

Enhancing the implementation of community forestry approaches in Papua New Guinea



Key details

Location

Papua New Guinea

Duration

Start Sep 2013

End Jun 2017

Budget

AUD 2,145,989

Commissioned organisation

The University of Queensland

Partners

Foundation for People and Community Development Inc.; James Cook University; Papua New Guinea Forest Authority; Papua New Guinea Forest Authority Goroka Office; PNG Forest Research Institute; Queensland University of Technology; Ramu Agri-Industries Ltd; Southern Cross University; University of Papua New Guinea

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Program

Forestry

Project code

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investigated how forest can sustain livelihoods and improve food security.

80% of Papua New Guineans live in rural areas and they depend heavily on their forests. Forests cover 63% of Papua New Guinea, and 97% of these forests are held in customary land ownership. Communities own most land and forests, so community forestry offers villagers a way of managing or developing these assets.

Community forestry-sustainable forest management ('community-based reforestation' of clan-owned grasslands) or 'Ecoforestry' (timber from clan forests processed by the community) may keep the benefits of forests within communities.

This project helped people work together to sustainably manage native forest or grow trees.



Overview

This project focused on interaction between people and forests and