

Capacity Development Project for Sustainable Forest Management in the Republic of Kenya

Overview

Over 80% of Kenya's land is arid and semi-arid areas, and only 7% is forest area, which has been rapidly deteriorated due to the overexploitation of woods for firewood and conversion to farmland.

Therefore, securing and conserving forest resources is one of the major issues for national development and measures responding to climate change. Furthermore, as frequency and intensity of extreme climate events such as droughts increases, developing and disseminating drought-tolerant tree species is regarded as effective measures to adapt to climate change.

The project assists the staff of the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resource, Kenya Forest Service (KFS), and Kenya Forest Research Institute (KEFRI), in formulating forest policies, implementing REDD+ Readiness activities, conducting research on breeding of drought-tolerant trees, extending the use of improved seedlings, and promoting regional cooperation to strengthen resilience to climate change, so that the project can contribute to advancing sustainable forest management in Kenya.

Purpose

To strengthen capacity for sustainable forest management at national and county levels.

Activities/Outputs

The project contributes to attaining a national goal of increasing the coverage of forest cover to 10% by 2030 by enhancing capacity for sustainable forest management through achieving the following five outcomes:

Enhancing capacity for implementing and monitoring forest policies.

Strengthening capacity of local governments for sustainable forest management.

Developing technical capacity for REDD+ readiness activities.

Enhancing capacity in developing drought-tolerant tree.

Developing capacity to promote regional cooperation to strengthen resilience to climate change.



Project Site

Target area of the project will be nationwide, while pilot projects for sustainable forest management and tree breeding research will be implemented in arid and semi-arid areas.

Implementing Organization

Ministry of Environment and Natural Resource, KFS, KEFRI

Duration

May 2016—May 2021

