

Communication Between Forest Scientists & Forest Policy-Makers

A survey

Communicating forest science could play a critical role in the way forest policy is influenced. This project aims to examine recent forest science and forest and people interface communication materials – scientific and grey literature, films, and other media tools using the survey as a methodological tool.

The broad objective of this project is to understand the complexity of communicating forest science to forest policy makers. The Master's thesis will be fine-tuned with specific objectives and focused research questions based on the student's interests, aptitude, and out-of-the-box implementable ideas.

A few key potential questions are –

- how do recent forest and land use science is being communicated?
- what factors influence the policy change, how does the change matter – and to whom?
- role of key stakeholders promoting forest rights?
- perception of key stakeholders (forest scientists, policymakers) and how their work impacts forest policy?

Methods: This qualitative interdisciplinary research of communication science with forest science through the lens of forest policy. The conceptual framework of forest policy – who decides, exclusion and inclusion – will highlight in building the survey.

The option is open to either desk-based review or a survey with key stakeholders – forest scientists and forest policymakers.

Requirement: Good understanding of forest and land tenure, and multi-stakeholders dialogue with ethical values and respect towards Indigenous peoples. Good aptitude for case study writing, qualitative research, literature review, interview skills, and analysis of the interdisciplinary study. Ability to work independently.

Multiple students can work on different dimensions of this project.

The project is available from January 2023. No deadline.

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