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Forester | Community Forestry, Forest Inventory & GIS

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Forestry graduate (BSc, First Division) with hands-on experience preparing **50+ community forest operational plans (OPs)** across seven districts of Nepal: Kailali, Makwanpur (Hetauda), Morang, Sindhuli, Kavre, Dolakha and Ramechhap. Field manager for a full-enumeration plantation monitoring programme at Chandragiri Hills, Kathmandu, and field researcher in Khotang, Parbat and Tanahun. Experienced in forest inventory, growth assessment, GIS mapping and socio-economic surveys, and skilled in turning field data into analysis and reports using R, SPSS, QGIS/ArcGIS and KoboToolbox. Published opinion writer on conservation, committed to sustainable, compliant and community-led forest management.

CORE SKILLS

- **Forest management:** forest inventory and growth assessment, species identification, community forest operational plan preparation and revision, plantation monitoring and permanent tagging, regulatory compliance
- **GIS and mapping:** QGIS, ArcGIS (forest boundary, block and resource mapping)
- **Data and analysis:** R, SPSS, Microsoft Excel (data cleaning, statistical analysis, visualization)
- **Digital data collection:** KoboToolbox (survey design, field deployment, data management)
- **Field and stakeholder work:** household and social surveys, field team coordination, liaison with CFUGs and local stakeholders
- **Communication:** technical reporting, research writing, opinion-editorials

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Field Manager — Chandragiri Hills Plantation Monitoring Programme

Nature Crest Pvt. Ltd. · August 2026 – September 2026 (8 weeks) · Chandragiri, Kathmandu

- Led the growth performance assessment, permanent tagging and inventory of a 5-year-old plantation at Chandragiri Hills.
- Managed 100% enumeration with aluminium tags of about 6,000 trees, then cleaned the data into a 4,821-tree handover dataset covering 15 species.
- Analysed growth, stand structure and species diversity, and prepared the Nepali report with GIS maps submitted to the Division Forest Office, Kathmandu.

Freelance Forestry Consultant — Community Forest Operational Plans

Self-employed · December 2025 – Present · Kailali, Makwanpur, Morang, Sindhuli, Kavre, Dolakha, Ramechhap

- Prepared and revised 50+ community forest operational plans for CFUGs across seven districts.
- Conducted forest inventories, growth and stock assessments, and block mapping in QGIS/ArcGIS to inform OP prescriptions.
- Coordinated with CFUGs and Division Forest Offices to align plans with Nepal's community forestry regulations.

Research Assistant — DMRS II Project

South Asia Institute of Advanced Studies (SIAS) · April 2025 – November 2025 · Khotang, Parbat, Tanahun

- Collected and analysed field data on community forestry and natural resource management in Khotang, Parbat and Tanahun districts.
- Processed, analysed and visualized datasets in R, SPSS and Excel for project outputs and reporting.

Forest Technician

Federation of Community Forestry Users Nepal (FECOFUN), Ramechhap · October 2024 – January 2025

- Led a pilot project on simplifying community forest operational plans, in coordination with SIAS.
- Conducted field forest inventories, data analysis and mapping using QGIS, ArcGIS and KoboToolbox.
- Worked with user groups to streamline OP processes and support sustainable forest management.

Field Surveyor — Building a Resilient Churia Region in Nepal (BRCRN)

PEES Consultancy, Morang · April 2024

- Carried out social surveys and forest inventory in community forests of the Chure region.
- Collected and pre-processed data using KoboToolbox and Excel.

District Coordinator and Field Manager

Purwanchal Geo Solution Pvt. Ltd., Sindhuli · September 2023 – February 2024

- Managed district field operations and coordinated community forestry activities, including inventory and mapping in QGIS and ArcGIS.

District Coordinator and Field Manager

Kubir Fit Pvt. Ltd., Sindhuli · December 2022 – August 2023

- Led field inventory and data collection for community forestry projects and coordinated with local stakeholders.

EDUCATION

BSc in Forestry Science — Purbanchal University College of Environment and Forestry, Gothgaun, Morang · 2023

First Division, CGPA 3.48/4.0

PUBLICATIONS

Opinion-editorials in The Rising Nepal: "A Community's Fight to Protect Precious Tree"; "Red Panda Protection Drive in Khotang".

REFERENCES

Available on request.