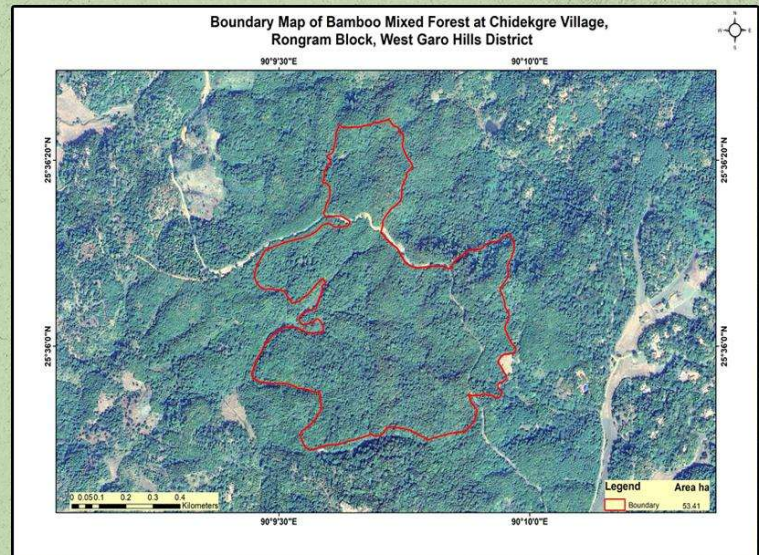


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## **ABBREVIATIONS & ACRONYMS**

BFMC	Bamboo Forest Management Committee
CoE (NRM&SL)	Centre of Excellence for Natural Resources Management And Sustainable Livelihoods
CF	Clump Forming
DFO	Divisional Forest Officer
FM	Forest Management
FSC	Forest Stewardship Council
GIS	Geographic Information System
GPS	Global Positioning System
ha	hectare
HCV	High Conservation Value
MBDA	Meghalaya Basin Management Agency
NCF	Non-Clump Forming
NTFP	Non-Timber Forest Product
PCCF	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
PPS	Probability Proportional to Size
RFSS	Regional Forest Stewardship Standard
RMU	Resource Management Unit
SHG	Self-Help Groups
VBMC	Village Bamboo Management Committee
VCF	Village Community Facilitators
WP Act	Wildlife Protection Act



# Bamboo Forest Management Plan for Chidekgre Village, West Garo Hills District, Meghalaya

## 1. Introduction

Chidekgre is a small Garo village situated in the centre of the West Garo Hills District, Meghalaya, with a close-knit community that depends largely on bamboo, farming, and small-scale forest resources for their livelihoods. The people of the village follow traditional customary practices under the Village Council headed by the Nokma, which plays a central role in decision-making, resource management, and conflict resolution. The community values cooperation, sustainability, and cultural traditions, and women play an active role in households as well as in community groups such as Self-Help Groups (SHGs). Bamboo is especially important, not only as an economic resource but also for housing, farming practices and cultural activities.

### 1.1. Location Map

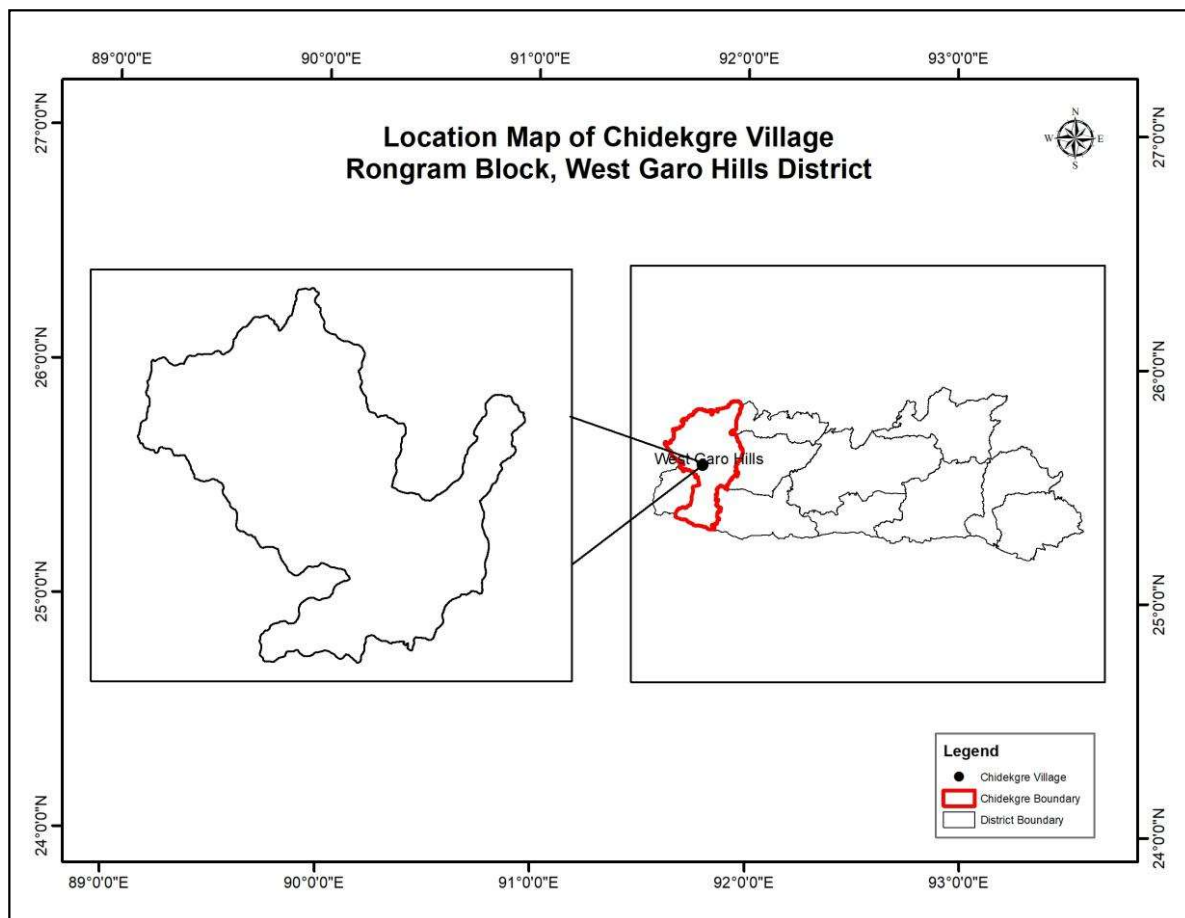


Figure 1: Location map of Chidekgre village

## 1.2. Scope of Bamboo Forest Management Plan

This manual describes the management system for the Bamboo Forests under the Chidekgre Village Council (Nokma), which adheres to the principles laid down under the RFSS standards of FSC (Annexure I).

The applicable standards upon which this management plan is based are -

- FSC-STD-30-005 V2-0 FM Groups Standard
- FSC-STD-IND-RAP-V1.0-2022\_Small Holder\_ Plantations EN\_ The FSC Forest Stewardship Standard for Smallholders in India
- FSC-STD-50-001 V2-1 EN Requirements for use of the FSC trademarks

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## 1.3. Demography

The total population in Chidekgre is 236. Out of this, 122 are males while the female count is 114. The female literacy rate in the village is 53.33%, whereas the male literacy rate is 68.97%. The overall literacy rate stands at 61.54%.

**Table 1: Demography**

<b>Demography of Population</b>	<b>Number</b>
Number of Female	114
Number of Male	122
Total Population	236
Total Number of Households	57

<b>Literacy Category</b>	<b>Literacy percent (%)</b>
Female Literacy Rate	53%
Male Literacy Rate	69%
Overall Literacy Rate	62%

Source: MegLIFE, Rongram Block

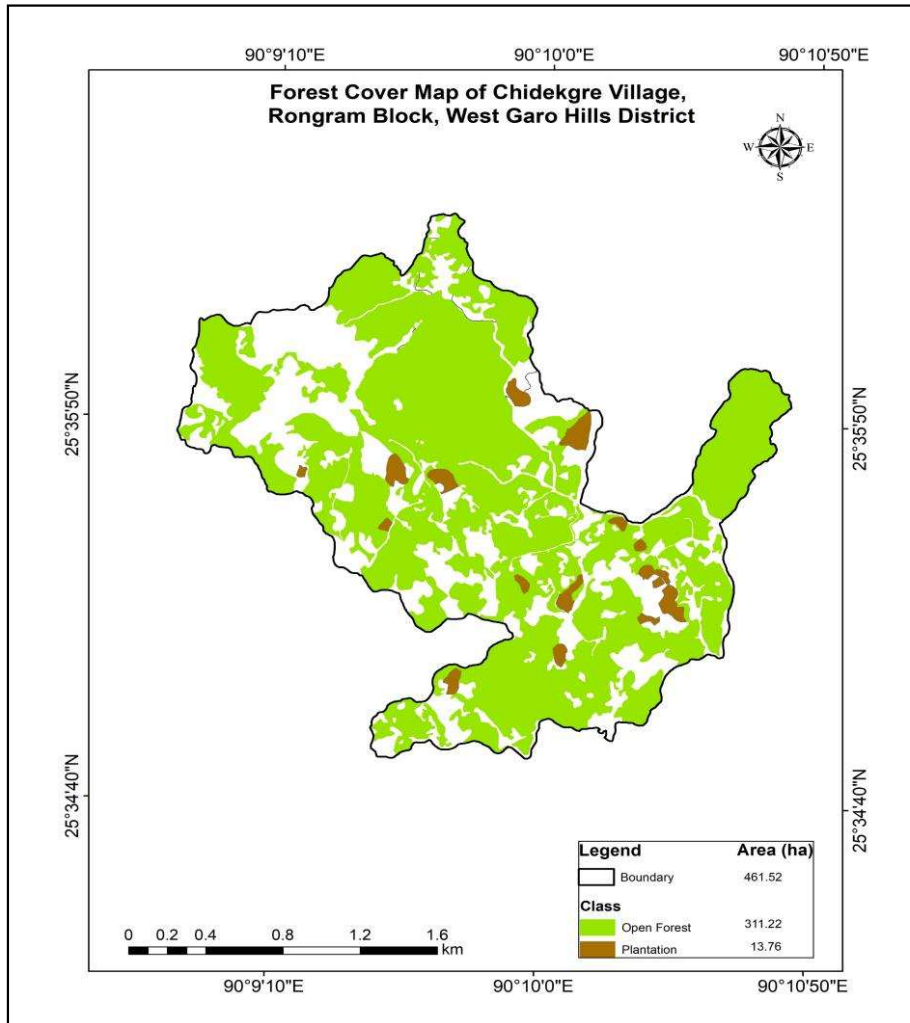
## 1.4. Tribes

The people of Chidekgre belong to the Garo tribe, one of the major indigenous tribes of Meghalaya. The Garo community follows a matrilineal system, where family lineage and inheritance pass through the mother's line. Traditional governance is exercised through the Nokma (Head of Village Council), which manages community affairs, land resources, including forests and conflict resolution. The tribe maintains a close relationship with nature, and bamboo plays an important role in their livelihood, culture, and daily life (Annexure II & III).

## 2. Forest cover in the village

The total geographical area of the village is 461.52 ha which comprise 324.98 ha of forest cover. The forest in the village supports diverse plant and animal life. The forest in the village has a patch of 53.5 ha which is rich in bamboo species. In addition to bamboo, the forest contains a wide variety of indigenous tree species, such as *Schima wallichii*, *Macaranga denticulata*, *Toona ciliata*, *Artocarpus heterophyllus* and *Gmelina arborea* and a few of the other tree species. It further supports several wildlife species, including porcupine, jungle cats, squirrels, rabbits, monkey. This combination of bamboo, trees and wildlife highlights the ecological richness and biodiversity value of the village forest. The village council has decided to apply for FSC Forest Management Certification for the bamboo forest with an extent of 53.5 ha. This combination of bamboo, trees and wildlife highlights the ecological richness and biodiversity value of the village forest.

There are pure patches of bamboo as well as bamboo that occurs in interspersed manner along with other tree species. The bamboo species in the forests include *Bambusa jaintiana*, *Bambusa vulgaris*, *Gigantochloa macrostachya* and *Melocanna baccifera*.



**Figure 2: Forest cover map of Chidekgre village**

### 3. Bamboo Forest in Chidekgre Village & It's Management

#### 3.1. Bamboo Resource Inventory

The bamboo inventory in Chidekgre village was conducted to assess the available bamboo resources and inform sustainable harvesting plans. The process began with the identification of bamboo forest boundaries by Village Community Facilitators (VCFs), followed by the preparation of GIS-based maps. Using a stratified random sampling method and Probability Proportional to Size (PPS) approach, 30m x 30m sample plots were established across bamboo-dense areas. Trained VCFs collected data from these plots, including the number of clumps and culms, culm age and diameter, species identification, and green biomass measurements. Only mature culms (typically 3 - 4 years old) were considered for sustainable harvest estimates. The collected data was validated and analyzed by district and state-level teams to determine the sustainably harvestable yield and prepare a village-level bamboo resource inventory. This inventory forms the scientific basis for the management and harvesting guidelines outlined in the forest management plan (Annexure IV). This data will guide sustainable harvesting and ongoing management.

**Table 2: Bamboo Resource Inventory Results**

Sl. No.	Name of Bamboo Species	Estimated Number of Culms	Green Weight (in tonnes)	Dry Weight (in tonnes)
1	<i>Bambusa jaintiana</i>	449	2	1
2	<i>Bambusa vulgaris</i>	5587	92	35
3	<i>Gigantochloa macrostachya</i>	4024	69	33
	<b>Subtotal of CF (A)</b>	<b>10060</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>69</b>
4	<i>Melocanna baccifera</i>	272263	1672	652
	<b>Subtotal of NCF (B)</b>	<b>272263</b>	<b>1672</b>	<b>652</b>
	<b>Total (A+B)</b>	<b>282323</b>	<b>1834</b>	<b>721</b>

#### 3.1.1. Clump density in the forest

**Table 3: Clump density in the forest**

1	Estimated number of clumps in the forest	547
2	Number of clumps per ha	11
3	Average size of clumps (Sq. m)	59.51
4	Average spacing between the clumps (m)	30.50

As evident from the above tables the clump density per hectare is low (only 11 per ha). Therefore, there is a scope for planting more bamboo seedlings in the inter clump spaces, for improving the stocking and overall yield. It is proposed that the number of clumps in the forest will be increased by 10108 in the next 3 years by planting approximately 3369 bamboo seedlings per year. Clump density after improved stocking will then rise to nearly 200 clumps per hectare.

### 3.1.2. Sustainably Harvestable Bamboo

Based on bamboo resource inventory data, the quantity of harvestable bamboo is estimated by considering the maturity of culms, the harvesting cycle and conservation factor taking into account uncertainty in the future yield. As given in the table above, the quantity of sustainably harvestable bamboo from the bamboo forest of Chidekgre Village is 721 tonnes per year. Normally, 3 - 4 years old culms are selected for harvest to ensure sustainability and regeneration. Estimation of sustainably harvestable yield has been done taking harvesting cycle as 4 years. A conservation factor of 0.8 has also been used to make all allowance for unforeseen events like fire, damage due to storms etc.

**Table 4: Sustainably harvestable yield**

Current Harvestable yield (annually)	721 tonnes per year
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**Table 5: Projected sustainable harvestable yield after the improved stocking**

Harvestable Yield (Calculated after planting of 200 seedlings per ha to increase stocking)	6823 tonnes per year
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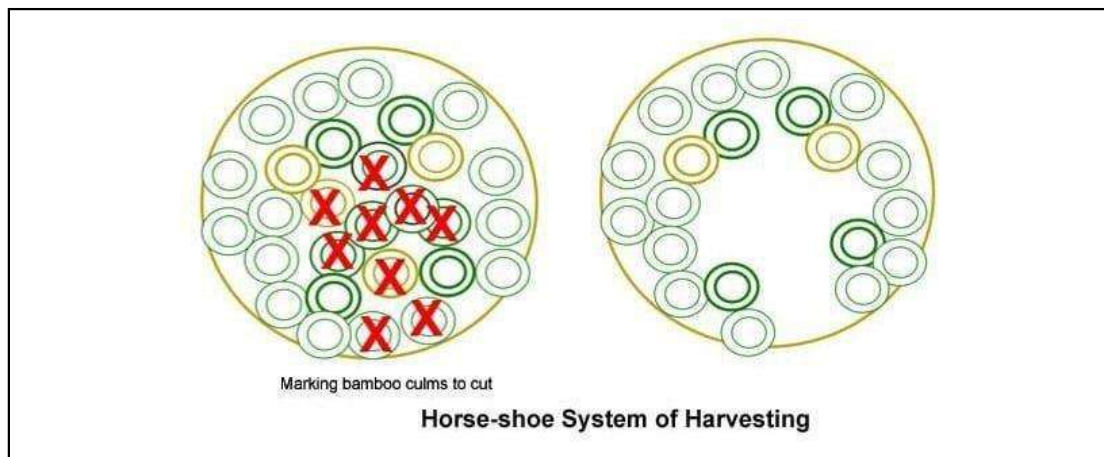
### 3.1.3. Silvicultural System

The silvicultural system for bamboo in Chidekgre follows a clump management approach focused on selective culm harvesting to promote healthy regeneration. Only mature culms (3–4 years old) are harvested, retaining younger ones to support growth. The horse-shoe method has been prescribed for the extraction of culms which also ensures regular cleaning of dead or congested culms and thus ensures clump vitality. This system enhances natural regeneration, improves yield, and supports long-term sustainability aligned with the FSC standards.

### 3.1.4. Guidelines for Harvesting of Bamboo

Species such as *Bambusa vulgaris*, *Bambusa jaintiana* and *Melocanna baccifera* are monitored for density, and culm condition. Only 3-4 years old culms are harvested for sustainability.

- (i) Harvesting must follow the "Horse-shoe" method, starting from the inner part of the clump and moving outward as depicted in Fig. 3.
- (ii) Only mature culms (3 - 4 years old) should be harvested; younger culms and those under 4 cm in diameter should be retained.
- (iii) Retain at least 6 culms per clump for regeneration, and avoid removing more than 50% of culms in one go.
- (iv) Diseased or drying culms must be removed to prevent fire hazard.
- (v) Culms must be cut low from the ground just above the first node (30 cm above ground) to avoid rot.
- (vi) Cutting around the periphery is discouraged to prevent imbalance in clump growth.
- (vii) Use sharp tools, and consider introducing thin-bladed saws for clean cuts.
- (viii) Avoid harvesting during the rainy season to protect emerging shoots.



**Figure 3: Horse-shoe system of harvesting**

- (ix) While harvesting the culms, the persons engaged in the task should use appropriate protective gears like helmet, thick rubber gloves, gumboots etc.
- (x) Care should be taken while extracting culms in such a way that rhizome structure is not damaged.

This method involves cutting select culms in a semi-circular pattern within the clump while retaining support culms on the periphery, ensuring structural balance and regeneration support (Annexure V).

### **3.2. Other Management Prescriptions**

- (i) Community members will maintain a record of bamboo harvesting done from the forest in a Bamboo control form given at the Annexure VI.
- (ii) When bamboo is harvested, care should be taken that the cut and bundled culms are removed in such a manner that the extraction process does not cause any damage to the soil and biodiversity. The culms should preferably be removed by

carrying manually on shoulder or using small wheeled carts.

- (iii) The progress of the implementation of the Bamboo Forest Management Plan will be monitored in terms of the following parameters.

Sl. No.	Parameters/Observation	Periodicity
a.	Occurrence of forest fire	six monthly
b.	Number of culms harvested	quarterly
c.	Number of bamboo seedling planted	six monthly
d.	Weeding/cleaning carried out in the forest	six monthly

- (iv) For the purpose of adaptive management observations on certain parameters will be recorded.

Sl. No.	Parameters/Observation	Periodicity
a.	Any pathological infestation	six monthly
b.	Any entomological infestation	six monthly
c.	Premature dying/splitting of bamboo culms	quarterly

- (v) The resource inventory information presented in the section 3.1 shows that clump density in the forest is 11 per hectare only which is low. To improve the stocking of bamboo in the forest, it is proposed to carry out planting of bamboo seedlings of species like *Melocanna baccifera*, *Bambusa jaintiana* and *Bambusa vulgaris* in the inter-clump spacing. It is proposed to plant 10108 bamboo seedlings in the next 3 years.
- (vi) It is prescribed that genetically modified planting material will not be used for the enrichment planting.
- (vii) Use of chemical fertilizers should be avoided. In the rare circumstances even if it has to be used, only the bare minimum quantity of any chemical fertilizers should be used.
- (viii) However organic fertilizers and bio-pesticides maybe used in the plantations/ forest as and when required.
- (ix) Use of Biological Control Agents should be avoided. In the rare circumstances even if it has to be used, only the bare minimum quantity of any biological control agents should be used.
- (x) Only native species of bamboo will be planted for regeneration and improving standing of the bamboo clumps (Annexure VII & VIII).

### 3.3. Bamboo Forest Health

Regular observations will be undertaken to detect any insect or fungal infection on the bamboo clumps. In case such infections are noticed spray of suitable insecticides

/fungicides preferably the herbal preparations will be done and affected culm will be removed. The BFMC should contact nearest Forest Department Office for appropriate treatment of the disease, BFMC members may also contact DFO, Silviculture Division, in Shillong for this purpose.

### **3.4. Invasive Species**

Invasive species have a tendency to encroach bamboo forest lands and by doing so they suppress growth and regeneration of the native species in early stages. Spread of invasive species is damaging to Bamboo Forest and biodiversity. Dried biomass of invasive species becomes fire hazard. The BFMC therefore will organize drives for eradication of such invasive plants by uprooting or cutting them by involving community members at least twice in a year. The invasive species present in the area are *Chromolaena odorata*, *Mikania micrantha*, *Bidens pilosa*, *Ageratum conyzoides*, *Scorparia dulcis*, *Lantana camara* and *Euphorbia birta*.

### **3.5. Soil**

The bamboo plantation area in Chidekgre village has loamy soil, which is well-drained, moderately fertile, and suitable for bamboo growth. To maintain soil health, organic matter will be added regularly, mulching will be practiced to retain moisture, and erosion control measures such as contour planting will be applied on slopes. Periodic soil monitoring will guide nutrient management to ensure sustainable bamboo production.

### **3.6. Water Quality / Riparian Habitat**

Two perennial springs (Songitcham & Marakka) are available within the bamboo forest area. These springs provide a reliable year-round water source for bamboo maintenance and nursery activities. Water quality is generally good, with clear flow and no visible signs of contamination. Regular monitoring is recommended to ensure continued quality and sustainability. The BFMC will take all measures to protect existing water bodies within the forest. It will also ensure that riparian zones are well protected within the forest (if any) or in the vicinity. Care will be taken not to disturb course of water in the streams and rivers passing through the community forest (Annexure VIII). On 30 meters of either side of the rivers/ streams, the group member will ensure that the vegetation in any form is not uprooted or damaged. The group member will also ensure that the bank of the rivers/ streams are not eroded. Drainage map of Chidekgre village can be found in Fig. 6.

### **3.7. Biodiversity**

BFMC members will ensure that the existing biodiversity in the forest is fully protected. (Annexure IX). Special care will be taken of rare, endangered and threatened plants.

Areas where such plants are growing will be delineated by way of small bamboo fencing. The BFMC will also ensure that no damage is done to the native ecosystem by any practice prescribed for bamboo management (Annexure VII & VIII). It is worth mentioning that there is no high conservation value (HCV) forest within or in the vicinity of the village.

### 3.8. Wildlife Habitat

Only stray incidents of small animals like porcupine, jungle cats, squirrels, langur, wild boar and monkey are reported. The bamboo forest otherwise does not have other wild animals. Among the bird species, the common ones found in the forest are owl, pigeons and bulbul. It is recommended that all the wildlife species as scheduled under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, should be preserved. Being protected under the law, killing and harming them is a punishable offence under the WP Act, 1972. It should be the collective responsibility of the villagers under the watch of the BFMC (Bamboo Forest Management Committee) members to monitor all wildlife species including birds, reptiles, mammals. In case BFMC comes to know about any person having committed any offence by killing or harming the wild animals, then it is the duty of the BFMC to immediately report the matter to the nearest Forest Department official. The BFMC should be particularly watchful for the hunters/poachers from outside the village. Contact numbers of the concerned F&E Department officials are given in the table below:

**Table 6: Contact details of Wildlife Officials**

Designation	Contact Number	Email ID
PCCF (Biodiversity & Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Shillong	0364-2227311 (F), 0364-2226460	<a href="mailto:wildlifeinfoeght@yahoo.com">wildlifeinfoeght@yahoo.com</a> <a href="mailto:pccfmeqh@gmail.com">pccfmeqh@gmail.com</a>
Divisional Forest Officer, Wildlife	03651-295558	<a href="mailto:dfotura@rediffmail.com">dfotura@rediffmail.com</a>

### 3.9. High Conservation Value (HCV)

There are no High Conservation Value (HCV) species (floral and faunal) or features in the management area in the village or its vicinity. Absence of HCV has been confirmed by the following two processes:

- After carrying out mapping of the area using satellite imagery, the sample plot-based observations were taken in a scientific manner. While doing the sampling-based observation, no HCV was observed.
- A consultation was held with the village community members and also the concerned Forest Department Officials and District Council Forest Official, specifically enquiring

about HCV plants or animal species or any other features of conservation significance. The consultation revealed that there is no HCV in the area.

- To confirm it further, transect survey was also done in the forest, village and vicinity along with the community members.
- Literature survey has also not indicated presence of any HCV in the area.

### **3.10. Forest Fire Protection**

The BFMC members will ensure that the bamboo forest is well protected from forest fires. The community members will take due care, especially in the fire season by patrolling and creating fire lines, removing inflammable dry biomass from the forest floor. Clearance of dry biomass on the periphery will be undertaken before the onset of fire season i.e. November to December. BFMC will also create awareness in the whole village for taking all precautions to prevent forest fires.

### **3.11. Environmental Protection**

The Bamboo Forest Management Plan (BFMP) will also take care of other environmental concerns. It will be ensured that activities under BFMP do not cause adverse environmental impacts in the land and water bodies in the vicinity of bamboo forest. Fire protection measures like creation and maintenance of fire line, removal of inflammable dry biomass and patrolling in the sensitive areas, will be part of the BFMP duties. BFMC will also organize awareness campaigns for environmental protection and fire risk reduction. Environmental protection activities will also include prevention of river/ stream pollution, plastic pollution and soil erosion.

### **3.12. Site Access, Road & Trails**

Current access is via earthen road from the village. Trails are narrow and steep. Improvement of trails through graveling and culvert installations will be undertaken in due course of time to ensure year-round access to the forest for harvesting and patrolling while preventing erosion and waterlogging.

### **3.13. Diversifying Bamboo based Economy**

Initially the focus of the bamboo forest management will be on producing bamboo culms in a sustainable and environment friendly manner. Gradually, steps will also be taken to diversify bamboo-based enterprises in the village by procuring basic bamboo processing machines and imparting training to the bamboo craftsmen. This will generate more income to the community members by selling value-added products like slivers, agarbatti sticks, treated culms, handicrafts etc.

## 4. Monitoring

### 4.1 Management activities and condition of management units

BFMC will be responsible for management activities as per the following tables:

**Table 7: Monitoring of management activities**

Sl. No	Monitoring	Frequency	Remarks
1	Growing stock	Annual	Measurement of volume, density, and growth compared to previous data.
2	Protection from forest fire	Annual	By recording incident of fire and area burnt
3	Survival percentage of seedlings planted	Annual	By actual count
4	Soil health	Annual	Visual observation
5	Invasive species	Annual	Identifying invasive species in any area affected by them.

### 4.2 Social & Environmental Impacts

The bamboo forest Committee (BFMC) will record and review these indicators periodically to ensure equity and sustainable livelihood benefits for the community as per the following tables:

**Table 8 : Monitoring of Social & Environmental Impacts**

Sl. No	Monitoring	Frequency	Remarks
1	Income generated from bamboo and related activities	Annual	Average annual income
2	Income generated from bamboo and related activities	Annual	Per household
3	Employment opportunities created for community members	Annual	Actual number
4	Participation of local stakeholders, including women and SHGs, in forest management activities	Annual	Actual number
5	Safety	Annual	Incidence of injury, if any
6	Disturbance to biodiversity	Annual	Observation by transect survey

7	Plastic pollution	Annual	Number of plastic materials observed during transect survey
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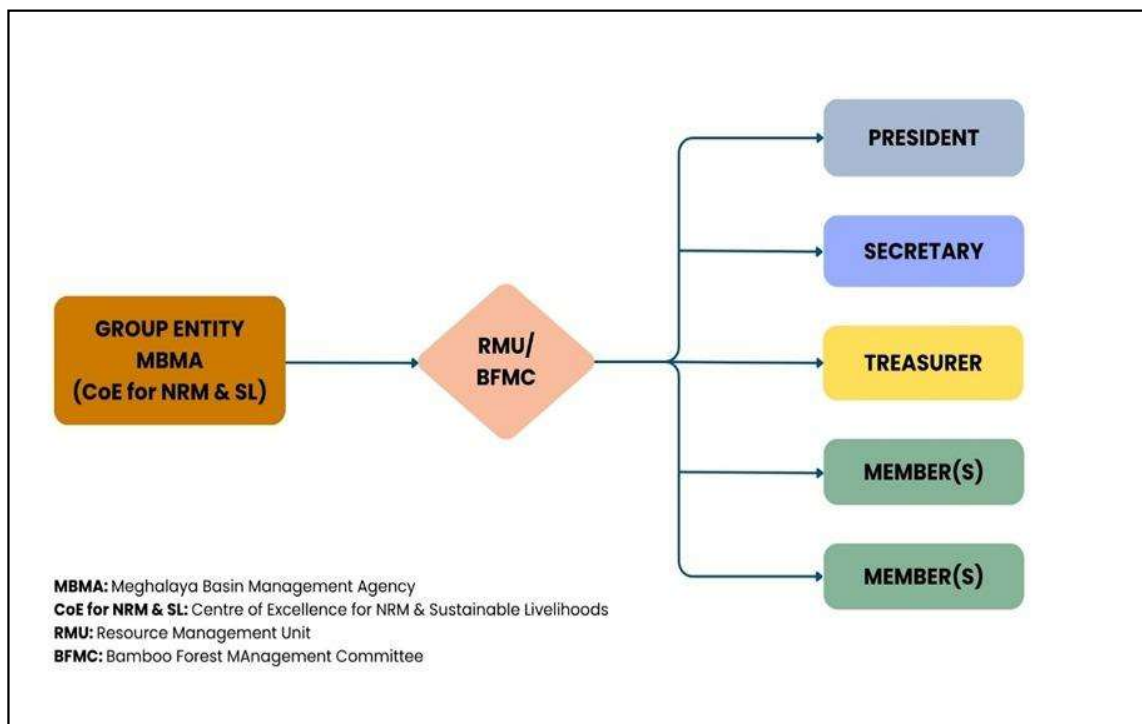
**Table 9 : Record Keeping of all the FSC Products Sold**

Sl. No	Bamboo culms number		Date of sale	Name of Purchaser	Address of Purchaser	Remarks
	Species	Number				

## 5. Roles and Responsibilities

The Group Entity acts as the central administrative body holding the group certificate on behalf of the Resource Management Units (RMUs), responsible for ensuring all group members comply with FSC Forest Management standards.

Resource Management Unit (RMU)/ Bamboo Forest Management Committee (BFMC) acts as a body that acts as body that has ownership rights over the bamboo forests and is also responsible for managing the overall resource for the process of certification. The highest level of decision-making in the village is the Nokma, heading the Village Council. For bamboo forest management activities, the Village Council will form a Bamboo Forest Management Committee (BFMC). A Group Member in the FSC certification scheme is an individual who is part of a larger group holding a single, shared certificate. The Individual member retains specific responsibilities to ensure compliance with FSC principles.



**Figure 4: Structure of the Organization**

## **5.1 Group Entity: Centre of Excellence (NRM & SL), MBMA**

Key responsibilities of the Group Entity include:

- Develop the framework and maintain written procedures for membership, covering organizational structure, eligibility, and withdrawal/ suspension.
- Maintain written procedures for managing the group and a public policy of commitment to FSC Principles and Criteria.
- Ensure sufficient human and technical resources to manage the group, including defining the maximum number of members.
- Provide members with documentation, including the FSC standard, group rules, an explanation of the certification process, and cost structure.
- Identify training needs and provide training and communication strategies to help members implement FSC standards.
- Act as the primary contact for the certification body, FSC, and ASI when required.
- Implement a documented monitoring system to ensure continued compliance with FSC standards.
- Conduct regular (at least annual) on-site monitoring visits to a sample of group members.
- Issue corrective action for non-compliances identified during internal audits and monitor their implementation.
- Maintain up-to-date group records for at least five years, including member lists, consent forms, training records, maps, and monitoring reports.
- Implement a system for tracking and tracing forest products from group members to ensure non-certified material is not mixed with FSC-certified products.
- Provide consent for trading of bamboo when all criteria have been met by RMUs.
- Verify the credibility and authenticity of the buyer before issuing the consent.
- Approve use of the FSC trademark for RMUs working with the certification body.
- Ensure invoices for FSC-certified material are issued correctly and filed by members.
- Evaluate every applicant to ensure compliance with standards before adding them to the group.
- Ensure all actors within the group understand their responsibilities.

- The group entity holds the certificate and ensures that no confusing or incorrect certificates are issued to members.

## **5.2 Resource Management Unit (RMU)/ Bamboo Forest Management Committee (BFMC)**

A body that has ownership rights over the bamboo forest(s) and is also responsible for managing the overall resource.

- The primary responsibility of an RMU is to implement centralized, homogeneous, and sustainable forest management on behalf of members, ensuring compliance with FSC Principles and Criteria.
- Ensure that their management units are not included in any other FSC certificate.
- Implementing, and keeping up-to-date management plans for all units in the RMU/BFMC.
- The RMU must take control over key management activities, including harvesting, planting, and silvicultural practices, to ensure they meet FSC standards and are consistent with sustainable forest management practices.
- Implementing a documented, regular (annual) monitoring and internal audit system to verify that management units continue to comply with FSC requirements.
- Establishing a tracking system to ensure that non-certified material is not mixed with FSC-certified material, and that all bamboo can be traced from the forest to the point of first sale.
- Ensuring all forest workers and community members operating in the RMU receive necessary training, supervision, and safety protection.
- Maintain records of forest management activities, including harvest volumes, planting, and sales of FSC-certified material, for at least five years.
- Actively engaging with local communities and other affected parties to identify and resolve conflicts over tenure, use rights, and management impacts.

## **5.3 Group Member**

A Group Member in the FSC certification scheme is an individual that is part of a larger group holding a single, shared certificate. The individual member retains specific responsibilities to ensure compliance with FSC principles (Annexure X).

The responsibilities of an FSC group member generally include:

- Implement the relevant FSC requirements within their own forest management unit.

- Follow the written procedures, guidelines, and rules established by the Group Entity.
- Sign a declaration of consent committing to FSC principles and authorizing the Group Entity to manage the certification on their behalf.
- He/ She will be responsible for implementing all the prescriptions given in the Bamboo Forest Management Plan (BFMP).
- Utilize the tracking system defined by the Group Entity to ensure non-certified material is not mixed with FSC-certified material.
- Participate in internal monitoring visits conducted by the Group Entity (usually annually).
- Cooperate with the third-party certification body during their evaluation of the group, which includes allowing site access to auditors.
- Implement necessary corrective actions for any non-conformities identified during internal or external audits.
- Use of the FSC trademark and logo only with the prior approval of the Group Entity and the certification body.
- Ensure all sales invoices for FSC-certified material contain the required information (including the group certificate code).
- Attend training activities and familiarise themselves with the FSC standards and group procedures provided by the group manager.

#### **5.4 President**

- The President has overall responsibility for ensuring conformity with forest management certification standards and group rules.
- He/ She oversees all operational forest management activities (e.g., planting, harvesting) within the RMU to ensure they meet certification standards.
- Maintains all necessary documentation, implements internal monitoring, and tracks conformance with the group certification standard.
- The President identifies training needs and records/ closes out any non-conformities found during internal or external audits.
- He/ She serves as the key contact between group members, group auditors, and the certification body.
- In some cases, he/ she will be responsible for training, evaluating, and supervising work within the group.

## **5.5 Secretary**

- Maintains secure, organized records of all certification applications, assessments, and decisions, ensuring they are available for audits.
- Files and manages all committee correspondence, reports, and official documents.
- Liaises with the President to convene meetings, prepare agendas and schedules meetings well in advance.
- Records accurate minutes, documenting discussions, motions, and decisions made regarding certification.
- Circulates meeting materials, agenda items, and minutes to group members.
- Ensures the RMUs/ BFMCs certification activities align with governing documents, legal requirements, and industry standards.
- Responds to queries regarding the certification process, procedures, and status.
- Prepares annual reports or updates on certification activities.
- Communicates certification decisions to stakeholders and ensures follow-up actions are completed.
- Assists in auditing and verifying the accuracy of certification documents before final approval.

## **5.6 Treasurer**

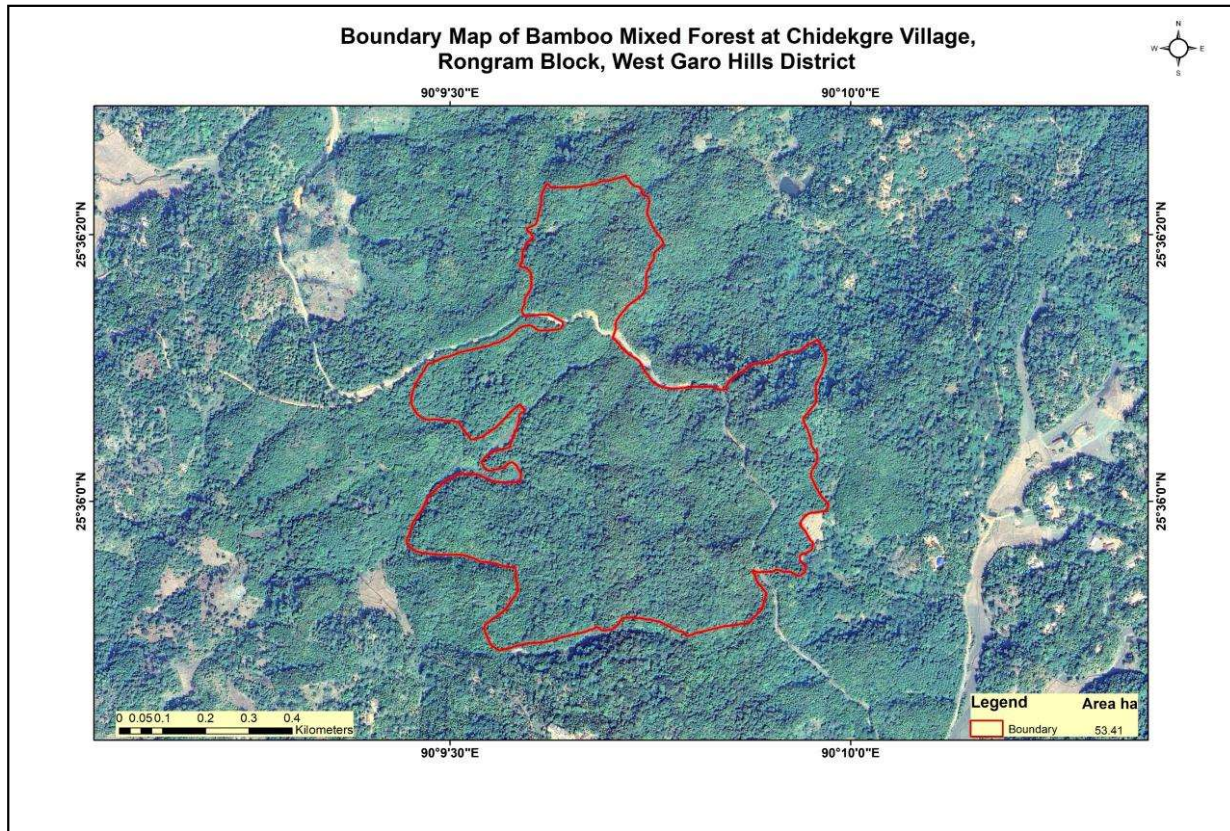
- Manage bank account of the RMU and ensure funds are deposited in the Bank correctly.
- Provide regular, accurate financial updates to the committee regarding income, expenses, and cash flow, highlighting any budgetary deviations.
- Maintain up-to-date, detailed financial records, including receipts, invoices, and bank statements, ensuring they are prepared for annual audits or legal requirements.
- Authorization of payments whenever required.
- Asset management.
- The Treasurer should have a grounded understanding of budgeting, accounting practices, and financial reporting.

## 5.7 Maps

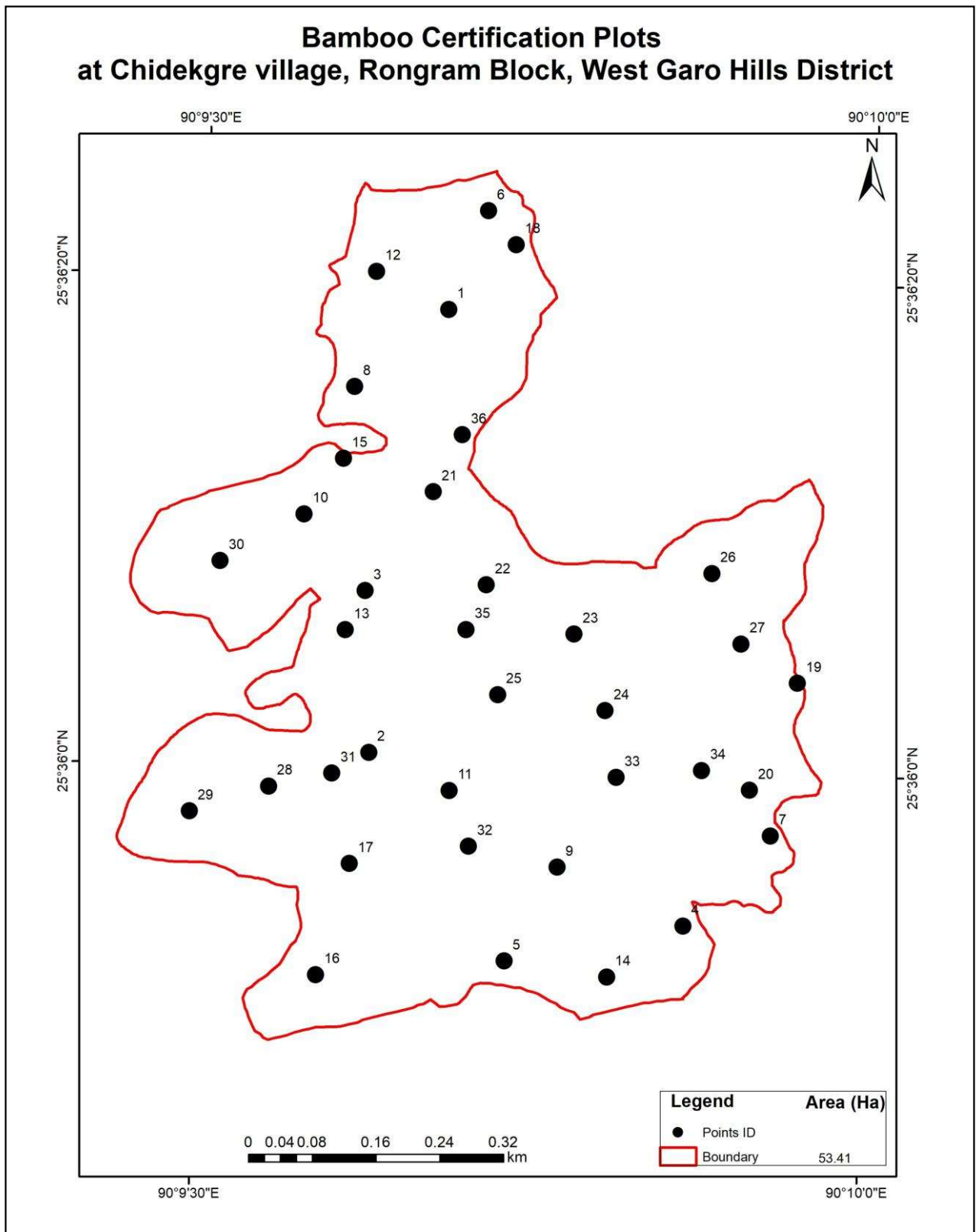
Fig 4: Satellite image showing the bamboo forest boundary.

Fig 5: Distribution map of inventory sample plots.

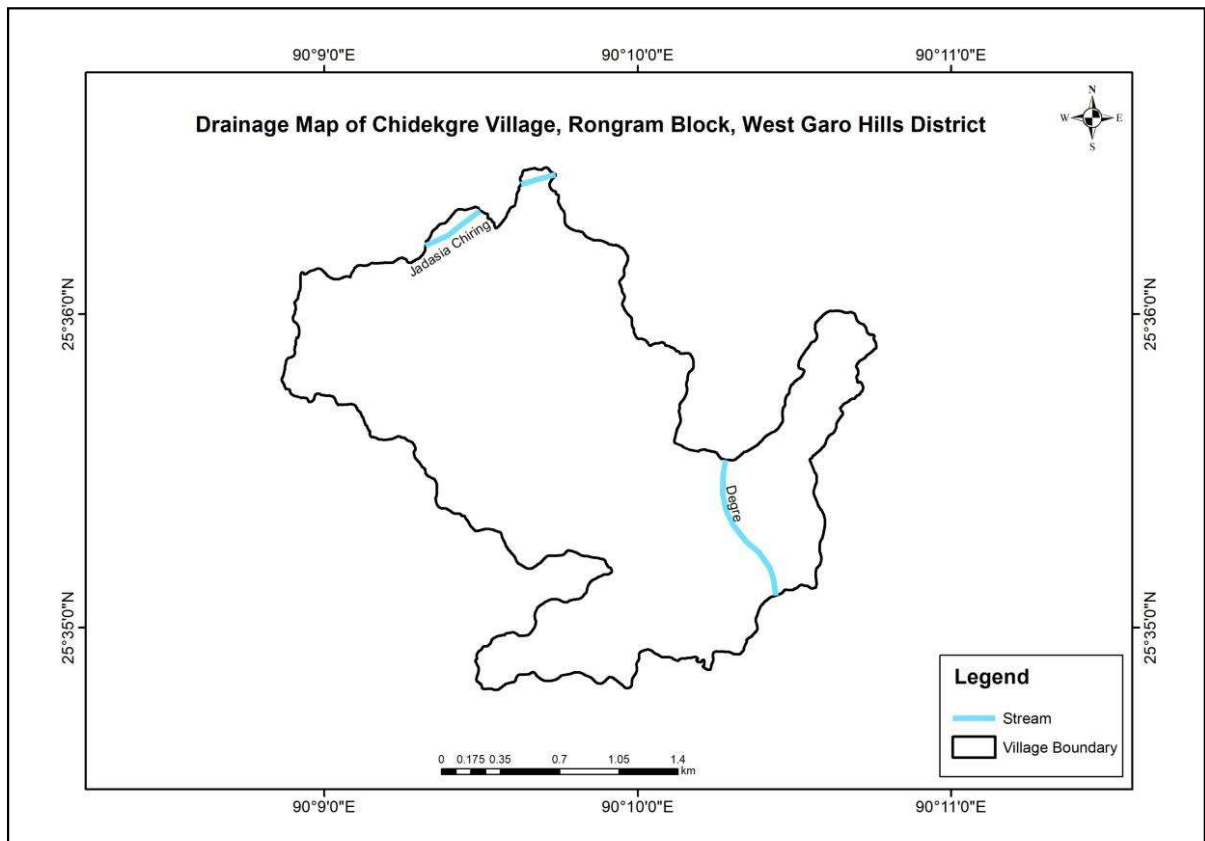
Fig 6: Drainage map of Chidekgre village



**Figure 5: Satellite image overlaid with boundary of bamboo forest**



**Figure 6: Bamboo Forest map showing the location of sample plots**



**Figure 7: Drainage Map of Chidekgre Village**



**Figure 8: Bamboo resource inventory exercise at Chidekgre village**

## Resolution

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025  
Village: Chidekgre Village  
Block: Rongram C & RD block  
District: West Garo Hills District, Meghalaya

In a meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025, the Village Council (Nokma) along with other stakeholders discussed and passed the resolution in connection with sustainable bamboo forest management and certification which are as follows: -

### 1. Formation of Village Bamboo Management Committee (VBMC):

The Nokma hereby expresses its willingness and commitment to manage bamboo forests sustainably by forming a **Village Bamboo Management Committee (VBMC)**.

The VBMC will consist of 5 members:

- o 1 President
- o 1 Secretary
- o 4 Executive Members (including at least 2 female members)

Members will be representatives from the village households, Self Help Groups (SHGs), and bamboo-based enterprise if any.

The committee shall be entrusted with the responsibility to:

- a) Ensure sustainable management of bamboo forest according to the approved Bamboo Forest Management Plan.
- b) Oversee and coordinate all bamboo-related management and certification activities in the Village.
- c) Collaborate & cooperate with the facilitating agency, government departments, and certification bodies.
- d) Ensure transparent decision-making and equitable benefit-sharing from bamboo resources.

### 2. Commitment to Environmental Safeguards:

The Nokma and VBMC commit to adhere to the principles of environmental and social safeguards, including:

- i. Avoidance of adverse impacts on biodiversity, water sources, and ecological balance.
- ii. Promotion of practices that align with **climate resilience, ecosystem restoration, and carbon sequestration goals**.
- iii. Take all measures to prevent forest fires, if forest fires take place, then make all efforts to control the same at the earliest.
- iv. Any bamboo based enterprise/industry established in the Village should not cause air, water, or sound pollution. There should not be discharge of any harmful chemicals/ substances to the water or soil.

**3. Commitment to Social Safeguard:**

- i. Protection of the traditional and cultural rights of all community members.
- ii. Ensuring inclusive participation of **vulnerable groups like women, and people with disabilities** in decision-making and benefit-sharing.
- iii. Women will be given equal representation in the activities of bamboo management, *utilization enterprise etc.*
- iv. VBMC will ensure equitable sharing of benefits from bamboo forest or its utilization.

**4. Creating Awareness**

- i. The VBMC will mobilise community members about the importance of bamboo management, rule and regulation laid out by the them, certification, and its benefits in the village.
- ii. Fire safety tips.
- iii. Sustainable bamboo harvesting.
- iv. Environmental and Ecology

**5. Free, prior and informed consent (EPIC)**

All the community members of the Chidekgre village have been explained about the objectives and management activities, including certification. All their queries have also been answered to their satisfaction. All this was done in the meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at Chidekgre village. At the end of the meeting, the community members offer their consent to the bamboo management initiatives in the village and also to the certification.

*Ronal B. Mosak*

Signature  
Headman  
Chidekgre

*Romeo A. Sangma*

Signature  
Secretary  
Chidekgre

*Magdaline A. Sangma*

Signature  
Treasurer  
Chidekgre

List of participants present in the stakeholder meeting with Chidekgre Village Council held on the 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2025

Sl. No.	Name	Male/ Female	Designation	Signature
1	Romeo A Sangma	M	Secretary	R. Sangma
2	Sergony Marak	M	President	S. Marak
3	Jangnam A. Sangma	M	General member	J. Sangma
4	Magdaline A. Sangma	F	Treasurer	M.A.S.
5	Sillang A. Sangma	M	General member	S. Sangma
6	Mancheng A. Sangma	M	General member	M. Sangma
7	Dajak R. Marak	M	General member	D. Marak
8	Marcush A. Sangma	M	General member	P. Marak
9	Presbaline M. Marak	F	E.C. Member	P. Marak
10	Retta B Marak	M	E.C. member	Retta Marak
11	Rajend Ch. Marak	M	General member	R. Marak
12	Cicelia R. Marak	F	General member	C. Marak
13	Dikehira R. Marak	F	General member	D. Marak
14	Jengrah L. Marak	F	General member	J. Marak
15	Sanne R. Marak	F	General member	S. R. Marak
16	Rami A. Sangma	F	General member	R. Sangma
17	Lonal B. Marak	M	Headman	R. B. Marak
18	Mingban A. Sangma	M	General member	M. Sangma
19	Chengraug. Marak	M	BPM, Group 2	C. Marak
20	Noeijing B. Marak	F	P.A, Group 2	N. Marak
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**Stakeholder Consultation for bamboo Forest Management Plan in Chidegre village on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025**



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SELF-DECLARATION OF COMMITMENT TO FSC PRINCIPLES AND CRITERIA

I Catherine M. Marak, the undersigned smallholder, hereby declare my long-term commitment to adhere to the FSC Principles and Criteria, and to comply with the relevant FSC Policies and Standards within my Management Unit.

By voluntarily participating in the FSC certification process, I confirm my intent to manage my forest resources responsibly, in accordance with the values and guidelines set forth by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC). This includes environmental stewardship, social responsibility, and economic viability as outlined in the FSC system.

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This declaration affirms that I understand and accept the obligations and benefits of being part of the FSC system, and that I will continue to operate in conformity with its requirements.

Name of Smallholder: Catherine M. Marak

Location of Management Unit: Chidergere

Signature: C. Marak

Contact Information: 9366071255

ID Proof Details: 7ST 0100263

Date: 14/05/2026

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
I Dik Chira R. Marak, the undersigned smallholder, hereby declare my long-term commitment to adhere to the FSC Principles and Criteria, and to comply with the relevant FSC Policies and Standards within my Management Unit.

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Name of Smallholder: Dik Chira R Marak  
Location of Management Unit: Chidekqhe  
Signature:   
Contact Information: 8837016212  
ID Proof Details: TST0145953  
Date: 14-05-2026

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I Feristha R Manak, the undersigned smallholder, hereby declare my long-term commitment to adhere to the FSC Principles and Criteria, and to comply with the relevant FSC Policies and Standards within my Management Unit.

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Name of Smallholder: Feristha R Manak

Location of Management Unit: Chidekque

Signature: 

Contact Information: 9366582658

ID Proof Details: ERIC CARD (TST01 34619)

Date: 14-05-2026

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I Joel R manak, the undersigned smallholder, hereby declare my long-term commitment to adhere to the FSC Principles and Criteria, and to comply with the relevant FSC Policies and Standards within my Management Unit.

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Name of Smallholder: Joel R manak  
Location of Management Unit: Chidekye  
Signature: [Signature]  
Contact Information: 6009672122  
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Date: 14/05/2026

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I Magdaline A. Sangma the undersigned smallholder, hereby declare my long-term commitment to adhere to the FSC Principles and Criteria, and to comply with the relevant FSC Policies and Standards within my Management Unit.

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Name of Smallholder: Magdaline A. Sangma  
Location of Management Unit: Chidekgre  
Signature: Magdaline  
Contact Information: 9863201585  
ID Proof Details: 9CY0666354  
Date: 14-05-2026

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I Romas A Sangma, the undersigned smallholder, hereby declare my long-term commitment to adhere to the FSC Principles and Criteria, and to comply with the relevant FSC Policies and Standards within my Management Unit.

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Name of Smallholder: Romas A Sangma

Location of Management Unit: Chadokgre

Signature: Romas

Contact Information: 700 50 93284

ID Proof Details: TST0040048

Date: 14/05/2026

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I Retta B. Manak, the undersigned smallholder, hereby declare my long-term commitment to adhere to the FSC Principles and Criteria, and to comply with the relevant FSC Policies and Standards within my Management Unit.

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Name of Smallholder: Retta B. Manak

Location of Management Unit: Chidalgue

Signature: Retta

Contact Information: 9863322187

ID Proof Details: 9CY05H4692

Date: 14/05/2025

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I Sengsang Ch Marhak, the undersigned smallholder, hereby declare my long-term commitment to adhere to the FSC Principles and Criteria, and to comply with the relevant FSC Policies and Standards within my Management Unit.

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Name of Smallholder: Sengsang Ch. Marhak  
Location of Management Unit: Chidekque  
Signature:   
Contact Information: EPIC CARD (600 9400689)  
ID Proof Details: TST0051904  
Date: 14/05/2026

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I Semilla A Sangma, the undersigned smallholder, hereby declare my long-term commitment to adhere to the FSC Principles and Criteria, and to comply with the relevant FSC Policies and Standards within my Management Unit.

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Name of Smallholder: Semilla A Sangma  
Location of Management Unit: Chidekgre  
Signature: Bma  
Contact Information: 6009546699  
ID Proof Details: EPIC (GICY0544791)  
Date: 14/05/2026

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I Phillipson R Marak, the undersigned smallholder, hereby declare my long-term commitment to adhere to the FSC Principles and Criteria, and to comply with the relevant FSC Policies and Standards within my Management Unit.

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
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Name of Smallholder: Phillipson R Marak

Location of Management Unit: Chidekge

Signature: 

Contact Information: 8787658744

ID Proof Details: EPIC (610Y0546416)

Date: 14/05/2026

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Name of Smallholder: Dinan Ch. Marak

Location of Management Unit: Chidekru

Signature: Dinan Ch. Marak

Contact Information: 600963777

ID Proof Details: EPIC (9CY0515445)

Date: 14/05/2026

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I Ronal B. Masah, the undersigned smallholder, hereby declare my long-term commitment to adhere to the FSC Principles and Criteria, and to comply with the relevant FSC Policies and Standards within my Management Unit.

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Name of Smallholder: Ronal B. Masah

Location of Management Unit: Chedekgre

Signature: RAO

Contact Information: 7005398061

ID Proof Details: (EPIC) G1CY0544809

Date: 14-05-2026

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I Rajend Ch. Mahak, the undersigned smallholder, hereby declare my long-term commitment to adhere to the FSC Principles and Criteria, and to comply with the relevant FSC Policies and Standards within my Management Unit.

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Name of Smallholder: Rajend Ch. Mahak

Location of Management Unit: Chiderghe

Signature: [Signature]

Contact Information: 9366626381

ID Proof Details: TS10087429

Date: 14-05-2026

## Judicial System in the Garo District : The Rules of 1953

Detailed provisions as to the judicial system of the Garo District are contained in the Rules called the Garo Hills Autonomous District (Administration of Justice) Rules, 1953 (hereinafter referred to as Rules) dealing with the administration of justice in that district. Topic-wise discussion of the position follows.

### Constitution of Village Councils

In the Garo District, there is a Village Council for each village within the jurisdiction of the District Council. Each Village Council is to be composed of—

- (a) the *lasker*<sup>1</sup> of the village, to be recognised by the District Council.
- (b) elders, half of whom shall be nominated by the executive committee and the other half elected by the adult members of the village, the number of elders for each Village Council being determined by the District Council.<sup>2</sup>

There is a president and a vice-president of each Village Council. The president and the vice-president shall be elected by the members of the Council from amongst themselves, by a majority of votes.<sup>3</sup>

Every Village Council has a life of five years from the date of its first meeting, unless dissolved earlier by the District Council.<sup>4</sup>

### Constitution of courts

There are three classes of courts (as specified below) in the areas

1. *Lasker* is an office-holder resembling the village headman.
2. Rule 4.
3. *Ibid.*
4. *Ibid.*



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**PART-IV**

GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA  
LAW (B) DEPARTMENT  
ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR

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**NOTIFICATION**

The 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2015.

No.LL(B)39/2015/21.—The Meghalaya Local Administration (Empowerment of Traditional Institutions, Traditional Bodies and Headmen in Governance and Public Delivery System) Ordinance, 2015 is hereby published for general information.

**MEGHALAYA ORDINANCE NO. 1 OF 2015.**

*Promulgated by the Governor on the 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2015.*

*Published in the Gazette of Meghalaya Extra-Ordinary issue dated 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2015.*

**THE MEGHALAYA LOCAL ADMINISTRATION (EMPOWERMENT OF  
TRADITIONAL INSTITUTIONS, TRADITIONAL BODIES AND HEADMEN IN  
GOVERNANCE AND PUBLIC DELIVERY SYSTEM) ORDINANCE, 2015.**

An

Ordinance

to provide for association of traditional institutions, traditional bodies and headmen in the Government developmental programmes and delivery of public services, wherever required and to the extent necessary, in the interest of public at large and for matters connected therewith.

## Sample Plot Data for Clump-Forming Bamboo

Sl. No.	Block	Village	Plot ID	Latitude	Longitude	Strata Code	Type of Land	Approx. Size of Clump (m)	Species		Number of Culms in different Girth Classes			
									Local Name	Botanical Name	1-15 (cm)	15-30 (cm)	>30 (cm)	Total
1	Rongram	Chidekgre	2	25.600168	90.160544	1	Community	0.78	Wabok	<i>Bambusa jaintiana</i>	16	0	0	16
2	Rongram	Chidekgre	2	25.600168	90.160544	1	Community	2.55	Wabok	<i>Bambusa jaintiana</i>	15	0	0	15
3	Rongram	Chidekgre	8	25.604305	90.160270	1	Community	7.25	Teksra	<i>Gigantochloa macrostachya</i>	26	49	6	81
4	Rongram	Chidekgre	8	25.604305	90.160270	1	Community	6.6	Teksra	<i>Gigantochloa macrostachya</i>	29	40	0	69
5	Rongram	Chidekgre	8	25.604305	90.160270	1	Community	4.55	Teksra	<i>Gigantochloa macrostachya</i>	12	36	0	48
6	Rongram	Chidekgre	10	25.602853	90.159673	1	Community	4.35	Teksra	<i>Gigantochloa macrostachya</i>	4	14	0	18
7	Rongram	Chidekgre	10	25.602853	90.159673	1	Community	5.05	Teksra	<i>Gigantochloa macrostachya</i>	13	19	0	32
8	Rongram	Chidekgre	10	25.602853	90.159673	1	Community	4.05	Teksra	<i>Gigantochloa macrostachya</i>	9	21	0	30
9	Rongram	Chidekgre	26	25.602275	90.164777	1	Community	0.95	Wasit	<i>Bambusa vulgaris</i>	16	4	0	20
10	Rongram	Chidekgre	26	25.602275	90.164777	1	Community	0.5	Wasit	<i>Bambusa vulgaris</i>	10	0	0	10
11	Rongram	Chidekgre	26	25.602275	90.164777	1	Community	0.96	Wasit	<i>Bambusa vulgaris</i>	18	0	0	18
12	Rongram	Chidekgre	26	25.602275	90.164777	1	Community	0.7	Wasit	<i>Bambusa vulgaris</i>	14	2	0	16
13	Rongram	Chidekgre	26	25.602275	90.164777	1	Community	0.5	Wasit	<i>Bambusa vulgaris</i>	15	0	0	15
14	Rongram	Chidekgre	26	25.602275	90.164777	1	Community	0.88	Wasit	<i>Bambusa vulgaris</i>	23	0	0	23

15	Rongram	Chidekgre	26	25.602275	90.164777	1	Community	1.15	Wasit	<i>Bambusa vulgaris</i>	43	0	0	43
16	Rongram	Chidekgre	26	25.602275	90.164777	1	Community	0.6	Wasit	<i>Bambusa vulgaris</i>	7	0	0	7
17	Rongram	Chidekgre	26	25.602275	90.164777	1	Community	2.15	Wasit	<i>Bambusa vulgaris</i>	46	0	0	46
18	Rongram	Chidekgre	26	25.602275	90.164777	1	Community	0.5	Wasit	<i>Bambusa vulgaris</i>	10	0	0	10
19	Rongram	Chidekgre	26	25.602275	90.164777	1	Community	1.05	Wasit	<i>Bambusa vulgaris</i>	17	0	0	17
20	Rongram	Chidekgre	26	25.602275	90.164777	1	Community	0.85	Wasit	<i>Bambusa vulgaris</i>	10	1	0	11
21	Rongram	Chidekgre	26	25.602275	90.164777	1	Community	0.35	Wasit	<i>Bambusa vulgaris</i>	2	0	0	2
22	Rongram	Chidekgre	26	25.602275	90.164777	1	Community	1.2	Wasit	<i>Bambusa vulgaris</i>	16	6	0	22
23	Rongram	Chidekgre	26	25.602275	90.164777	1	Community	0.65	Wasit	<i>Bambusa vulgaris</i>	10	2	0	12
24	Rongram	Chidekgre	26	25.602275	90.164777	1	Community	1.5	Wasit	<i>Bambusa vulgaris</i>	4	6	0	10
25	Rongram	Chidekgre	26	25.602275	90.164777	1	Community	1.75	Wasit	<i>Bambusa vulgaris</i>	17	0	0	17
26	Rongram	Chidekgre	26	25.602275	90.164777	1	Community	0.55	Wasit	<i>Bambusa vulgaris</i>	13	0	0	13
27	Rongram	Chidekgre	26	25.602275	90.164777	1	Community	0.4	Wasit	<i>Bambusa vulgaris</i>	7	0	0	7
28	Rongram	Chidekgre	26	25.602275	90.164777	1	Community	0.4	Wasit	<i>Bambusa vulgaris</i>	8	0	0	8
29	Rongram	Chidekgre	26	25.602275	90.164777	1	Community	1.05	Wasit	<i>Bambusa vulgaris</i>	28	0	0	28
30	Rongram	Chidekgre	26	25.602275	90.164777	1	Community	2.85	Wasit	<i>Bambusa vulgaris</i>	13	8	10	31

### Sample Plot Data for Non-Clump-Forming Bamboo

SI. No.	Block	Village	Plot ID	Latitude	Longitude	Strata	Type of Land	Species		Number of Culm in different Girth Classes			
								Local Name	Botanical Name	1-15 (cm)	15-30 (cm)	>30 (cm)	Total
1	Rongram	Chidekgre	1	25.605201	90.161424	1	Community	Watre	<i>Melocanna baccifera</i>	645	288	0	933
2	Rongram	Chidekgre	2	25.600168	90.160544	1	Community	Watre	<i>Melocanna baccifera</i>	35	43	0	78
3	Rongram	Chidekgre	3	25.601998	90.160454	1	Community	Watre	<i>Melocanna baccifera</i>	220	114	0	334
4	Rongram	Chidekgre	4	25.59865	90.164427	1	Community	Watre	<i>Melocanna baccifera</i>	602	351	0	953
5	Rongram	Chidekgre	5	25.597839	90.162288	1	Community	Watre	<i>Melocanna baccifera</i>	111	28	0	139
6	Rongram	Chidekgre	6	25.606328	90.161894	1	Community	Watre	<i>Melocanna baccifera</i>	238	116	0	354
7	Rongram	Chidekgre	7	25.599167	90.165214	1	Community	Watre	<i>Melocanna baccifera</i>	132	333	0	465
8	Rongram	Chidekgre	8	25.604305	90.160270	1	Community	Watre	<i>Melocanna baccifera</i>	676	382	0	1058
9	Rongram	Chidekgre	9	25.598915	90.162925	1	Community	Watre	<i>Melocanna baccifera</i>	270	228	0	498
10	Rongram	Chidekgre	10	25.602853	90.159673	1	Community	Watre	<i>Melocanna baccifera</i>	382	105	0	487
11	Rongram	Chidekgre	11	25.599756	90.161559	1	Community	Watre	<i>Melocanna baccifera</i>	245	250	0	495
12	Rongram	Chidekgre	12	25.605616	90.160513	1	Community	Watre	<i>Melocanna baccifera</i>	607	378	0	985
13	Rongram	Chidekgre	14	25.597683	90.163572	1	Community	Watre	<i>Melocanna baccifera</i>	83	221	0	304
14	Rongram	Chidekgre	15	25.603490	90.160149	1	Community	Watre	<i>Melocanna baccifera</i>	413	237	0	650
15	Rongram	Chidekgre	16	25.597639	90.159939	1	Community	Watre	<i>Melocanna baccifera</i>	250	97	0	347
16	Rongram	Chidekgre	17	25.598906	90.160330	1	Community	Watre	<i>Melocanna baccifera</i>	540	270	0	810
17	Rongram	Chidekgre	18	25.605951	90.162251	1	Community	Watre	<i>Melocanna baccifera</i>	262	153	0	415
18	Rongram	Chidekgre	19	25.601065	90.165649	1	Community	Watre	<i>Melocanna baccifera</i>	664	261	0	925
19	Rongram	Chidekgre	21	25.603135	90.161277	1	Community	Watre	<i>Melocanna baccifera</i>	623	262	0	885
20	Rongram	Chidekgre	22	25.602092	90.161965	1	Community	Watre	<i>Melocanna baccifera</i>	207	153	0	360

21	Rongram	Chidekgre	23	25.601557	90.163074	1	Community	Watre	<i>Melocanna baccifera</i>	28	46	0	74
22	Rongram	Chidekgre	24	25.600697	90.163480	1	Community	Watre	<i>Melocanna baccifera</i>	149	295	0	444
23	Rongram	Chidekgre	25	25.600852	90.162137	1	Community	Watre	<i>Melocanna baccifera</i>	151	231	0	382
24	Rongram	Chidekgre	26	25.602275	90.164777	1	Community	Watre	<i>Melocanna baccifera</i>	161	155	0	316
25	Rongram	Chidekgre	27	25.601484	90.165161	1	Community	Watre	<i>Melocanna baccifera</i>	525	649	0	1174
26	Rongram	Chidekgre	29	25.599463	90.158318	1	Community	Watre	<i>Melocanna baccifera</i>	546	180	0	726
27	Rongram	Chidekgre	32	25.599130	90.161813	1	Community	Watre	<i>Melocanna baccifera</i>	1020	480	0	1500
28	Rongram	Chidekgre	33	25.599944	90.163637	1	Community	Watre	<i>Melocanna baccifera</i>	150	295	0	445
29	Rongram	Chidekgre	34	25.600042	90.164701	1	Community	Watre	<i>Melocanna baccifera</i>	348	287	0	635
30	Rongram	Chidekgre	35	25.601583	90.161724	1	Community	Watre	<i>Melocanna baccifera</i>	218	239	0	457
31	Rongram	Chidekgre	36	25.603787	90.161628	1	Community	Watre	<i>Melocanna baccifera</i>	753	428	0	1181

**TRAININGS**

**1. Health and safety practices to protect workers**

1. The Organization shall implement health and safety practices to protect workers from occupational safety and health hazards. These practices shall, proportionate to scale, intensity and risk of management activities, meet or exceed the recommendations of the ILO Code of Practice on Safety and Health in Forestry Work.
2. The smallholder and his or her temporary workers, employees, family members, business associates and volunteers have safe work practices.
3. The smallholder and his or her temporary workers, employees, family members, business associates and volunteers use appropriate safety equipment.
4. The smallholder or their named representative keeps a record of any accidents.
5. The smallholder changes practices that have caused, or will likely cause, accidents in the smallholder's forest.
6. If hunting or other dangerous activities are part of the forestry activities, the smallholder identifies the dangerous activities and implements safety measures to protect the public where hunting or other dangerous activities related to NTFP activities are carried out

**2. Health and safety practices to effectively implement the Management Plan**

1. The Organization shall demonstrate that workers have job-specific training and supervision to safely and effectively implement the Management Plan and all management activities.
2. The smallholder provides training and supervision so that temporary workers, employees, family members, business associates and volunteers can work safely and effectively in the tasks that they do.

**3. Training on Implementation of the Bamboo Forest Management Plan (BFMP): Horseshoe Method**

**4. Training on Environmental Stewardship, covering key areas such as:**

- Biodiversity Conservation
- Water Resource Management
- Soil Protection
- Forest Fire Prevention and Control

**5. Training on the Management Plan**

1. The Organization shall make publicly available a summary of the management plan free of charge. Excluding confidential information, other relevant components of the management plan shall be made available to affected stakeholders on request, and at cost of reproduction and handling.
2. If requested, the smallholder provides public information from the management plan to a person who requests it at no cost to the requestor.

**6. Training of stakeholders for engaging in the Management Plan**

1. The Organization shall, proportionate to scale, intensity and risk of management activities, proactively and transparently engage affected stakeholders in its management planning and monitoring processes, and shall engage interested stakeholders on request.
2. The smallholder informs affected and interested stakeholders about management planning and monitoring.
3. If requested, the smallholder carries out culturally appropriate consultation with affected and interested stakeholders.

**7. Training on Monitoring Activities**

1. The Organizations shall make publicly available a summary of the results of monitoring free of charge, excluding confidential information.
2. If requested, the smallholder provides results of monitoring to a person who requests them at no cost to the requestor.

Control Form for Regulating Bamboo Yield									
Village Name: Year:		Block: Area of Bamboo Forest: ha		Harvesting			District:		
Sl. No	Total prescribed yield for the whole year (Number of culms & weight)	Date	Number of culms harvested	Cumulative number of culms harvested	Approximate weight of harvested culms	Total number of culms harvested in year & estimated weight	Number of culms destroyed due to fire or illegal felling etc.	Remarks	
1									
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Annexure– VII

SELF-DECLARATION ON THE CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION OF NATIVE ECOSYSTEMS

I Catherine M. Marak, the undersigned smallholder, hereby declare my commitment to the responsible management of forest resources within my Management Unit in alignment with the principles of conservation and ecosystem restoration.

In alignment with FSC requirements, I confirm that:

I support the identification and protection of representative sample areas of native ecosystems within the broader landscape in which my bamboo forest is situated.

However, I acknowledge that the area of my bamboo forest is relatively small and therefore cannot independently contain a representative native ecosystem. Despite this, I remain committed to participating in broader conservation initiatives as part of a collective effort.

This commitment reflects my dedication to sustainable forest management that maintains ecological balance, supports biodiversity, and upholds the long-term health of the environment.

Name of Smallholder : Catherine M. Marak  
Location of Management Unit: Chidokghe  
Signature : C. Marak  
Contact Information : 9366071255  
ID Proof Details : TST0100263  
Date : 14/05/2026

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**SELF-DECLARATION ON THE CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION OF NATIVE ECOSYSTEMS**

I Dikshina R. Masrak, the undersigned smallholder, hereby declare my commitment to the responsible management of forest resources within my Management Unit in alignment with the principles of conservation and ecosystem restoration.

In alignment with FSC requirements, I confirm that:

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Name of Smallholder : Dikshina R. Masrak  
Location of Management Unit: Chidkane  
Signature : [Signature]  
Contact Information : 8837016212  
ID Proof Details : EPIC CARD (TST045953)  
Date : 14-05-2026

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**SELF-DECLARATION ON THE CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION OF NATIVE ECOSYSTEMS**

I Feristha R Manak, the undersigned smallholder, hereby declare my commitment to the responsible management of forest resources within my Management Unit in alignment with the principles of conservation and ecosystem restoration.

In alignment with FSC requirements, I confirm that:

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Name of Smallholder : Feristha R Manak  
Location of Management Unit: Chidekque  
Signature : [Signature]  
Contact Information : 9306582658  
ID Proof Details : EPIC CARD (TST 0134619)  
Date : 14/05/2026

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SELF-DECLARATION ON THE CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION OF NATIVE ECOSYSTEMS

I Joel R manak, the undersigned smallholder, hereby declare my commitment to the responsible management of forest resources within my Management Unit in alignment with the principles of conservation and ecosystem restoration.

In alignment with FSC requirements, I confirm that:

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This commitment reflects my dedication to sustainable forest management that maintains ecological balance, supports biodiversity, and upholds the long-term health of the environment.

Name of Smallholder : Joel R. manak  
Location of Management Unit: chidekwe  
Signature : [Signature]  
Contact Information : 6009672122  
ID Proof Details : EPIC CARD (TST0173575)  
Date : 14/05/2026

**Annexure– VII**

**SELF-DECLARATION ON THE CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION OF NATIVE ECOSYSTEMS**

I Magdaline A. Sangma, the undersigned smallholder, hereby declare my commitment to the responsible management of forest resources within my Management Unit in alignment with the principles of conservation and ecosystem restoration.

In alignment with FSC requirements, I confirm that:

I support the identification and protection of representative sample areas of native ecosystems within the broader landscape in which my bamboo forest is situated.

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This commitment reflects my dedication to sustainable forest management that maintains ecological balance, supports biodiversity, and upholds the long-term health of the environment.

Name of Smallholder : Magdaline A. Sangma  
Location of Management Unit: Chidehgre  
Signature : Magdaline A. Sangma  
Contact Information : 9863201585  
ID Proof Details : 9CY0666354  
Date : 14-05-2026

**Annexure– VII**

**SELF-DECLARATION ON THE CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION OF NATIVE ECOSYSTEMS**

I Rajend Ch. Manak, the undersigned smallholder, hereby declare my commitment to the responsible management of forest resources within my Management Unit in alignment with the principles of conservation and ecosystem restoration.

In alignment with FSC requirements, I confirm that:

I support the identification and protection of representative sample areas of native ecosystems within the broader landscape in which my bamboo forest is situated.

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Name of Smallholder : Rajend Ch. Manak  
Location of Management Unit: Chidokgne  
Signature : [Signature]  
Contact Information : 9366626381  
ID Proof Details : EPIC CARD (TST0087429)  
Date : 14-05-2026

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SELF-DECLARATION ON THE CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION OF NATIVE ECOSYSTEMS

I Retta B Manak, the undersigned smallholder, hereby declare my commitment to the responsible management of forest resources within my Management Unit in alignment with the principles of conservation and ecosystem restoration.

In alignment with FSC requirements, I confirm that:

I support the identification and protection of representative sample areas of native ecosystems within the broader landscape in which my bamboo forest is situated.

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This commitment reflects my dedication to sustainable forest management that maintains ecological balance, supports biodiversity, and upholds the long-term health of the environment.

Name of Smallholder : Retta B Manak  
Location of Management Unit: Chidekqne  
Signature : Rah  
Contact Information : EPIC CARD  
ID Proof Details : 9CY0544692  
Date : 14/05/2026

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**SELF-DECLARATION ON THE CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION OF NATIVE ECOSYSTEMS**

I Romeo A. Sangma, the undersigned smallholder, hereby declare my commitment to the responsible management of forest resources within my Management Unit in alignment with the principles of conservation and ecosystem restoration.

In alignment with FSC requirements, I confirm that:

I support the identification and protection of representative sample areas of native ecosystems within the broader landscape in which my bamboo forest is situated.

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This commitment reflects my dedication to sustainable forest management that maintains ecological balance, supports biodiversity, and upholds the long-term health of the environment.

Name of Smallholder : Romeo A. Sangma  
Location of Management Unit: Chidokgre  
Signature : Roma  
Contact Information : 7005093284  
ID Proof Details : TST0040048  
Date : 14/05/2026

**SELF-DECLARATION ON THE CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION OF NATIVE ECOSYSTEMS**

I Ronal B Marak, the undersigned smallholder, hereby declare my commitment to the responsible management of forest resources within my Management Unit in alignment with the principles of conservation and ecosystem restoration.

In alignment with FSC requirements, I confirm that:

I support the identification and protection of representative sample areas of native ecosystems within the broader landscape in which my bamboo forest is situated.

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This commitment reflects my dedication to sustainable forest management that maintains ecological balance, supports biodiversity, and upholds the long-term health of the environment.

Name of Smallholder : Ronal B. Marak  
Location of Management Unit: Chidehgre  
Signature : Ronal  
Contact Information : 7005398061  
ID Proof Details : (EPIC) G1Y0544809  
Date : 14-05-2026

**Annexure– VII**

**SELF-DECLARATION ON THE CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION OF NATIVE ECOSYSTEMS**

I Sengzang Ch Maiak, the undersigned smallholder, hereby declare my commitment to the responsible management of forest resources within my Management Unit in alignment with the principles of conservation and ecosystem restoration.

In alignment with FSC requirements, I confirm that:

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This commitment reflects my dedication to sustainable forest management that maintains ecological balance, supports biodiversity, and upholds the long-term health of the environment.

Name of Smallholder : Sengzang Ch Maiak  
Location of Management Unit: Chidekone  
Signature : [Signature]  
Contact Information : EPIC CARD (6009400629)  
ID Proof Details : TST0051904  
Date : 14/05/2026

**SELF-DECLARATION ON THE CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION OF NATIVE ECOSYSTEMS**

I Dinan Ch-manek, the undersigned smallholder, hereby declare my commitment to the responsible management of forest resources within my Management Unit in alignment with the principles of conservation and ecosystem restoration.

In alignment with FSC requirements, I confirm that:

I support the identification and protection of representative sample areas of native ecosystems within the broader landscape in which my bamboo forest is situated.

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This commitment reflects my dedication to sustainable forest management that maintains ecological balance, supports biodiversity, and upholds the long-term health of the environment.

Name of Smallholder : Dinan Ch-manek  
Location of Management Unit: Chodekque  
Signature : Dinan Ch-manek  
Contact Information : 600963771  
ID Proof Details : EPIC (9C90515445)  
Date : 14/05/2026

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**SELF-DECLARATION ON THE CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION OF NATIVE ECOSYSTEMS**


I Phillipson R Matlak, the undersigned smallholder, hereby declare my commitment to the responsible management of forest resources within my Management Unit in alignment with the principles of conservation and ecosystem restoration.

In alignment with FSC requirements, I confirm that:

I support the identification and protection of representative sample areas of native ecosystems within the broader landscape in which my bamboo forest is situated.

However, I acknowledge that the area of my bamboo forest is relatively small and therefore cannot independently contain a representative native ecosystem. Despite this, I remain committed to participating in broader conservation initiatives as part of a collective effort.

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Name of Smallholder : Phillipson R Matlak  
Location of Management Unit: chidokqile  
Signature :   
Contact Information : 8787658744  
ID Proof Details : EPIL (G1Y0546416)  
Date : 14/05/2026

**SELF-DECLARATION ON THE CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION OF NATIVE ECOSYSTEMS**

I Semilla A. Sangora, the undersigned smallholder, hereby declare my commitment to the responsible management of forest resources within my Management Unit in alignment with the principles of conservation and ecosystem restoration.

In alignment with FSC requirements, I confirm that:

I support the identification and protection of representative sample areas of native ecosystems within the broader landscape in which my bamboo forest is situated.

However, I acknowledge that the area of my bamboo forest is relatively small and therefore cannot independently contain a representative native ecosystem. Despite this, I remain committed to participating in broader conservation initiatives as part of a collective effort.

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Name of Smallholder : Semilla A. Sangora  
Location of Management Unit: Chikbaze  
Signature : [Signature]  
Contact Information : 6009546699  
ID Proof Details : EPIC (GIC40544791)  
Date : 14/05/2026

Annexure– VIII

SELF-DECLARATION ON THE PROTECTION OF NATIVE SPECIES AND BIODIVERSITY

I Catherine M. Manak the undersigned smallholder, affirm my commitment to the conservation of native species, their natural genotypes, and the overall biological diversity within my forest area.

In accordance with FSC requirements, I declare that:

I have implemented appropriate measures to control hunting, fishing, trapping, and collection activities within my forest area to prevent any harm to native species and their habitats.

These measures aim to ensure the continued existence of naturally occurring native species and to avoid any loss of biodiversity.

This declaration reflects my dedication to responsible and ecologically sound forest management that safeguards biodiversity for current and future generations.

Name of Smallholder: Catherine M. Manak

Location of Management Unit: Okidekque

Signature: C. Manak

Contact Information: 9366071255

ID Proof Details: TST0100262

Date: 14/05/2026

## Annexure– VIII

### SELF-DECLARATION ON THE PROTECTION OF NATIVE SPECIES AND BIODIVERSITY

I Dikchira R. Masrak, the undersigned smallholder, affirm my commitment to the conservation of native species, their natural genotypes, and the overall biological diversity within my forest area.

In accordance with FSC requirements, I declare that:

I have implemented appropriate measures to control hunting, fishing, trapping, and collection activities within my forest area to prevent any harm to native species and their habitats.

These measures aim to ensure the continued existence of naturally occurring native species and to avoid any loss of biodiversity.

This declaration reflects my dedication to responsible and ecologically sound forest management that safeguards biodiversity for current and future generations.

Name of Smallholder: Dikchira R. Masrak  
Location of Management Unit: Chitabgne  
Signature: [Signature]  
Contact Information: 9837016212  
ID Proof Details: TST0145953  
Date: 14-05-2026

## Annexure– VIII

### SELF-DECLARATION ON THE PROTECTION OF NATIVE SPECIES AND BIODIVERSITY

I Fenistha R. Manak, the undersigned smallholder, affirm my commitment to the conservation of native species, their natural genotypes, and the overall biological diversity within my forest area.

In accordance with FSC requirements, I declare that:

I have implemented appropriate measures to control hunting, fishing, trapping, and collection activities within my forest area to prevent any harm to native species and their habitats.

These measures aim to ensure the continued existence of naturally occurring native species and to avoid any loss of biodiversity.

This declaration reflects my dedication to responsible and ecologically sound forest management that safeguards biodiversity for current and future generations.

Name of Smallholder: Fenistha R. Manak  
Location of Management Unit: Chidexga  
Signature: [Signature]  
Contact Information: 9366582658  
ID Proof Details: EPIC CARD (TSTOI 34619)  
Date: 14-05-2026

## Annexure– VIII

### SELF-DECLARATION ON THE PROTECTION OF NATIVE SPECIES AND BIODIVERSITY

I Joel R. Manak the undersigned smallholder, affirm my commitment to the conservation of native species, their natural genotypes, and the overall biological diversity within my forest area.

In accordance with FSC requirements, I declare that:

I have implemented appropriate measures to control hunting, fishing, trapping, and collection activities within my forest area to prevent any harm to native species and their habitats.

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This declaration reflects my dedication to responsible and ecologically sound forest management that safeguards biodiversity for current and future generations.

Name of Smallholder: Joel R. Manak

Location of Management Unit: Uidekne

Signature: [Signature]

Contact Information: 6009672122

ID Proof Details: EPIC CARD (TST0173575)

Date: 14/05/2026

## Annexure– VIII

### SELF-DECLARATION ON THE PROTECTION OF NATIVE SPECIES AND BIODIVERSITY

I Magdaline A. Sangma the undersigned smallholder, affirm my commitment to the conservation of native species, their natural genotypes, and the overall biological diversity within my forest area.

In accordance with FSC requirements, I declare that:

I have implemented appropriate measures to control hunting, fishing, trapping, and collection activities within my forest area to prevent any harm to native species and their habitats.

These measures aim to ensure the continued existence of naturally occurring native species and to avoid any loss of biodiversity.

This declaration reflects my dedication to responsible and ecologically sound forest management that safeguards biodiversity for current and future generations.

Name of Smallholder: Magdaline A. Sangma  
Location of Management Unit: Chidekzre  
Signature: Magdaline A. Sangma  
Contact Information: 9863201585  
ID Proof Details: 9CY0666354  
Date: 14-05-2026

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### SELF-DECLARATION ON THE PROTECTION OF NATIVE SPECIES AND BIODIVERSITY

I Rajend Ch. Marak, the undersigned smallholder, affirm my commitment to the conservation of native species, their natural genotypes, and the overall biological diversity within my forest area.

In accordance with FSC requirements, I declare that:

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Name of Smallholder: Rajend ch. Marak

Location of Management Unit: Chidexque

Signature: [Signature]

Contact Information: 93666 26381

ID Proof Details: EPIC CARD (TS10087429)

Date: 14-05-2026

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### SELF-DECLARATION ON THE PROTECTION OF NATIVE SPECIES AND BIODIVERSITY

I Retta B. Marhak, the undersigned smallholder, affirm my commitment to the conservation of native species, their natural genotypes, and the overall biological diversity within my forest area.

In accordance with FSC requirements, I declare that:

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Name of Smallholder: Retta B. Marhak  
Location of Management Unit: Chidekge  
Signature: Rmk  
Contact Information: EPIC CARD  
ID Proof Details: 9CY0544692  
Date: 14/05/2026

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### SELF-DECLARATION ON THE PROTECTION OF NATIVE SPECIES AND BIODIVERSITY

I Romeo A Sangma, the undersigned smallholder, affirm my commitment to the conservation of native species, their natural genotypes, and the overall biological diversity within my forest area.

In accordance with FSC requirements, I declare that:

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This declaration reflects my dedication to responsible and ecologically sound forest management that safeguards biodiversity for current and future generations.

Name of Smallholder: Romeo A. Sangma  
Location of Management Unit: Chidekpa  
Signature: Roma  
Contact Information: 7005093289  
ID Proof Details: T6T0040048  
Date: 14/05/2026

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### SELF-DECLARATION ON THE PROTECTION OF NATIVE SPECIES AND BIODIVERSITY


I Ronal B. Masak, the undersigned smallholder, affirm my commitment to the conservation of native species, their natural genotypes, and the overall biological diversity within my forest area.

In accordance with FSC requirements, I declare that:

I have implemented appropriate measures to control hunting, fishing, trapping, and collection activities within my forest area to prevent any harm to native species and their habitats.

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This declaration reflects my dedication to responsible and ecologically sound forest management that safeguards biodiversity for current and future generations.

Name of Smallholder: Ronal B. Masak  
Location of Management Unit: Chedekgre  
Signature:   
Contact Information: 7005398061  
ID Proof Details: (EPIC) GICY0544809  
Date: 14-05-2026

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### SELF-DECLARATION ON THE PROTECTION OF NATIVE SPECIES AND BIODIVERSITY

I Sengsang ch. Marak, the undersigned smallholder, affirm my commitment to the conservation of native species, their natural genotypes, and the overall biological diversity within my forest area.

In accordance with FSC requirements, I declare that:

I have implemented appropriate measures to control hunting, fishing, trapping, and collection activities within my forest area to prevent any harm to native species and their habitats.

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Name of Smallholder: Sengsang ch. Marak

Location of Management Unit: Chidokque

Signature: 

Contact Information: EPIC CARD (6009400689)

ID Proof Details: TST0051904

Date: 14/05/2026

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### SELF-DECLARATION ON THE PROTECTION OF NATIVE SPECIES AND BIODIVERSITY

I Che' Dinan Ch. Marak, the undersigned smallholder, affirm my commitment to the conservation of native species, their natural genotypes, and the overall biological diversity within my forest area.

In accordance with FSC requirements, I declare that:

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Name of Smallholder: Dinan Ch. Marak

Location of Management Unit: Chidkaye

Signature: Dinan Ch. Marak

Contact Information: 60963777

ID Proof Details: EPIC (4470515445)

Date: 14/05/2026

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### SELF-DECLARATION ON THE PROTECTION OF NATIVE SPECIES AND BIODIVERSITY

I Phillipson R Marak, the undersigned smallholder, affirm my commitment to the conservation of native species, their natural genotypes, and the overall biological diversity within my forest area.

In accordance with FSC requirements, I declare that:

I have implemented appropriate measures to control hunting, fishing, trapping, and collection activities within my forest area to prevent any harm to native species and their habitats.

These measures aim to ensure the continued existence of naturally occurring native species and to avoid any loss of biodiversity.

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Name of Smallholder: Phillipson R Marak  
Location of Management Unit: Chidekque  
Signature: *phk*  
Contact Information: 8787658744  
ID Proof Details: EPIC (GICY0546416)  
Date: 14/05/2026

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### SELF-DECLARATION ON THE PROTECTION OF NATIVE SPECIES AND BIODIVERSITY

I Semilla A. Sagoma, the undersigned smallholder, affirm my commitment to the conservation of native species, their natural genotypes, and the overall biological diversity within my forest area.

In accordance with FSC requirements, I declare that:

I have implemented appropriate measures to control hunting, fishing, trapping, and collection activities within my forest area to prevent any harm to native species and their habitats.

These measures aim to ensure the continued existence of naturally occurring native species and to avoid any loss of biodiversity.

This declaration reflects my dedication to responsible and ecologically sound forest management that safeguards biodiversity for current and future generations.

Name of Smallholder: Semilla A. Sagoma  
Location of Management Unit: Chidekgoe  
Signature: Amo  
Contact Information: 6009546699  
ID Proof Details: EPIC (GCLY0544791)  
Date: 14/05/2026

**Annexure– IX**

<b>List of Animals, Birds, Tree Species, NTFPs present in Chidekgre</b>							
<b>Sl. no</b>	<b>Animals</b>	<b>Sl. no</b>	<b>Birds</b>	<b>Sl. no</b>	<b>Tree Species in Local Language</b>	<b>Bamboo</b>	<b>NTFPs</b>
1	Angbur	1	Owl	1	Bolbret	Wakme	Me.a
2	Monkey	2	Crow	2	Bolchim	Naksit	Sobok
3		3	Eagle	3	Chiron	Exsra	Mecheng
				4	Boldak	Wabok	Dambong
				5	Gambare		
				6	Kimbal		

## List of BFMC Members of Chidekgre Village

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Area
1	Ronal B Marak	President	10 ha
2	Romeo Sangma	Secretary	6 ha
3	Dikchira Marak	Treasurer	3 ha
4	Joel R Marak	Member	4.5 ha
5	Magdaline Sangma	Member	2 ha
6	Rajend Ch Marak	Member	3.5 ha
7	Retta Marak	Member	3 ha
8	Feristha R Marak	Member	3.5 ha
9	Sengsang Ch Marak	Member	2 ha
10	Catherine M Marak	Member	3.5 ha
11	Dinen Ch. Marak	Member	4 ha
12	Phillipson R. Marak	Member	3.5 ha
13	Semilla A. Sangma	Member	2 ha
14	Lucia A Sangma	Member	3 ha

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