

Follow the Money

How is forest common pool resource management financed?

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Project description

We tend to think that practitioners working on sustainability challenges base their decisions and approaches on the best scientific knowledge available, but other factors also influence their choices. Key among these is money – i.e., access to financing is often conditional upon sticking to a funder's agenda. As such, financial resources can be a determining factor in how practitioners apply science, and ultimately for research impact. This is something we've come to realize during our work on the forest commons. NGOs for example, could choose to focus more on planting trees than on gender equality based on what they receive funding for.

Therefore, we're particularly interested in studying the money flows that can, potentially, influence the management of forest commons in India. Who funds interventions in forest commons? What kind of organizations do they support? And what type of funding is on offer? What are the conditions that funders impose?

You would contribute to our research by helping us conduct a literature review to analyse what we already know about these questions. Based on interest and time, there may also be potential for you to participate in data collection and analysis, and even for collaborating in the authoring of a scientific publication

Job requirements

We are looking for a motivated student assistant with an interest in studying the funding of interventions in forest management. You do not need prior experience in research in forest or common pool resource management. We are open to all backgrounds but previous training in finance, economics and/or work-experience in the sector is an advantage.