



Community-First Governance Model

There are over 58,000 people living in and around the Ngao Model Forest, including three ethnic groups (Mien, Karen, and Akha) across 10 sub-districts and 85 villages. The Ngao Forest Association, set up with the support of the Royal Forest Department, acts as a steward for the conservation of the Ngao Forest. The Association, managed by a voluntary committee and representatives from local communities, is focused on strengthening ties with locals to create an environment of trust and ensures a collaborative approach to forest management and decision-making.

Photos are sourced from the Ngao Model Forest, Thailand, with credits to the Ngao Model Forest Association.

Progress on the U.N. Sustainable Development Goals

The Ngao Model Forest promotes the sustainable use of the forest ecosystem and is working on halting and reversing land degradation across the landscape. The Ngao Model Forest is a part of the Regional Model Forest Network Asia, which leverages key partnerships with scientific institutions such as IUCN and the Center for International Forestry Research and World Agroforestry (CIFOR-ICRAF) to promote SDG 15 via various conservation and sustainable development activities, particularly by promoting forest landscape restoration (FLR).

This is one example of how the Ngao Model Forest helps progress the SDGs.

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