

40. Barriers to multiple-use forest management in the humid tropics

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As a concept, multiple-use forest management (MFM) is already old and often seen as a potential way to sustainability in the forest sector. However, it has not achieved broad uptake in tropical countries and remains a marginal activity. Here we present an overview of practical experiences in regard to the barriers hindering the implementation and viability of MFM in the humid tropics. We collected the data via electronic questionnaire from different stakeholders, such as community representatives, decision makers, NGOs, and private sector, who are or have been directly or indirectly involved in MFM initiatives. We discuss the importance of different economic, technical, socio-cultural, and institutional factors for MFM in the context of three regions (Africa, Southeast Asia and Latin America) and scales (experimental, small-scale, and large-scale). We also examine different stakeholders' perceptions of barriers and whether land tenure or different management objectives affect the success of MFM.

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