



FOUNDATION FOR ECOLOGICAL SECURITY

FES embeds three fundamental tenets in its approach to sustainable natural resource management



nature's potential to heal itself



secure tenure over shared resources



community institutions for self-regulation

With its extensive experience in forest, grassland and agricultural landscapes, FES brings to the fore the need to strengthen common property to restore ecosystems as well as the entitlements of local communities to sustain rural livelihoods.

THEORY OF CHANGE

CHALLENGES

Degradation of ecosystems

Weak governance at local level

Widespread poverty

INTERVENTION FOCUS

Advancing conceptual thinking

- Social ecological narrative
- Common property regimes
- Action reflection cycles & context specificity

Strategic Action Areas

- Direct engagement in villages and landscapes
- Capacitating community institutions
- Building collaborations – towards scaling up, establishing enabling environments and channeling public investments
- Adding analytical rigour - Socio-ecological learning & information

LOCAL LEVEL OUTCOMES

- Healthy ecosystems
- Robust institutions & stewardship
- Security of tenure
- Improved livelihoods & incomes
- Behavioral change

SYSTEM LEVEL OUTCOMES

- Visible thought leadership
- Sound economic evidence across contexts
- Accessible knowledge base, analytics & tools
- Growing body of alliances
- Increasing policy and programmatic attention
- Increasing investments for nature conservation and natural resource management

IMPACT AREAS

- Widespread recognition of Common property regimes and Socio-ecological thinking
- Progressive decentralization in the governance of shared natural resources
- Sound stewardship of diverse habitats providing economic opportunities