



**ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST PROTECTION THROUGH JOINT FOREST MANAGEMENT
- AN ECOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT APPROACH**

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ABSTRACT

Forest plays an important role in environment protection. There is a long history of protection forest in mountain areas, where they help prevent erosion, landslides, and avalanches and they are important in maintaining water quality of rivers draining forested catchments. Forest also respond to environmental protection. A major issue is air pollution, which is known to have significant impacts on some forest. Air pollutants concerned include sulfur dioxide, hydrogen fluoride, heavy metals and ozone. Control of these pollutants ultimately benefits the forest. Forest have a major role to play in the protection the global carbon cycle. They represent an important sink for atmospheric carbon dioxide and conversion of forest to other land uses is one of the causes for the increases in the atmospheric carbon dioxide concentration.

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