

## Project for Supporting Sustainable Forest Management through REDD+ and Certified Forest Coffee Production & Promotion

### Overview

In Ethiopia, where forests are significantly decreasing due to inappropriate land use, excessive logging, or expansion of farmland, even though the measures to halt the deforestation by the government, the implementation is not sufficient.

This project supports forest conservation through a certification program for wild coffee self-sown in forests (forest coffee) in the priority areas of the Belete Gera Forest in the Jimma Zone, where natural forests are decreasing.

Furthermore, it supports effective / sustainable means to improve livelihood in replacement of logging in highlands where forests are diminishing extensively and forest coffee does not grow. Such efforts contribute to the establishment of a sustainable forest management system.

### Purpose

Appropriate Sustainable Forest Management model through REDD+ and Certified Forest Coffee Production & Promotion is established in Belete-Gera Forest districts.

### Activities/Outputs

#### Forest conservation by utilizing forest coffee.

Ethiopia is the origin of Arabica coffee, where the 10% of total coffee production is forest coffee. The project supports farmers to improve quality of forest coffee and its exportation, which aims to provide incentives for farmers to conserve forest as well as to increase farmers' income. The project also supports acquisition of Rainforest Alliance (RA) to add value to the forest coffee at the international markets, accelerating forest conservation where wild coffee trees grow.

#### Forest conservation and cooperation with REDD+ in highlands.

On the other hand, in highland area, where forest coffee does not grow, large deforestation due to farmland expansion has occurred. Thus, the project supports alternative livelihood improvement activities as well as corroborates with REDD+ program, "Oromia Forested Landscape Program (OFLP)", implemented by bio-carbon fund (by World Bank), to promote sustainable forest management.



#### Project Site

Forest priority areas in Jimma, Illubabor, Kelem Welega zones of Oromia Region

#### Implementing Organization

Oromia Environment, Forest and Climate Change Authority, Oromia Forest and Wildlife Enterprise,

#### Duration

Jul. 2014 – Jan. 2020



#### Agreement between Farmers and OFWE for Forest Conservation

