

EC Partners

- **42 Countries** (21 in Africa, 9 in Latin America & the Caribbean, 9 in Asia & Pacific, 3 in Central Asia)
- **4 Regional Entities** (3 in Latin America & the Caribbean, 1 in Asia & Pacific)
- **15 new countries** will be partners in 2007

Facts and Figures

- EC Contribution: **€3,25 million** (the largest donor of the NFP Facility) granted in 2003- 2006 and in 2006 **additional € 4.5 million**
- 2006: **83 contracts** (grants) with stakeholders, of which **72 with non-state stakeholders** and **11 forestry departments**
- **€1.5 million** of direct country support to the NFP process



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"Because of the support provided by the NFP Facility, our policy is reaching the ground and being actually implemented, with benefits reaching all parties, resulting in less conflicts surfacing between loggers and local communities".

Arlito Cuco, National Director of Forests and Wildlife, Mozambique



Context: The National Forest Programme Facility

NFP Facility is a funding mechanism hosted by FAO since 2002, in support to active stakeholder participation at country level in the development and implementation of national forest programmes (nfps), with a focus on capacity building and information sharing; also offers information services on nfps worldwide.

The NFP Facility was established as a direct response to the intergovernmental dialogue on forests (IPF/IFF/UNFF) which:

- confirmed the essential role of nfps towards sustainable forest management;
- but recognized that efforts are needed to :
 - develop capacities of stakeholders in the forestry sector and share relevant knowledge;
 - address governance issues;
 - link nfps with broader agenda at national and international levels.

Objective: To support the national forest programmes

The NFP Facility was established to:

- build a consensus on how to address forest related issues at the national level;
- integrate sustainable forest management into broader inter-sectoral processes, with a focus on poverty reduction;
- translate commitments at the international level into national forest policy and planning.

Impact: What has been achieved?

- 46 current partners and another 15 countries as partners in 2007;
- Since it was created in 2002, the NFP Facility has a grant allocation of more than €3.5 million to partner countries and to partner organizations;
- More than 250 grants were provided to stakeholders at country level, of which 75% were to non governmental stakeholders.

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Improving Forest Resource Management in Tanzania - Insights toward a better future

A partnership was developed between the National Forest Programme Facility and the United Republic of Tanzania based on the shared goals of putting into effect sound forest policy planning and implementation processes that efficiently address local needs and national priorities, while giving priority to environmental conservation and socio-economic development. Through a tender process, lead by the Forest and Beekeeping Division and the National Steering Committee, the NFP Facility provided a small grant to an NGO called Envirocare. The purpose was to carry out a project aimed at improving the institutional and human resource capacity for civil-society and private-sector involvement in forest management in the Kilimanjaro, Tanga and coast regions of Tanzania.

Envirocare identified civil society organizations (CSOs) and the private sector as the main target groups through which the project could reach the communities and positively affect forest management practices. These organizations assessed the needs of the forest communities and then developed practical strategies and training to enhance their awareness and capabilities with respect to sustainable and environmentally sound forest use and management.

