

# Managing everyone's forest

The good thing about Participatory Forest Management is knowing that you are making a difference to not just your life, but everyone's life.

When people come together for a common cause, they become connected and learn to understand each other. So it is with the management of forests.

Using forest goods and services connects people with the forest, with the forest acting as a provider.

When these people help the forest to continue producing its goods and services, they act as managers who ensure they can continue with their use of the forest.



Forest seedlings in nursery



Charcoal pit construction



Source of raw material for handicraft



Welcome shade during a forest hike

Users of the forest who recognise this co-managing role are usually the ones who reap the greatest benefits... in their livelihoods, in their communities, in their lives.

When this happens... everyone benefits.