

Strengthening Governance of Community Conserved Areas

Building Resilient Ecosystems in Dima Hasao, Assam

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ABOUT THE PROJECT

Grameen Sahara, with support from The Habitat Trust Conservation Grant, is strengthening governance of Community Conserved Areas (CCAs) in three villages of Dima Hasao — *Jatinga, Retzawl and N. Leikul* — to build resilient forest ecosystems and secure indigenous-led conservation. The project seeks to strengthen community-led conservation by bringing traditional knowledge, local institutions and scientific approaches together. These landscapes are also home to some of the region's most important and threatened wildlife, including the Western Hoolock Gibbon, Chinese Pangolin, and Wreathed Hornbill. In this project, Community Conserved Areas (CCAs) provide a framework through which communities can collectively identify, manage and protect forests and biodiversity while also addressing their own livelihood needs.

WHAT WE ARE DOING

The project brings together conservation, community governance, climate resilience and livelihoods through:



Community led governance



Biodiversity & ecosystem assessment



Traditional knowledge & conservation practices



Climate-resilient natural resource management



Nature-based livelihoods

AT A GLANCE

500 ha

Community-managed landscape

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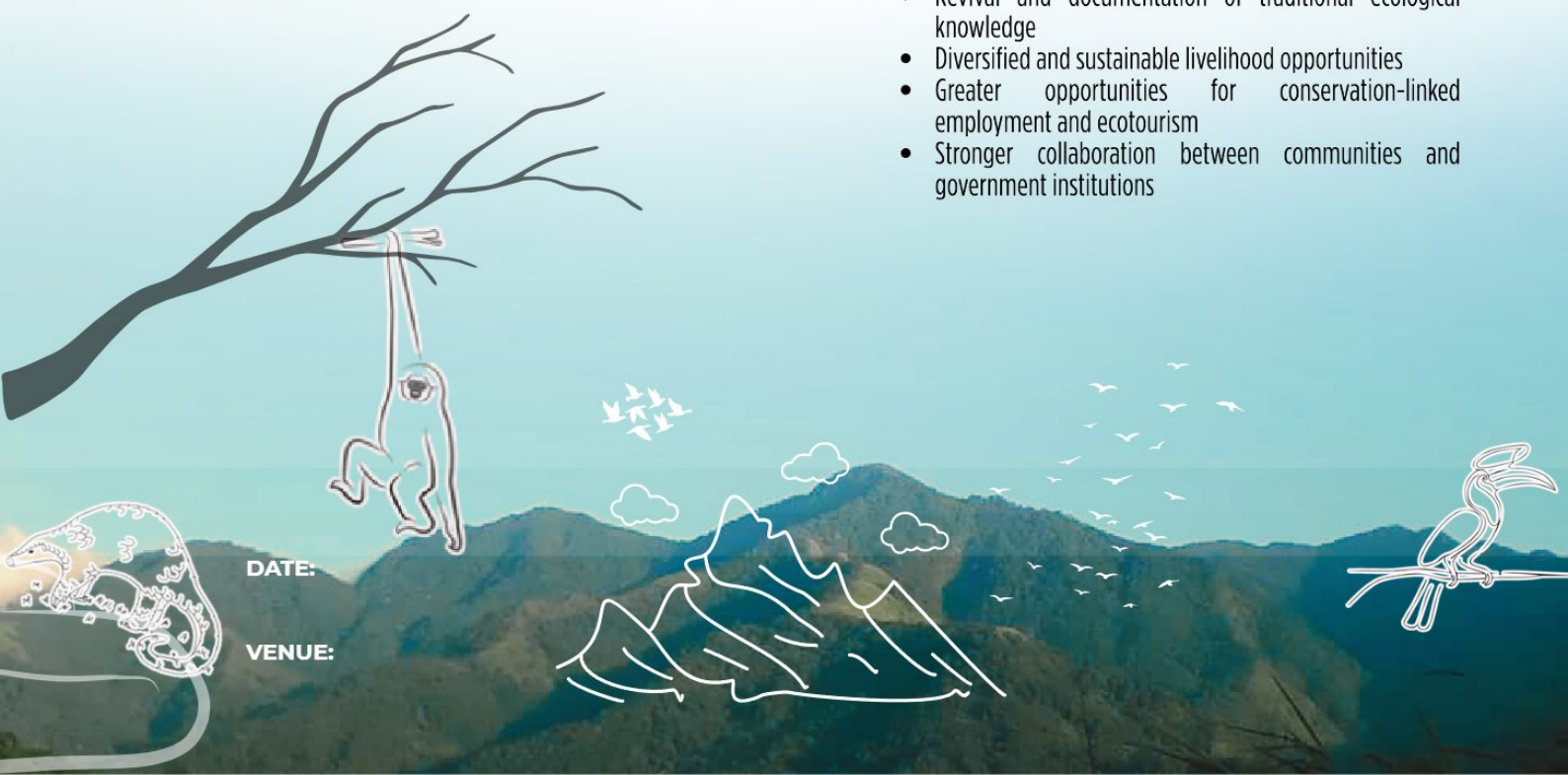
Target CCAs

300

Approx. population

THE CHANGE WE AIM TO CREATE

- Better protection of forests and critical habitats
- Improved conservation of threatened and endangered species
- Stronger community participation in natural resource governance
- Revival and documentation of traditional ecological knowledge
- Diversified and sustainable livelihood opportunities
- Greater opportunities for conservation-linked employment and ecotourism
- Stronger collaboration between communities and government institutions



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