

# NEWSLETTER

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**Updates of the Week**

07th February 2024



**THE MEGHALAYA COMMUNITY LED LANDSCAPE  
MANAGEMENT PROJECT (MCLLMP)**



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THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT PROJECT (MEGLIFE)**



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**THE MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS 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)**



# Community Led Landscape Management Project (CLLMP)



# UPDATES OF THE WEEK

MEGHALAYA BASIN MANAGEMENT AGENCY

## Exploring Livelihood Dynamics: MegARISE Initiative Engages Kynton u Mon and Mawpyrshong Communities



Team members under MegARISE; a KFW funded project, visited Kynton u Mon and Mawpyrshong village, Mawrynkneng Block, earlier this week for discussion with community members to understand the major livelihood activities undertaken by the villages, their challenges and the opportunities that exists within each village.

The visit, witnessed a collaborative effort between the MegARISE team and the residents of Kynton u Mon and Mawpyrshong village. Through open and insightful discussions, the team endeavored to delve deep into the economic fabric of the villages, exploring the various livelihood pursuits that sustain the local populace.

The discussions were wide-ranging, covering aspects such as agriculture, animal husbandry, artisanal crafts, and budding entrepreneurial ventures within the communities. By actively listening to the voices of the villagers, the team aimed to grasp the intricacies of their daily lives and the challenges they encounter in their pursuit of livelihoods.



# Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES)



# MEGHALAYA BASIN MANAGEMENT AGENCY

## "Project Village Exploration: Field Visits by GFAs"



A field visit to Rongopgre Forest Reserve was conducted by GFA Raymosh S Marak.

## "Empowering Communities Through MRV Trainings and Surveys: A Journey of Learning"

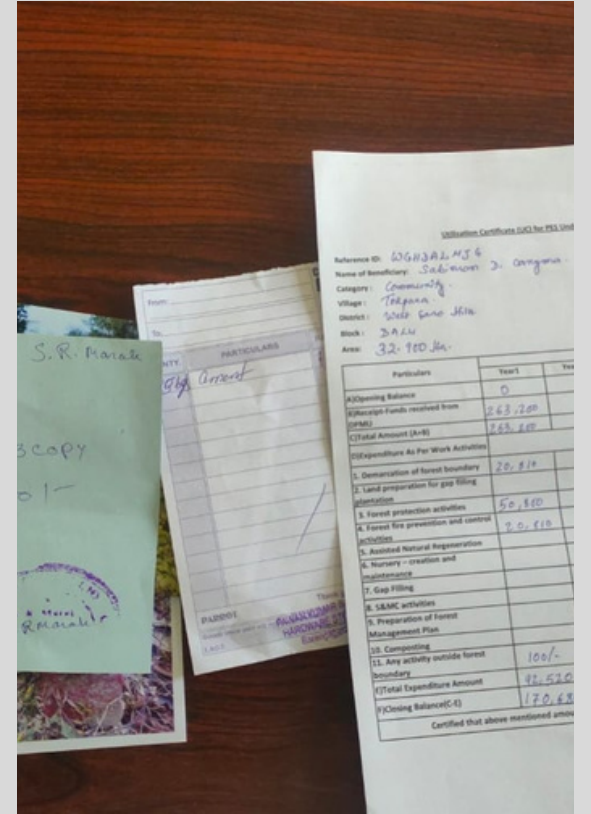


From February 1st to February 7th, 2024, we embarked on a journey of learning and empowerment with a series of MRV (Measurement, Reporting, and Verification) trainings and surveys in different locations! Led by the amazing Green Field Associates (GFAs) team, including Jasmine M Sangma, Suman Jakaria D Marak, Simson A Sangma, and many more, these sessions were truly enlightening.



Our discussions delved into the practical application of tools like the appverse and Polaris app for Village Community Facilitators (VCFs), providing invaluable insights for sustainable community development. But it didn't stop there! Surveys were conducted across various community reserves and villages, engaging both VCF members and community residents.

### SNIPPETS



Green Field Associates (GFAs) are presently in the process of collecting application forms and utilization certificates, demonstrating their active involvement in gathering comprehensive information from applicants.



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).



# MegLIFE

Meghalaya Livelihood  
Improvement through Forest  
Enhancement Project (MegLIFE)



# MEGHALAYA BASIN MANAGEMENT AGENCY

"Focused Dedication: Accountant and Team in Rongara, South Garo Hills, on January 30, 2024"



On January 30, 2024, the Accountant and their team in Rongara, South Garo Hills, were completely dedicated to the task of revising VPIC cashbooks and verifying vouchers.

"Integrating SALT into Agroforestry for Sustainable Growth: A Key Element of the 2023 MegLIFE Initiative in Rema Gittim, Kharkutta"



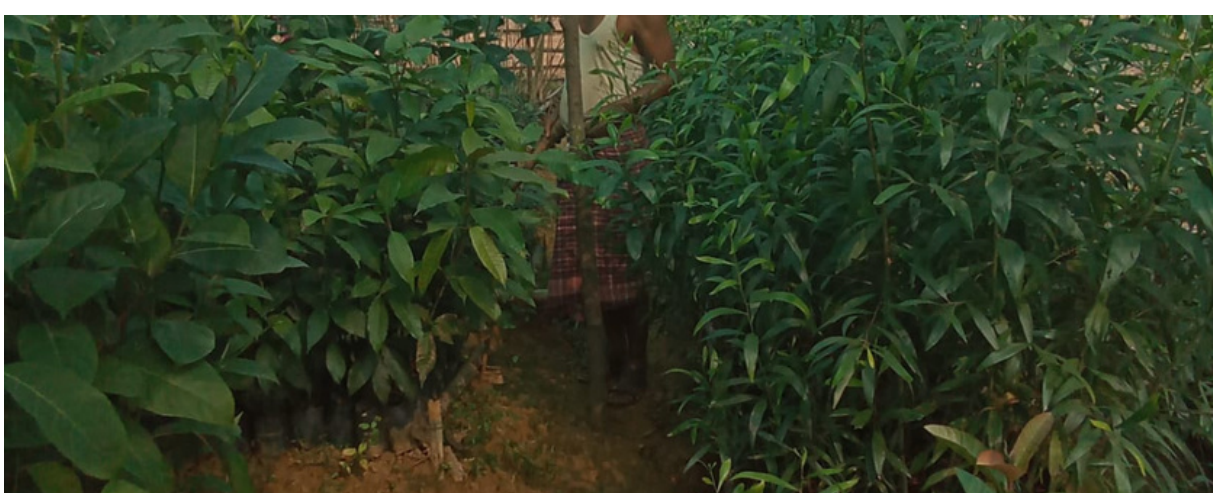
On February 5, 2024, there is a noteworthy opportunity to integrate SALT (Sustainable Agriculture and Land Technology) into Agroforestry plantations in Rema Gittim, Kharkutta, as part of the 2023 MegLIFE initiative. This integration is considered vital for the healthy growth of saplings.

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Unintended Seed Scattering: Delayed Harvest Causes Tephrosia Pods to Open in Nongthyllep Village



Wild Indigofera was collected from Nongthyllep Village, and Tephrosia seeds were gathered with pods ready for harvest. Unfortunately, the Tephrosia seed pods opened and scattered their seeds because they were not harvested in a timely manner.



Community nurseries have been set up in different Blocks across various villages, managed by VPICs, to grow plants for the upcoming year 2024 in specified plantation areas.

# Institute of Natural Resources

(INR)





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## INTERNATIONAL WATER CONCLAVE (PRE-CONCLAVE EVENTS AND CURTAIN RAISER)



The Institute of Natural Resources, Meghalaya, actively participated in the International Water Conclave Exhibition held on January 07, 2024, at the State Convention Centre. The event commenced with preliminary activities, including drawing competitions, quizzes, prize distribution, and a curtain-raiser for the main event. At the exhibition, INR presented its Decentralised Green Energy Development Project, which was selected to be showcased at the main event scheduled for January 09-10, 2024, at Marriott, Courtyard. Dr. Shakil P. Ahammed, IAS Additional Chief Secretary, Dr. Joram Beda, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary, Shri. Coming One Ymbon, Minister of Water Resources Department, and INR Director Shri L Shabong were observed at the INR stall, expressing interest in learning more about the project.



# MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKET PROJECT



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Meghalaya Livelihoods Access to Market Project  
In Partnership With IFAD

## MEGHALAYA BASIN MANAGEMENT AGENCY

### Empowering Through Education: Recent Programs Foster Credit Linkage and Financial Literacy



Several Financial Literacy Programs (FLP) have been recently conducted across the district to reinforce the significance of credit linkage and financial literacy among members of Integrated Village Cooperative Societies (IVCS). In a two-day workshop held at Sports and Cultural Club, Mawroh, Nongpoh, **Ri Bhoi District** on 1st-2nd February 2024, Business Facilitators and Secretaries of IVCS were targeted to remind them of the importance of credit linkage for members and the implementation of FLP in their respective villages. Preceding this, the first batch of FLP took place at Mawlyngwir Dorbar Hall, Mawkyrwat block, **South West Khasi Hills**, from 22/1/2024 to 26/1/2024, concentrating on membership mobilization, savings, and borrowing. In addition, FLP sessions were held at Rangblang Area IVCS Ltd on 18th January 2024 and at Pomtrai on 21st December 2023, **West Khasi Hills**, leading to the enrollment of new IVCS members. Furthermore, Rangblang Sohsynniang Area IVCS conducted FLP sessions from 20th December 2023 to 24th December 2023, while Iaikyrsoi IVCS LTD organized a session at Photkroh, **South West Khasi Hills** from 20th December 2023 to 23rd December 2023. These initiatives have resulted in new member enrollments and enhanced financial literacy within the community.

### Enhancing Farming Practices through Soil Testing



On January 31 to February 1, 2024, a training session on soil testing for demonstration plots of Service Providers (SPs) was successfully conducted at the District Project Management Unit (DPMU) in **South West Khasi Hills District**. On February 5, 2024, Soil and water testing was carried out at Sohphoh IVCS, **West Jaintia Hills** for Ginger Value chain by the SPs. Continuing the initiative, on February 6, 2024, soil and water testing were performed at Kremmysiang IVCS and Namdong IVCS with the participation of SPs.

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Inquiry and Initial General Meeting (IGM) were conducted on February 1, 2024, at Umsyiem Village for Umsyiem Integrated Village Cooperative Society (IVCS). The session was held in the presence of Shri. Douglas Warjri, Junior Cooperative Officer (JCO), Pynursla, **East Khasi Hills**.

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On January 29th and 30th, 2024, a training session on Piggery (Bokashi) was conducted for Producer Groups (PGs) at East Rangasora village, **South Garo Hills**.



On December 16, 2023, after an awareness program on IVCS, five members purchased shares and enrolled as new members of Rangblang Sohsynniang Area IVCS LTD, **West Khasi Hills**.

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On February 1, 2024, a follow-up was carried out at Mawpud IVCS, **South West Khasi Hills**. Activities conducted, included collecting the IVCS monthly report, gathering Utilization Certificates (UC) for the corpus fund, and addressing other related activities.

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