

Summary of one day multi-stakeholder interaction on 'High altitude resource management in Nepal: prospects and challenges'

Venue: Singati, Dolakha

Schedule: January 1, 2010



ForestAction and District Forest Office, Dolakha jointly organised a half-day multi-stakeholder workshop in Singati, Dolakha on January 1, 2010. Major objectives of the workshop were to identify and assess the economic potentials of the key natural resources in Nepal's high altitude region, gain insights into rights situation and develop a shared understanding on strategic directions. Over 25 representatives of community forests, mobile herders, NTFP businessmen, hotels, micro hydropower entrepreneurs and district livestock development office, along with the organisers participated in the meeting. The workshop adopted an intensive, interactive and reflective process providing opportunities for widening and deepening stakeholders' understanding on biophysical status of the resources, their economic potentials, key policy issues and possible avenues for resource development and poverty reduction. It is revealed that the region has a potential of livestock, NTFP enterprise, tourism, and hydropower, among others. However, despite its huge potential, the region is relatively marginalised due to policy vacuum, tenure confusion, lack of support system and poor infrastructure. The workshop has revitalised enthusiasm among the stakeholders that they have shown commitment to carry on the issue through local collaboration and collective initiatives to policy revision. A follow up meeting is planned in Jiri early next month.