Progress and slowdown in forest tenure reform since 2002

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Introduction

- Summarizes findings of new RRI report: *What Future for Reform?*
- Report is the 3rd in a series of reports that have tracked the status of forest tenure since 2002
- Human Rights basis - customary rights to forests
- Growing recognition of efficacy of community management
Global overview

• “Tenure transition” has continued since 2002
  • Globally, communities own or control over 513 million hectares of forest lands as of 2013.
  • Over the past decade, there has been an increase of at least 128.49 million hectares.

• Still, most forests are owned and administered by governments.

• Very uneven patterns of transition across regions.

• In spite of progress, a slowdown in recognition of community forest rights since 2008.
Global forest tenure transition 2002-2013

- Lands allocated by governments on a conditional basis; IP/LC do not have the full legal means to secure their rights.
- Communities have the legal right to exclude outsiders, hold rights in perpetuity, and have the right to due process and just compensation.
- Full ability to legally secure their rights, including alienation.

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Forest tenure transition in LMICs 2002-2013

- Administered by Government: 71.4% in 2002, 61.3% in 2013
- Designated for IPs & Communities: 3.0% in 2002, 6.1% in 2013
- Owned by IPs & Communities: 18.2% in 2002, 24.0% in 2013
- Owned by Firms & Individuals: 7.4% in 2002, 8.7% in 2013
Uneven progress across regions (2013)

Latin America
- Administered by Government: 33%
- Owned by IPs & Communities: 18%
- Designated for IPs & Communities: 6%
- Owned by Firms & Individuals: 43%

Africa
- Administered by Government: 93.7%
- Owned by IPs & Communities: 0.0%
- Designated for IPs & Communities: 5.9%
- Owned by Firms & Individuals: 0.3%

Asia
- Administered by Government: 60.9%
- Owned by IPs & Communities: 2.5%
- Designated for IPs & Communities: 30.6%
- Owned by Firms & Individuals: 6.0%
Uneven progress within Asia (2013)

- ¾ of forests owned by communities in Asia are in China’s rural collectives
- 80% of forests “designated for communities” are under JFM in India
- High proportion of customary lands and very limited recognition in Indonesia, peninsular SE Asia, and Congo Basin.
But recognition has slowed since 2008...

Change in Area of Community Tenure in LMIC & REDD+ countries (Mha)

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Fewer and weaker tenure frameworks created

Tenure frameworks created since 2002, by region and category

No frameworks created since 2008 confer ownership
Pressures and potential

- Increased pressures from industry – increased spatial extent of concessions and pace of concession allocation
- Much of forest tenure transition has occurred in Latin America – maintaining pace will depend on change in other regions
- REDD+ has opened doors but not yet resulted in significant changes on the ground
  - 28 of 33 LMIC countries studied are REDD+ countries
- New policy frameworks and tools
  - VGGTs, UNDRIP, FPIC
  - Innovations in mapping technologies, other cost-effective implementation measures
RRI Recommendations

1. Increase financial and political support to tenure reform as a strategy to achieve development goals - poverty, climate and food security.

2. Secure real support from REDD+ and FLEGT.


4. Fully engage private sector corporations and investors.
Thank you!

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