

Community Forest Program

The "Love the Forest and the Community Project" has been organized in collaboration with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment's Royal Forest Department since 2008. The project is aimed to engage communities in sustainably managing forests for their own benefit, create natural carbon sinks and support the Sustainable Development Goal 13 (Target 13.3): Improve education, awareness-raising and human and institutional capacity on climate change mitigation, adaptation, impact reduction and early warning.

Community forest contests are organized, to praise the community showing best performance in forest management which ensures sustainability and efficient utilization of forest resources. The communities receive award money, to support their endeavor in further improving their forests

Community forest competition activity		
Objectives	Support the corporate sustainability strategy in social and environmental dimensions	
	• Drive forward a continual increase in community forests to expand national forest	
	areas and carbon sinks	
	Promote community engagement in management, development and rehabilitation so	
	that forests can sustainably support community livelihood	
	• Encourage the utilization of prize money in improving forest safeguarding and	
	rehabilitation	
Target group	Community forests throughout the country	
Goal	Reduce greenhouse gases in the atmosphere through natural carbon sinks	

Performance

Prize money 2022 = THB 1.45 million	Participating community forests 2022 = 1,085 communities 15-year period = 16,953 communities	Carbon capture 15-year period capacity = $8,083,965$ (Average 6.3 ton/rai) tCO_2e
15-year period =THB 4.47 million Promote knowledge and understanding in forest	Awarded forests 2022 = 16 communities 15-year period = 1,400 communities	Water retention in soil 15-year period and runoff discharge = 880,253,934 (≈ 686 cubic meter/ rai) cubic meters
management	Areas of awarded forests 2022 = 21,407 rai 15-year period = 1,283,169 rai	Value of forest15-year periodecosystem services= 115,148(~ BAHT 89,737 /rai)million baht

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