

11th October 2023

UPDATES OF THE WEEK

Newsletter

The Meghalaya Community Led Landscape
Management Project (MCLLMP)

The Meghalaya Livelihood Improvement
through Forest Enhancement Project (MegLIFE)

Institute of Natural Resources (INR)

The Meghalaya Livelihood and Access to
Markets Project (Megha-LAMP)

Farmers' Collectivization for Upscaling of
Production and Marketing Systems (FOCUS)

The Meghalaya Basin Management Agency
(MBMA)

The Meghalaya Basin Development Authority
(MBDA)



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MCLMP**DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES****West Garo Hills**

On October 3, 2023, a Field Engineer visited Moropgre, Dalu Block, to provide a briefing to the masons and EC members regarding the proposed construction of a Water Conservation Dam, which includes an Erosion Control Gabion Wall and a Storage Tank, funded under the Cluster Development Fund (CDF).



On October 5, 2023, a Field Engineer visited Rebugre Village, under Dadenggre Block, to conduct a briefing session with the masons regarding the proposed activities, including the construction of a PCC water reservoir, an erosion control wall, and social fencing, all funded under the Cluster Development Fund (CDF) for the village. The masons were also advised and encouraged to closely follow the instructions provided by the Field Engineer to prevent any potential issues in the future.

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DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES



"From October 5th to October 7th, 2023, a team from WKHD conducted an exposure visit to WGHD, accompanied by members of VNRMCs from both WKHD and WGHD. The visit took place in Moropgre, Dalugre C&RD Block.

During the visit, the team engaged in interactive sessions and cross-learning opportunities with the VNRMC members of Moropgre. The team had the opportunity to explore four different sites, including a community nursery, a check dam, a dug-out pit, and a spring chamber with a filter tank.

Upon concluding the program, the WKHD team provided their feedback and shared the knowledge they had acquired during the exposure visit."



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DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES



Ri Bhoi



On October 7th, 2023, the DPM Ri-Bhoi visited Mawkyrdep village in Bhoirymbong block, known for its outstanding development efforts. During the visit, it was observed that the NRM library construction is almost complete. The village actively engages in agroforestry, horticulture, indigenous fish farming, and banana sales for income. They recently acquired a cow, which has contributed to their composting initiatives. Mawkyrdep village serves as an inspiring model for sustainable development and resource management, benefiting both CLLMP and non-CLLMP villages.



On October 4th, the external expert conducted a follow-up with Mr. Hejew Klein, a Grassroot Innovation Fund-supported innovator working on a low-cost power tiller redesign. The DPMU's Knowledge Management and Accounts team inspected the innovation, gathered progress information, and completed the Utilization Certificate (UC). This highlights our commitment to grassroots innovation and transparent reporting.

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On October 7th, 2023, DPM inspected the Umdohbyrthih kitchen garden. Umdohbyrthih (VNRMC) partnered with Landmark Secondary School to cultivate vegetables, providing students with practical agricultural experience and promoting organic produce.



On October 3rd, the Ri-Bhoi DPM conducted follow-up visits to assess progress in various areas. First, a follow-up was conducted with the President of Umdoh 18th Mile regarding the installation of an information board and the status of CLLMP (Community-Led Landscape Management Project) activities, including Forest Management Plan (FMP) initiatives. The visit confirmed the successful completion of the work. Additionally, the DPM visited Narang VNRMC within the same block to oversee the installation of an information board and evaluate the progress of CLLMP activities, including FMP implementation. These visits demonstrate a commitment to ensuring the effective execution of planned activities.



On October 4th, the AM M&E and PA (Environment) visited Kdohhati village in the Umsing Block. They met with the newly elected President to discuss pending FMP activities.

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West Khasi Hills



The DPMU-WKHD held a review meeting at BDU Hall, DC office, attended by the DPMU team, GFAs, and interns. The meeting aimed to accelerate verification work for Green Meghalaya. Nodal persons were designated for all four blocks in WKHD and EWKHD. Additionally, the meeting covered topics such as unutilized funds, exit strategy planning, and progress on all Green Meghalaya projects.



DPMU team conducted a field visit to Domkosham village to educate the interns about various activities within the Environment Sector of CLLMP. The interns learned how to measure water pH levels in springs, observed different sapling varieties in the community nursery, and gained insights into the significance of vermi composting in the village.



A General Body meeting in Marksuin village discussed the VNRMC's exit strategy plan post-project. Interns attended to learn about VNRMC functions and responsibilities.

MCLLMP**DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES****West Jaintia Hills**

DPMU conducted a survey and compiled reports on seedball initiatives at Seinraid LP School, Long Memorial English School, Moorapuchi UP School, and Amlajong UP School.

**East Khasi Hills**

On October 9th, 2023, Kum Anendya Raajsshre, IAS (P), Assistant Commissioner of EKHD, along with the District Project Manager of EKHD and representatives from the Environment and GIS departments, visited Mawkynrew Village to deepen their understanding of the CLLM Project's core principles. They conducted a field visit to the Mawnongploh site, inspecting intervention sites such as the erosion control wall, afforestation check dam, recharge pits, and fire line control. The program concluded with a fruitful discussion and interaction with the community members of VNRMCs.

PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



On October 10, 2023, GFA Smarthe G Momin visited Matchurigre village to inspect its activities in the individual forest.

PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

Meetings are underway with beneficiaries of the payment for ecosystem services scheme. The sessions encompass guidance on effective fund utilization and timely submission of Utilization Certificates (UC).



Dadenggre Block.



Chokpot Block.



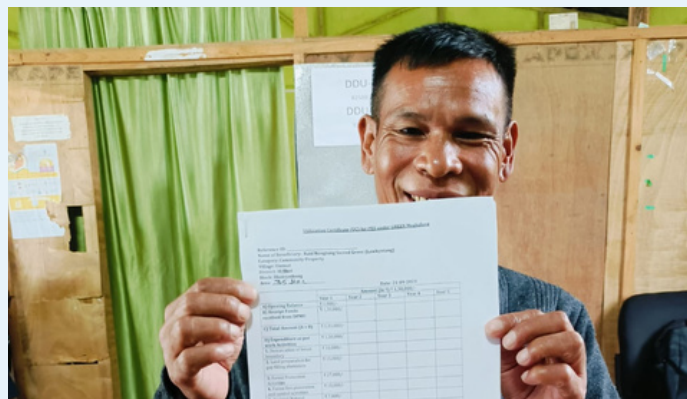
Resubelpara Block.

PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

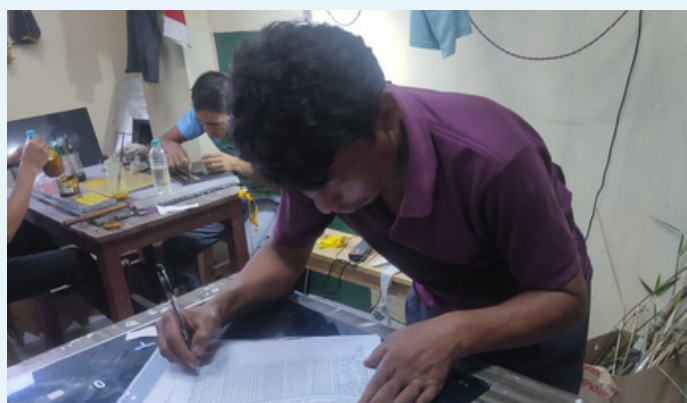
Collection of Application Forms and Utilisation Certificates



Mawsynram Block.



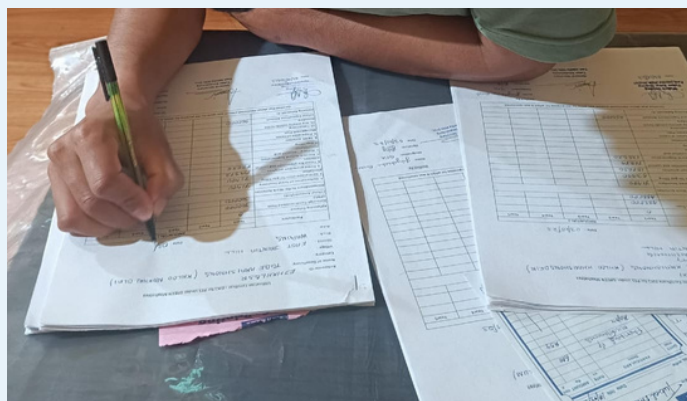
Bhoirymbong Block.



Umsning Block.



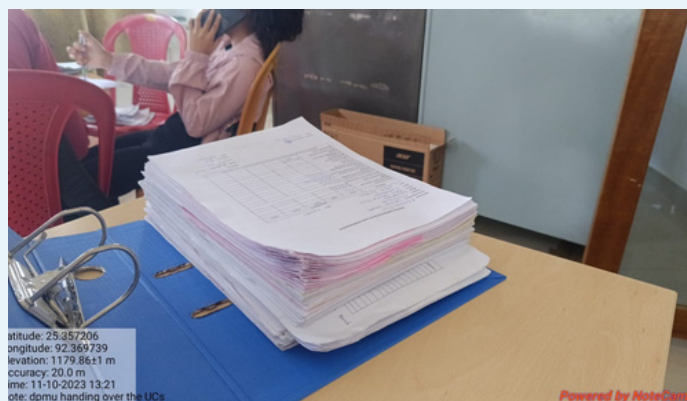
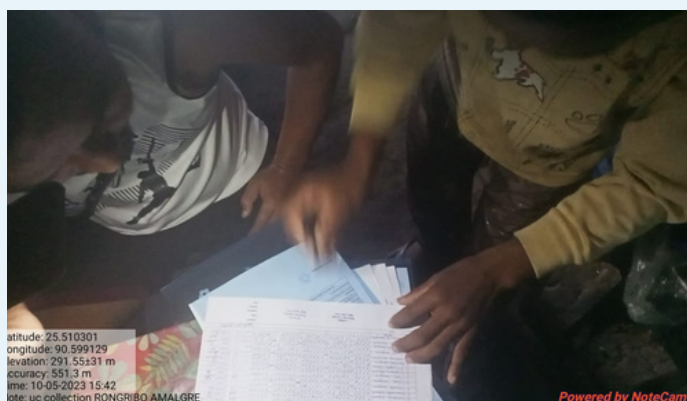
Mawkyntse Block.



Resubelpara Block.



Songsak Block.



Khliehriat Block.

PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

Verification and Boundary Mapping



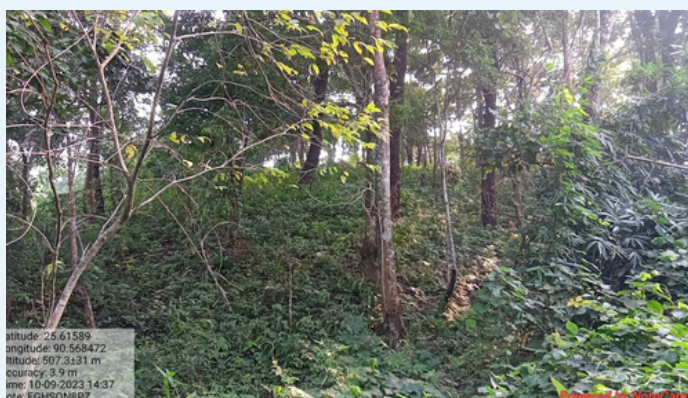
PES verification at Mushrot village.



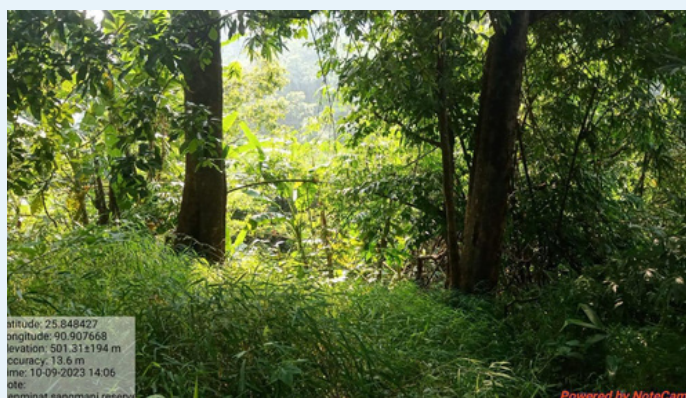
PES verification at Kraikojam village.



Verify and map boundaries for Kingbath Marak's forest in Dabit Ampangdam village.



PES verification at Rongap Songital village.



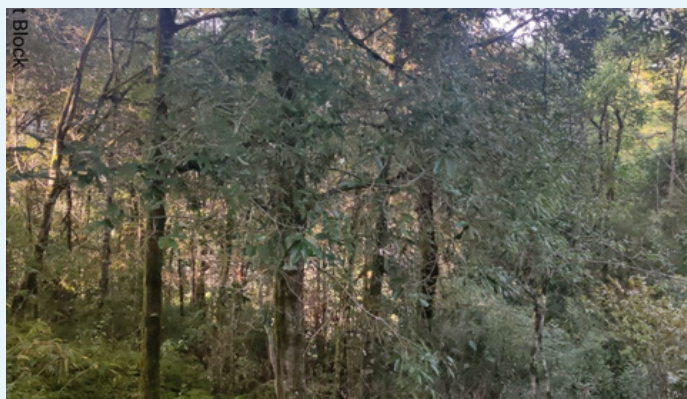
PES verification in Kenminat Sangma's forest.



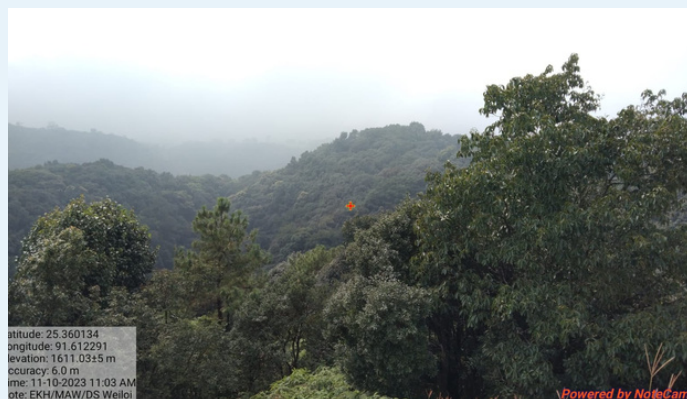
PES verification in Mawlingai and Umkra villages.



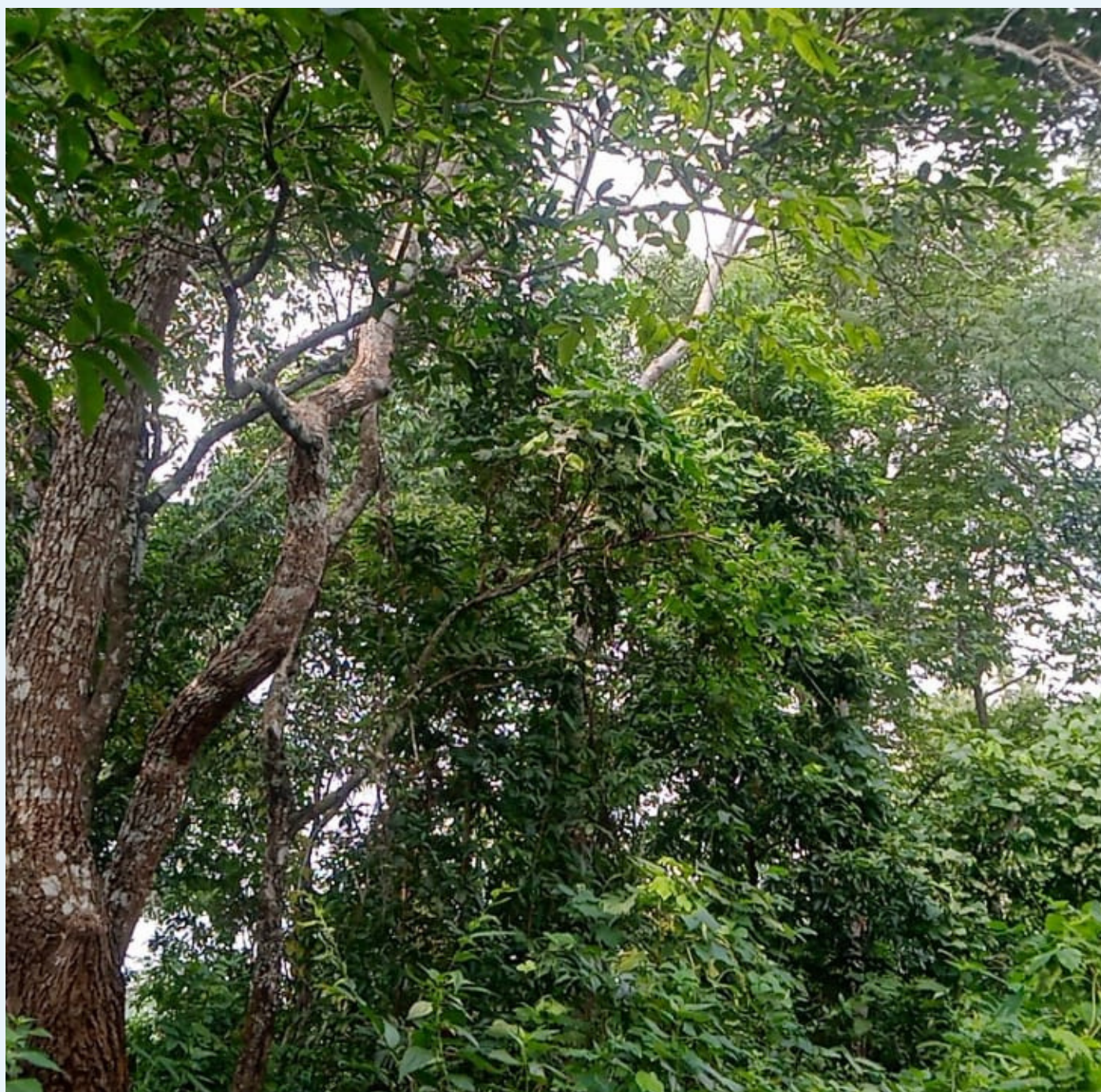
PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



PES verification at Mawthong village.



PES verification at Weiloi village.



PES verification at Norek Megapgre village.

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MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)

PLANTATION

MegLIFE communities are hard at work to achieve the project's goal of covering 22,500 hectares of plantation. Plantation of saplings are currently underway.



East Garo Hills



Second weeding at Mejolgre Nokat village.



Second weeding in Miktongjeng village.

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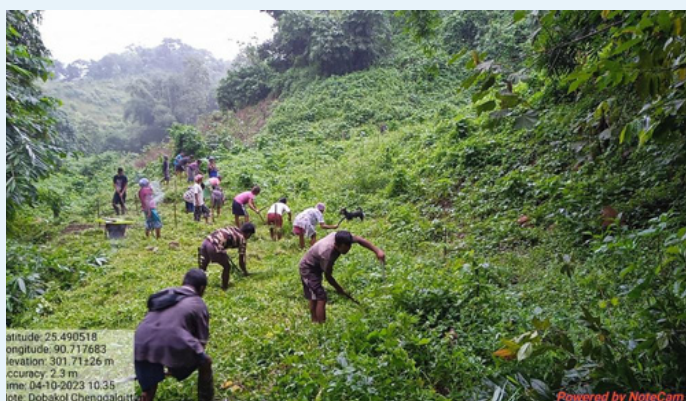
South Garo Hills



Second weeding at Gnengkolsi Songgitcham village.



Weeding and jungle clearing at Tebisokgre village.



Second weeding at Dobakol Chengalgitim village.



Second weeding at Chramgre village.

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Second weeding at Dobakol Awemong village.



Second weeding at Bolchugre village.

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North Garo Hills



Conducting the second round of weeding at Nokatgre Reserve village.



Second weeding at Rongmatcha village.

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Second weeding at Mynsang VPIC.



The second round of weeding in batch 1 village, located within Mawkynew Block.

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Eastern West Khasi Hills



Second weeding at Mawtharap village.



Second weeding at Mawlumkhri village.

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 West Garo Hills



Second weeding at Rangdapara village.

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COMMUNITY NURSERY

433 Villages under MegLIFE Project have elected to set up community nurseries.

East Garo Hills



The Watanangre VPIC incurred damage as a result of a storm on October 5, 2023.



Danal Nokat village.



Thaugittim village.



Simseng wale village.

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Nilwasagre VPIC.

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)**East Khasi Hills**

On October 4-5, 2023, BPMU and Dr. R. Thupalli from PMC inspected VPICS at various locations: Mawkynrew Block, Umpdem, Rangmudi, Pyngkya, Mynsang, and Laitdiengsai.



Umpdem VPIC



Rangmudi VPIC



Pyngkya VPIC

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Mynsang and Laitdiengsai VPIC



West Garo Hills



Latitude: 25.345159
Longitude: 90.274715
Elevation: 94.17412 m



Latitude: 25.345127
Longitude: 90.274587
Elevation: 92.15412 m

Mandanggre village.



Pahamjri village.



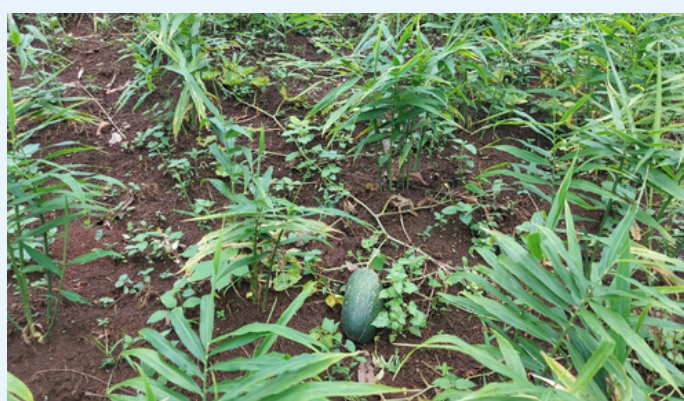
Ri Bhoi

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)**SALT - SLOPING AGRICULTURE LAND TECHNOLOGY**

SALT training is being imparted to farmers of the MegLIFE Project wherever feasible to improve land productivity and fertility. The technique is enthusiastically being adopted by the trainees.

**North Garo Hills**

SALT farm at Bangsi Aga village.

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Ginger, arecanut, and citrus saplings in a SALT farm in Bleishiah village.

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)**ENTRY POINT ACTIVITY - COMMUNITY HALL**

The construction of 370 community halls has been sanctioned under EPA of MegLIFE. Initial phases of site preparation is underway.

**West Garo Hills**

Adugre village.

**East Garo Hills**

Dogeppuram village.



Bangsi Bokda village.

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Ri Bhoi



Wahpipa village.



Mawkorblang village.

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PLUP And Microplanning Exercises

Completed & On going PLUP and Microplanning exercise in group 2 village: On October 6, 2023, PLUP & Micro Plan field exercises concluded in Shallang Sohbar-A village, West Khasi Hills District. Additionally, Micro Plan activities continued in Kosichora village, North Garo Hills District, and Dumindikgre village on October 9, 2023.



Shallang Sohbar-A village



Kosichora village.



Dumindikgre village.

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On going microplanning activities in Mootyrshiah -A group II village in Laskein Block, Jaintia Hills District.

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MIS and Procurement Training

A 4-day residential training program for MegLIFE Village Community Facilitators in Williamnagar, Terrace Gittim village, East Garo Hills District, focused on accounting, record-keeping, MIS, and community procurement, successfully concluded on October 6, 2023.



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Soil and Water Conservation



On October 4, 2023, Field Engineers and NGO staff visited Rongpetchi village to verify a soil and water conservation structure.



On October 10, 2023, Tera Tarime M. Marak conducted a site verification for SWC structures in Ajasiram village within Resubelpara Block, North Garo Hills District.



Institute of Natural Resources (INR)

CENTRE FOR CLIMATE CHANGE, ADAPTATION & MITIGATION (GREEN ENERGY)

Site Verification and Electrification works conducted by the Green Energy team under the Decentralized Green Energy Development Project

 Ri Bhoi District

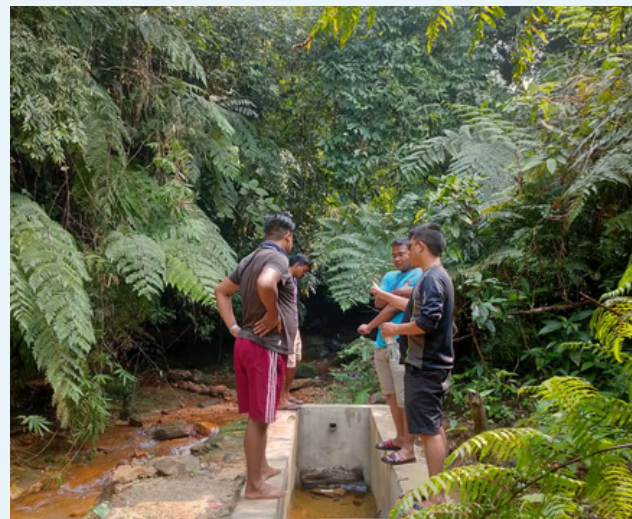


The green energy team successfully completed site verification and electrification works in Jair village within the Umsning block and Kyrmen village within the Bhoirymbong block of Ri Bhoi district. Notably, the team effectively installed street lighting and household lighting in both Jair and Kyrmen villages.

CENTRE FOR WATER RESOURCES

 South Garo Hills District

Site inspection, supervising for further work, follow up on MLAMP activities at Mengkulgittim village, Baghmara Block.





4 staff members under the Centre for Water Resources of INR, Meghalaya, participated in a 5-day training workshop organized by the North Eastern Hydraulic and Allied Research Institute (NEHARI) in collaboration with the National Institute of Hydrology (NIH) and the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) held at Guwahati from 3rd to 7th October. The training program also encompassed a field visit to Khlieh Umtrew village, located in the Ri Bhoi district, which serves as a demonstration model for Jal Abhyaranya, focusing on the Aspirational Districts of Himalayan States.

The course of the programme is tailored for junior to mid-level officers of government departments related to the land and water resources sector serving the North East Region (NER). 28 government officials serving in the North Eastern States of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, and Mizoram have participated in the training workshop. A total of 24 lectures, including four field lectures, were delivered by the scientists of NIH and CGWB on various topics pertaining to springshed management.

CENTRE FOR BIO- RESOURCES (Megh Aroma Mission)**Monitoring of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants by Dr. Bansal, Resource Person of Aroma Mission** **East Khasi Hills District**

Monitoring on the cultivation of geranium crop at Thainthynroh and Umsawmat village.

 **West Jaintia Hills District**

Site inspection with Dr. Bansal, on the new plantation of MAPs at Khliehrangnah and Mynska village.

East Jaintia Hills District



The Kitlang I Self-Help Group (SHG) in Narwan, East Jaintia Hills (EJH), was provided with 1500 rooted geranium saplings from Megh Aroma Mission. Additionally, an on-site demonstration was conducted to showcase the proper techniques for propagating geranium plants.

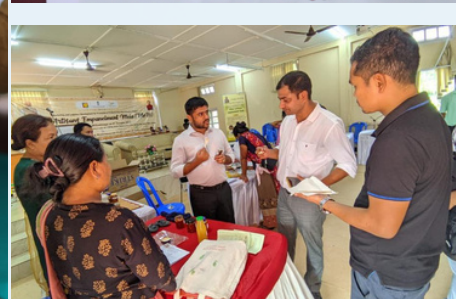
Methods for Propagating Geranium plants:

One common method is stem cuttings, where healthy 4-6 inch stems are taken, leaves and flower buds are removed, and the cut ends are dipped in rooting hormone before planting in a well-draining soil or propagation mix. Alternatively, leaf cuttings involve using mature leaves, cutting them into sections with veins or petioles, and planting them in a similar manner. Layering, another technique, entails burying a wounded stem section in soil to encourage root growth before transplanting. Division involves separating the plant during its dormant season, while suckers, new shoots at the base of the plant, can also be carefully separated and replanted. Regardless of the method, maintaining proper humidity, warmth, and indirect sunlight during the rooting phase is crucial for successful geranium propagation.

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MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

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In partnership with the District Administration and MBMA, **South West Garo Hills**, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs organized the second phase of the Tribal Artisans Empanelment Mela on October 6, 2023, at Ampati's Farmers' Market. This event, part of the "Marketing & Logistics Support to the promotion of tribal products in North Eastern region (PTP-NER Scheme)," showcased local artisans' work to be recognized and marketed through TRIFED. Dignitaries present on October 6th included Chief Guest Shri. Raymond Zachary D Shira, MCS, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Smt. Yosima W. Momin, MCS, and Shri. Phamting Keising, DM, TRIFED.

On October 9, 2023, a similar event was held in Williamnagar, **East Garo Hills**, with key attendees such as Shri. Vibhor Aggarwal, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Smt. R N Sangma, MCS, ADC, and CEO of William Nagar Municipal Board, and Shri Nagendranath Jha, Senior Manager from TRIFED's Delhi office. These events support and promote tribal artisans and their creations.

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A Valediction Programme took place on October 3, 2023, at Kerupara IVCS Ltd., **South West Garo Hills District**, marking the culmination of a 30-day Loin Weaving training for 40 participants. The event was graced by Dr. Aba Liptos K Marak, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Officer, and BDO i/c of Purakashia Block, a recently established block in South West Garo Hills, which includes Kerupara.



A market meeting with Broom Grass farmers in the Warwar and Khrang Cluster, **East Khasi Hills District**, was held on October 10, 2023.

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

RURAL FINANCE

A Block Level Awareness Program on IVCS was conducted at various locations in East Khasi Hills District:



Mawlai C&RD Block on October 5, 2023, organized by Mawlai EFC in collaboration with Rilum Foundation NGO. Notable attendees included Smt. Evanisha Pathaw, Manager of FOCUS, SPMU, and Shri T. R. Kharshiing, Consultant Rural Finance.



Mawkynrew Block on October 5, 2023, with a discussion led by Shri R. Kurbah, JCO.

EFC Mairang, Eastern West Khasi Hills on October 5, 2023, in collaboration with NSSS NGO. Shri E.B. Chyrmang, Senior Circle Officer, ARCS office, served as the Resource Person.



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Pynursla C&RD Block on October 6, 2023, organized by EFC Pynursla and CORP NGO, with Shri. T.R. Kharshiing, Consultant Rural Finance, as the Resource Person.

Khatarshnong Laitkroh Block on October 6, 2023.



MAMETI, 6th Mile on October 9, 2023, organized by EFC, Myllem C&RD Block, with Dr. C. J. K Warjri, MCS, BDO, Extension Officers from Animal Husbandry & Veterinary and Horticulture departments, JCO in charge of Myllem C&RD Block, and SPMU Team in attendance. Shri. Teibor Kharshiing, Consultant, RF, MBMA, served as the Resource Person.

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RURAL FINANCE

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Mawpat Dorbar Hall on October 10, 2023, organized by EFC Mawpat in collaboration with an NGO. Resource persons included Shri. Teibor Roy Kharshiing, Consultant, Rural Finance and Evanisha Pathaw, FOCUS Manager, MBDA.



Bye-Law Amendments Special General Meeting



Two Special General Meetings were conducted at East Khasi Hills District on October 7 and October 10, 2023. The first, held at Wahsohliat IVCS, focused on amending Bye-Laws and featured Senior Co-operative Officers Smt. B. Kharminthong and Shri K. Pathaw, along with staff from EFC Sohiong. The second meeting, at Jamynthlen IVCS, addressed the adoption of new Bye-Laws and included the presence of Smt. W. Lakiang from ARCS and Smt. H. Kurbah from EFC Sohiong.

OTHERS



Dr. Vijay Kumar D, IAS - Project Director MeghaLAMP and CEO MBMA interact with DPMs of Garo Hills Region & PRIME team on 9th October, 2023 at PRIME StartUp Hub, Tura



PRIME StartUp Hub, Tura

9th October 2023: Project Director MLAMP and CEO MBMA Dr Vijay Kumar D., IAS convened a meeting with DPMs of Garo Hills Region & PRIME team to understand the status of ongoing projects in the district.

On important agenda note, awareness on CM ELEVATE program was also facilitated by PD & CEO MBMA for the DPMs and PRIME team.

It was also suggested by him that the following activities /potential interventions apart from other activities under CM ELEVATE scheme can be applied universally by the IVCS as a community based institutions:

1. Meghalaya Common Facility Centre Scheme
2. Meghalaya Warehouse Scheme
3. PRIME Agriculture Response Vehicle Scheme (PRIME ARVS)
4. Meghalaya Piggery Development Scheme

The deadline for all online applications is 31st October,2023.

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