

Background of training

During the country consultation meeting in Myanmar, a discussion between ICIMOD and Myanmar partners was held to organise and implement different activities in Myanmar. One of the activities was to conduct training on 'documentation of SLM technologies and Approaches' in Myanmar. Ministry of Forestry showed interest in using WOCAT tools for the documentation of Sustainable Land Management (SLM) knowledge in Myanmar. ICIMOD being the focal organization of a regional WOCAT network known as HIMCAT, agreed to provide resource persons to conduct the training. Hence, a date for the training was scheduled for February 2010.

Training report

Topic: Training on documentation and dissemination of SLM technologies and approaches in Myanmar using WOCAT tools

Date: 15-20 February 2010, (6 days) Min Tai Bin Forest Camp, Shan State, Myanmar

Organisers:

- International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), Kathmandu, Nepal
- Ministry of Forestry, Watershed Management Division - Myanmar

Venue: Class room sessions at Min Tai Bin Forest Camp and field sessions in nearby villages, Shan State.

Training participants:

Twenty Three participants from Department of Forest, Myanmar Agriculture Service, Forest Research Institute, Department of Agriculture Research, University of Forestry, University of Agriculture, Dry Zone Greening Department, Perennial Crops Enterprise, and FAO Myanmar.

Training Objectives:

The workshop enabled the participants to use the WOCAT tools for documentation, evaluation, monitoring and dissemination of soil and water conservation technologies and approaches and to exchange experiences and knowledge in the field of sustainable land management.

Programme content:

- Part I: General introduction to WOCAT
- Part II: Introduction to WOCAT methodology and tools
- Part III: Training on data management tool (database)
- Part IV: Practical training in the field
- Part V: Wrapping up of field days and presentations
- Part VI: Lessons learnt and action plan

Main Achievements (What did we contribute?):

We were resource persons for the WOCAT training and facilitated class room sessions, group works and 2 field days.

- Through this training we were able to build capacities of the participants and their institutions on the use of WOCAT tools for documenting SLM practices.
- The training introduced and tried to lay the base to institutionalise the WOCAT methodology and tools in Myanmar by training experts on data collection of

technologies and approaches and database management. The MYACAT (Myanmar Conservation Approaches and Technologies) network was initiated.

- At the end of the training the participants made a tentative action plan for the next steps of MYACAT activities.
- The training introduced the HIMCAT network and its activities among the participants.
- We shared the different technologies and approaches that were implemented in watershed management project sites of ICIMOD, and NEPCAT fact sheets and global WOCAT overview book with the participants.
- We shared the ICIMOD promotional materials and ICIMOD-calendar among participants and officials of Ministry of Forestry.

What did we learn?

- Through the training we got to know more about SLM activities implemented in Myanmar through different organizations.
- A lot of practices on SLM exist in Myanmar, however, the documentation of it is lacking. Therefore, the WOCAT tools seemed to be very useful for documentation and dissemination.

What are the consequences for ICIMOD?

- Through the MYACAT initiative ICIMOD can extend the regional knowledge on SLM.
- Through the collaboration with Ministry of Forestry, ICIMOD / HIMCAT will have a supporting role for the MYACAT initiative in the future.

Annex

Annex 1: Training Programme Myanmar, 15-20, 2010

WOCAT training		
Day/time	Topic	Methodology
14 Feb. 2010 Sunday	Arrival of participants and resource persons to the training venue	
15 Feb.10 – day 1 Monday		
8.30 – 9.00	Registration	
09:00 - 09:30	Opening remarks – MoF, ICIMOD	
09:30 – 10:30	Introduction to WOCAT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does WOCAT offer • Objectives of workshop 	
	Introduction of Participants, their expectations, administrative information	Creative style
10:30 – 11:00	Tea / Coffee Break, Group picture	
11:00 – 13:00	Part I: General introduction to WOCAT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background • Vision and mission • Why WOCAT • WOCAT process and tools • Framework for: documentation, evaluation and exchange of “good” practices • Modular WOCAT • Mapping • WOCAT products • Network • WOCAT at national level • Strength and weaknesses • How is WOCAT useful for Myanmar? 	Power point
	Discussion	Open
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 17:00	Part II: Sharing of good practices by participants	20 min. each (power point)

16 Feb.10 – day 2		
Tuesday		
09:00 – 13:00		
	<p>Part III: Introduction to WOCAT methodology and tools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questionnaire on Technologies (QT) <p>Look through QT, which questions are not clear, where do you see problems, etc. Prepare discussion with land users: which questions do need land users view / involvement?</p> <p>Group formation. Information on sites to be visited on the field day.</p>	<p>Resource Persons use power point; participants also refer to printed questionnaires.</p> <p>Studying questionnaires in groups; resource persons provide explanations.</p>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 17:00	<p>Part III continued: Introduction to WOCAT methodology and tools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questionnaire on Approaches (QA) <p>Look through QA, which questions are not clear, where do you see problems, etc. Prepare discussion with land users: which questions do need land users view / involvement?</p> <p>Information on sites to be visited on the field day.</p>	Do
17 Feb. 10– day 3		
Wednesday		
Full day	<p>Part IV: Practical training in the field</p> <p>1 day technology documentation in groups + discussions with farmers</p> <p>Sites and technologies will be identified consulting with MoF)</p>	Field
18 Feb.10 – day 4		
Thursday		
Full day	<p>Part IV continued: Practical training in the field</p> <p>1 day approach documentation in groups + discussions with farmers</p> <p>(Sites and approaches will be identified consulting with MoF)</p>	Field

