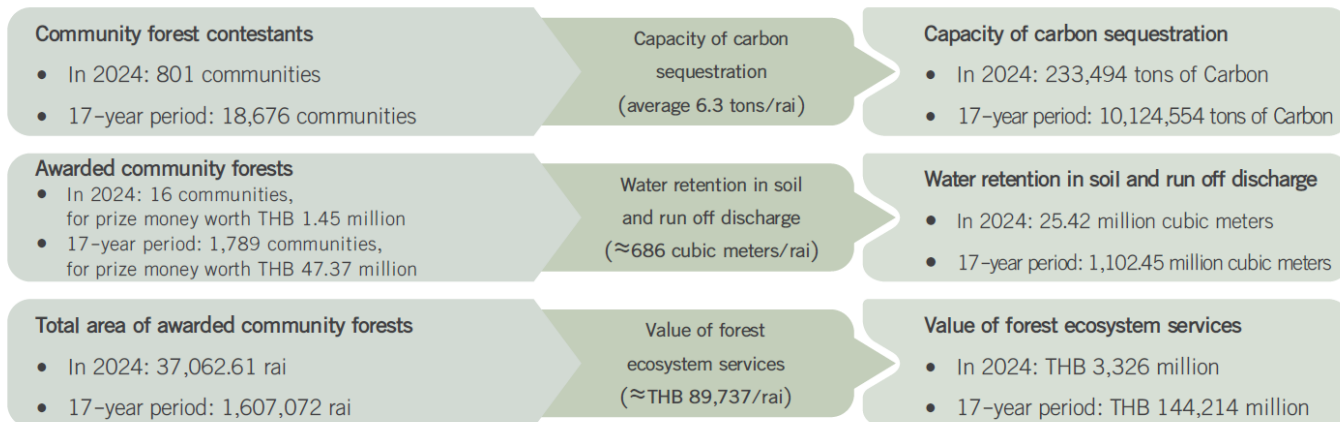


Nationwide community forests

“Love the Forests and the Community Project”, in cooperation with the Department of Royal Forest and community forests across the nation, is aimed at promoting and supporting community engagement in the management, development and rehabilitation of forest resources under the Sufficiency Economy Principle guided “sustainable forests for community benefits” target as forests can be the source of food, water and resources for community. It also supports the national strategies in increasing forest areas and achieving carbon neutrality in 2050 and net zero emissions in 2065 as well as SDG 13: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.

In 2024, RATCH took the leading role in implementing the Company Group’s projects under the Thailand Voluntary Emission Reduction Program (T-VER): terrestrial and mangrove reforestation and community forest supports for carbon credits. In addition, via a community forest contest under the Love the Forests and the Community Project which started in 2008, RATCH extended its supports to the management and preservation of nationwide community forests. The activities created carbon sinks for the removals and sequestration of atmospheric greenhouse gases, hence reducing the intensity and contributing to the abundance and balance of the ecosystem for the quality of life of communities and society.

Love the Forests and the Community Project's carbon and water storage capacity and ecosystem services



References: The Biodiversity-Based Economy Development Office (BEDO), Department of Royal Forest

Positive impacts on community

A total of 6,794 households, or approximately 21,333 people, from community forests have benefits from the awards and forests. These households rely on and utilize community forest resources in various ways, which can be summarized as follows:

| Economic Dimension | Social Dimension | Environmental Dimension |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awarded forests support daily life, helping reduce household expenses and increase income by approximately THB 30.2 million. Communities are supplied with water for household and agricultural use all year round. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community members are united to preserve community forests. Since 2008, the project has attracted 1,789 participating community forests. 348 community leaders received training on forest management. Forest officers of 11 Forest Resources Management Offices were given a morale boost. Community forests serve as multi-dimensional learning centers for 66 schools, educational institutions, academia and neighboring communities, benefiting 3,159 students. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forests preserved under the program's supports encompass 37,062.61 rai. The preserved forests are able to sequester about 233,494.44 tons carbon (average 6.3 tons carbon/rai). Communities are safe from natural disasters like wildfire, drought, and land slide. |

Since the project inception in 2008, 1,789 community forests have been awarded the combined prize money of THB 47.37 million. RATCH has supported the development of 7 community forests, spanning 5,695 rai, into carbon credit projects in collaboration with the Department of Royal Forest. The financial supports during 2022 and 2024 totaled THB 1,897,830.

Survey: awarded forests' allocation of prize money

