

## Has Community-based Management Improved Natural Resource Condition? Evidence from the Forests in Nepal

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Does community management improve the condition of local natural resources? Do interventions by official agencies enhance the functions of voluntary communal management? With 101 randomly-sampled natural forests in the Middle Hills of Nepal, we address these questions. Forest condition was evaluated by forest inventory conducted in 1997-1999 and 2014-2016. One of our major interests is whether the improved regeneration under the community management, which was found in 1997-1999 survey, has resulted in improved forest resource stock in 2014-2016. We will also show the impacts of civil war from 1997-2006 on natural forest conditions.

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