

Achievements and lessons learnt Ngao Model Forest, Thailand

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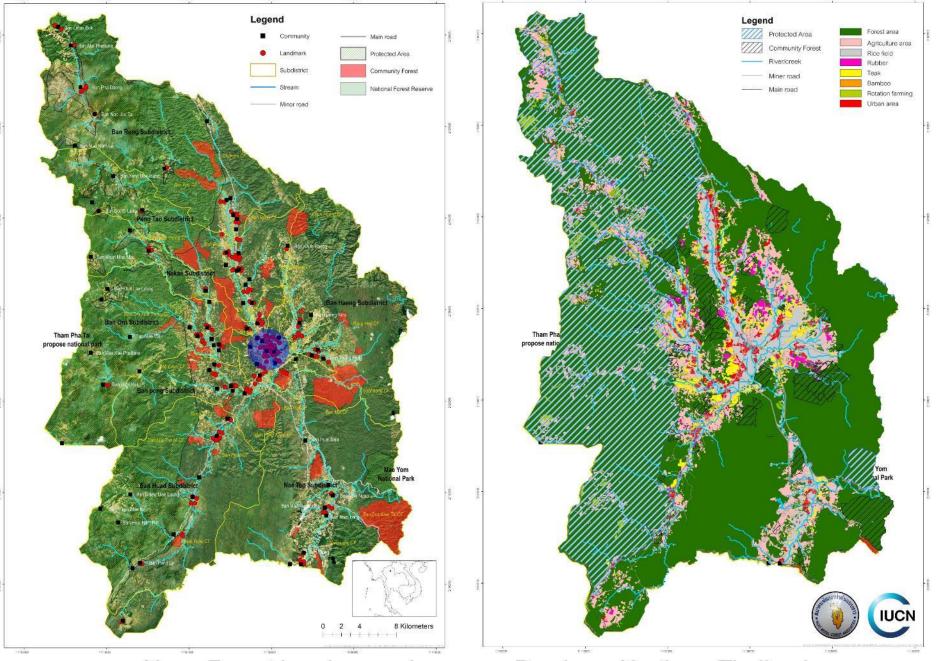
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Location

- Ngao Forest located at Ngao District, Lampang Province, Northern Thailand.
- The landscape cover area total 1,751.59 sq km
- The left and right site of Ngao Forest is "hight land" and the middle is "low land"



Ngao Forest Landscape, Lampang Province, Northern Thailand



Land use type

FOREST

Mixed forest (44.47%)

Deciduous forest (13.81%)

Dry evergreen forest (2.39%)

Forest plantation (4.18%).

Agriculture

Corn Fruit Rice Rubber Teak

Value of Ngao Forest



Water Resources:

The forest plays a crucial role in maintaining the watershed of the region. It helps regulate the flow of rivers and streams, ensuring a steady supply of water



Biodiversity:

Ngao Forest is home to a rich variety of plant and animal species, some of which are rare or endemic to the region.



Research and
Education: Ngao
Forest serves as a
living laboratory
for scientific
research and
environmental
education



and livelihood: The forest supports local economies through sustainable activities like ecotourism, nontimber forest products



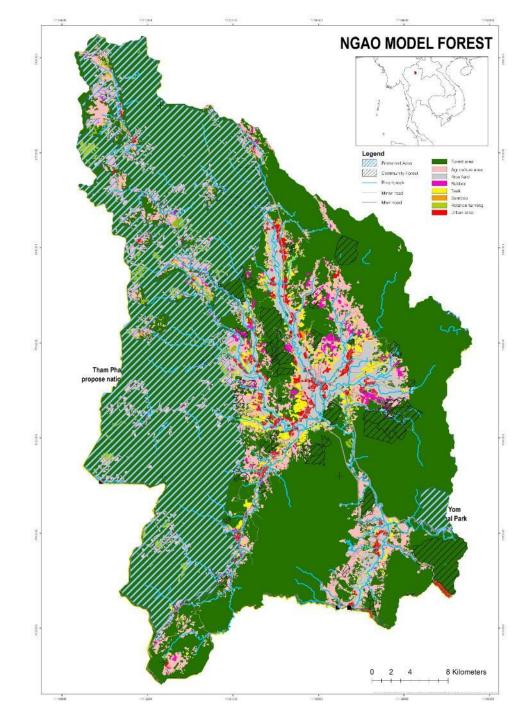
Cultural and Recreational Value:

Ngao Forest holds cultural significance for local communities who may have historical and spiritual ties to the land

What happened in the past?

Deforestation:

During 2010-2012, the deforestation was increase caused from the social-economic changing ex; corn farming specially in the mountain area impacted to water resource and air quality from open burning and forest fire.



What have been changed?

√ The number of community forest increased

2000

= Lower than 10 community forests

2025

= 58 community forests established and registered

What help to create change?

√ The active participation of community led projects
to create sustainable natured based solutions

Two key community-led projects of natured-based solution

- ✓ Forest fire volunteer group to protect the community forest
- ✓ Check-dam establishment within the community forest for the forest restroration

Sample activities-forest fire volunteer group

Under Mekong-Lancang Cooperation Special Fund (MLC-SP)







A Comprehensive Study and Demonstration of Forest Fire Regimes, Impacts, and Management in LMC Countries: Towards Enhancing Forest Landscape Resilience to Climate and Ecosystem Changes

Output 1: Conduct of a stock-taking and analysis on forest fires in the LMC Landscape

Output 2: Pilot demonstrations on designing and building fire-resilient forest communities









Improved Local Community Livelihoods through Increased Income from Non-timber Forest Products (NTFP): Modelling scalable community-based enterprises in Asia

LAMPANG on The Move

Ngao Model Forest

Enchanting: Community Forest Management

Scaling up: Non-Timber Product to Local Green Economy

Non-Timber Product TREE BARK









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https://www.rmfnasia.org

What are the results of changes?

1. Ecosystem and Bio-diversity are enhanced





2. The human well-being is improved





Increase of edible plants







Edible insects in MF











