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- *The Politics of Community Forestry in Nepal: Changing Legal and Political Challenges*
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## Abstract

This project studied the community forestry policy in relation to the Maoist uprising. The focus was on changes in legislation relating to forests and the impact this is having on the formation and daily functioning of user-groups. Very little information is available on how the Maoist uprising has affected resource use and management in Nepal.

## Outputs

- Consultancy (gained as a result of contacts made during the Small Grant research) - Invited Gender Consultant, Intercooperation, Bern, Switzerland, contracted to the Nepal-Swiss Community Forestry Project, Kathmandu, Nepal, April 2006.

## Publications

- Nightingale, A. (2006) Gender and Equity Report for NSCFP, Nepal-Swiss Community Forestry Project, Kathmandu, Nepal.
- Nightingale, A. A Forest Community or Community Forestry? Beliefs, meanings and nature in north-western Nepal, in A. Guneratne (ed.) *Under the Roof of the World: Critical Himalayan Environments*, manuscript submitted to Indiana University.
- Timsina, N., Kandel, K., Chhetri, R.B., Ojha, H., and Nightingale, A. (2007) Forest Management: overview of policies and programmes, in Timsina, N. Ojha, H. eds. *Forestry or Poverty? Lessons from Nepal*, CIFOR, forthcoming.
- Nightingale, A. (2006) Gender, Caste and Opportunities in Nepal, *Born Free*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, forthcoming.

## Invited conference papers

- *Nepal's Green Forests*, conference paper presented at "The Ecology of Perception and the Aesthetics of Landscape" Seminar 3 of the AHRC supported seminar series, *Landscapes Beyond Land: new ethnographies of landscape and environment*, Paris, France, March 2007.
- *Government, the commons and forest fetish in Community Forestry*, presented to the British-Nepal Academic Council meeting, SOAS, London, UK, March, 2006.
- *Ethics for Expeditions*, Scottish Symposium for Expeditions, March 2006 and January 2007.