

Non-Timber Forest Products-Exchange Programme

NTFP-EP Asia is an association of 25 members with over 100 partner non-governmental organizations and community-based organizations working with forest-based communities to strengthen their capacity in the sustainable management of natural resources in the Philippines, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam, and Cambodia.

What are NTFPs?

The term 'non timber forest product' (NTFP) encompasses all biological materials other than timber which are extracted from forests for human use (de Beer & McDermott, 1996). NTFPs play an important role in the lives of communities as a source of food, medicine, construction materials, and income. They also have sociocultural uses in the practice of the traditional ecological knowledge of many indigenous and local communities.

Our Theory of Change

Four Pathways:



Communities including women and youth have enhanced voice and agency, secured land tenure and livelihoods.



Community-based Forest Conservation has demonstrated and recognized impacts in keeping IPLC-managed forests intact.



Culture and Indigenous Knowledge are sustained by communities and respected by all stakeholders in policies and practice.



Gender Equality and Women's Rights are respected, and women are engaged as equal partners by communities and stakeholders

Key Thematic Areas



Community-based Conservation



Sustainable, Climate Adaptive Community Livelihoods



Tenure Rights and Governance



Indigenous Food and Health

ICCA CONSORTIUM IN SOUTHEAST ASIA:

Strengthening Solidarity and Action for Inclusive Conservation

ICCA is an abbreviation for territories and areas conserved by indigenous peoples and local communities or territories of life. It refers to the 'close association found between a specific indigenous people or local community and a specific territory, area, or body of natural resources.' Such an association, 'combined with effective local governance and conservation of nature, refer to **ICCAs Territories of Life.**' (ICCA Consortium)

The **ICCA Consortium Southeast Asia** is a vibrant and inclusive network of indigenous peoples and local communities (IPLCs) and non-government organizations (NGOs) working together to support mutual learning, enhance awareness and capacities, and strengthen solidarity and action for appropriate recognition and self-strengthening of ICCAs in Southeast Asia.

We are part of the **Global ICCA Consortium**, a membership-based civil society organization supported by an international, semi-volunteer Secretariat based in various regions across the globe. It started as a movement and has become an international association dedicated to promoting appropriate recognition of and support to ICCAs.

What we do



Facilitate learning exchanges and experiences



Support mapping and registration of ICCAs



Build capacities on ICCA mapping and documentation



Promote NTFP-based enterprises that uphold traditional governance