

UPSCALING SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT IN PAKISTAN

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IUCN, in collaboration with the Ministry of Climate Change and Environmental Coordination of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, is developing this project. This project seeks to enhance forest ecosystem resilience in Pakistan by sustainably managing forests across four provinces (Punjab, Sindh, Balochistan, and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa). This project addresses deforestation, promotes alternative energy sources, and improves community livelihoods. The project focuses on restoring forest carbon stocks, increasing climate resilience, and supporting vulnerable communities through sustainable forest management.

A draft concept note was developed by IUCN in coordination with the government. To move the concept forward, the draft needed to be strengthened and aligned with the GCF priorities by filling the gaps, including those in the area of sustainable finance and investment.

So experienced professional Symmetry were required to conduct consultations with relevant stakeholders and refine the concept note.

Symmetry completed the following tasks:

- Conducting detailed consultations with relevant stakeholders, including government agencies, local communities, and other key actors.
- Conducting a detailed forest ecosystem and community vulnerability assessment.
- Conducting a preliminary carbon stock and sequestration analysis.
- Assessing potential financial instruments to support the project.
- Updating the technical sections of the concept note.
- Ensuring the concept note is aligned with GCF requirements and priorities.
- Addressing feedback provided by relevant stakeholders.
- Developing a preliminary budget and implementation framework for the project.