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## Community-Based Forest Management

This is a type of management of forests that is directed by communities; it is practiced in many different ways depending on the local social, cultural and environmental context. It is essential for the world's tropical forests and its peoples because it can both benefit communities and the wider region in different ways, for example supplying important food products and conserving water, as well as guarantee the conservation of forests. This is also essential for the wider region, the country and humanity in general. Community-Based Forest Management allows sustainable forest use because it is different from corporate-managed forests in terms of its small scale rather than a large scale, its focus on local and regional needs rather than export needs, and its decision-making practiced locally enabling communities in the area to participate.