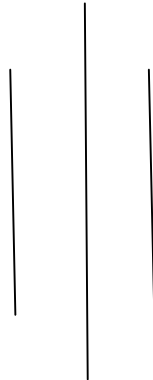
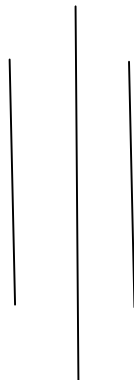


# **SOCIAL INCLUSION IN FOREST MANAGEMENT**

( A case study of Bhaisekhola Community Forest of Panchkhal VDC, Kavre, Nepal )



A DISSERTATION  
SUBMITTED TO THE CENTRAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY/  
ANTHROPOLOGY IN PARTIAL FULFILLMENT OF REQUIREMENT  
FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN SOCIOLOGY



BY  
BINOD KUMAR CHAUHAN  
Symbol No. 280029

CENTRAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY/ ANTHROPOLOGY  
INSTITUTE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES  
TRIBHUVAN UNIVERSITY  
KATHMANDU, NEPAL  
March, 2011

## **Letter of Recommendation**

It is to certify that Mr. Binod Kumar Chauhan has completed this dissertation entitled ‘Social Inclusion in Forest Management (A case study of Bhaisekhola Community Forest of Panchkhal VDC, Kavre, Nepal )’ under my guidance and supervision. I therefore recommend this dissertation for final approval and acceptance.

.....

Jiban Mani Poudel

(Supervisor)

Central Department of Sociology/ Anthropology

Tribhuvan University

Kirtipur, Kathmandu

Date: 2011/ ...../ ...../

**CENTRAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY  
/ANTHROPOLOGY  
TRIBHUVAN UNIVERSITY  
KIRTIPUR, KATHMANDU  
NEPAL**

**LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE**

This dissertation entitled Social Inclusion in Community Forest Management (A Case Study of Bhaisekhola Community Forest, Panchkhal-6, Kavre) submitted by Mr. Binod Kumar Chauhan has been accepted as the partial fulfillment of the requirement for the Degree of Master of Arts in Sociology/ Anthropology.

**Dissertation Committee**

Supervisor .....

Jiban Mani Poudel

External Examiner .....

Jailab Rai

Head of the Department .....

Prof. Dr. Om Gurung

Date.....

## **Acknowledgement**

This study was conducted for the partial fulfillment of the requirement for the Degree of Master of Arts in Sociology/Anthropology. In the first instance, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Mr. Jiban Mani Poudel for his valuable guidance and supervision in completing this work.

Likewise, I am grateful to the respected head of the department Prof. Dr. Om Gurung, all the respected teachers and the staff members of the Central Department of Sociology-Anthropology for their valuable help throughout this work.

My special thanks goes to Mr. Tanka Prasad Adhikari, secretary of the Panchkhal VDC and other staff members of the VDC for providing precious information to make this study successful and meaningful.

Here, I should not forget to thank the key informants and respondents of the study area for providing their information.

I am indebted to Ms. Sumitra Dhungana who provided me material and non-material support to succeed the study.

I can not forget the help of my friend Mr. Kajiman Rai for taking photos and other assistance in the field study. It will be injustice not to mention the name of Sulochan Dhungana for his continuous help during the entire phases of this study.

Last but not least, I would like to acknowledge to all my family members and friends for their assistance. Without their timely and immense co-operation, this research could not be completed.

**Binod Kumar Chauhan**

Central Department of Sociology-Anthropology

Tribhuvan University,

Kirtipur, Kathmandu

## CONTENTS

	Page
Letter of Recommendation	I
Letter of Acceptance	II
Acknowledgement	III
Contents	IV
List of tables	VII
Abbreviation	VIII
<b>CHAPTER ONE : INTRODUCTION</b>	<b>1-6</b>
1.1 Background of the Study	1
1.2 Statement of the Problem	2
1.3 Objectives of the Study	3
1.4 Justification of the Study	4
1.5 Conceptual Framework of the Study	5
1.6 Organization of the Study	6
<b>CHAPTER TWO : LITERATURE REVIEW</b>	<b>7-17</b>
2.1 Concept of Social Inclusion	7
2.2 Situation of Social Exclusion in Nepal: A General Overview	8
2.3 Forest Management System in Nepal	10
2.4 A Brief History of Community Forestry in Nepal	12
2.5 Need of Social Inclusion in CF Management	16
<b>CHAPTER THREE : RESEARCH METHODOLOGY</b>	<b>18-21</b>
3.1 Research Design	18
3.2 Rationale of the Selection of the Study Area	18
3.3 Nature of Data	18
3.4 Universe and Sample Size	18

3.5 Tools of Data Collection	19
3.6 Data Processing and Analysis	20
3.7 Limitation of the Study	20
<b>CHAPTER FOUR :</b>	
<b>GENERAL INTRODUCTION OF THE STUDY AREA</b>	<b>21-24</b>
4.1 Location	21
4.2 Area	22
4.3 Physical Feature	22
4.4 Social Setting of the Study Area	22
4.5 Community Forest Areas	23
<b>CHAPTER FIVE: SOCIO- ECONOMIC PROFILE</b>	<b>25-32</b>
5.1 Age Distribution of the Sample Population	25
5.2 Sex Distribution of the Sample Population	25
5.3 Caste/Ethnic Distribution	26
5.4 Educational Status of the Sample Population	27
5.5 Religious Status of the Sample Population	27
5.6 Occupational Status of the Sample Population	28
5.7 Land Size	29
5.8 Crops Production	30
5.9 Food Sufficiency	31
5.10 Animal Husbandry	32
<b>CHAPTER SIX: SOCIAL INCLUSION IN BCF</b>	<b>33-41</b>
6.1 Utilization of forest products	33
6.1.1 Use of Firewood	33
6.1.2 Use of Fodder	34
6.1.3 Use of Leaf-Litter	35
6.1.4 Use of Timber	35
6.2 Composition of the CFEC	36
6.2.1 Sex wise Composition in the CFEC	36

6.2.2 Caste wise Composition in the CFEC	36
6.2.3 Religious Composition in the CFEC	37
6.2.4 Occupational Composition in the CFEC	38
6.3 Factors that Hinder Social Inclusion in BCF	39
<b>CHAPTER SEVEN : CONCLUSION</b>	<b>42</b>

## **REFERENCES**

## **APPENDIX**

Index for the Household Survey

Questionnaire for Key Informants

Total Number of Households and their Sample Size

Photographs Taken

Map of Panchkhal VDC Area

## List of Tables

<b>Table</b>	<b>pages</b>
5.1 Age Distribution of the Sample Population	25
5.2 Sex Distribution of the Sample Population	25
5.3 Caste/Ethnic Distribution	26
5.4 Educational Status of the Sample Population	27
5.5 Religious Status of the Sample Population	27
5.6 Occupational Status of the Sample Population	28
5.7 Land Size	29
5.8 Crops Production	30
5.9 Food Sufficiency	31
5.10 Animal Husband	32
6.1 Utilization of forest products	33
6.2 Utilization of Firewood	33
6.3 Utilization of Fodder	34
6.4 Utilization of Leaf-Litter	35
6.5 Composition of the CFEC	36
6.6 Sex wise Composition in the CFEC	36
6.7 Caste wise Composition in the CFEC	37
6.8 Religious Composition in the CFEC	38
6.9 Occupational Composition in the CFEC	38



## ABBREVIATION

BCF	: Bhaisekhola Community Forest
CA	: Constituent Assembly
CDO	: Chief District Officer
CF	: Community Forest
CFD	: Community Forest Development Guideline
CFP	: Community Forestry Programme
CFUC	: Community Forest Users' Committee
CFUG	: Community Forest Users' Group
DDC	: Districts Development Committee
DoF	: Department of Forest
FDMP	: Forest Development Master Plan
ILO	: International Labours' Organization
INGO	: International Non-Governmental Organization
MDG	: Millennium Development Goal
MoFSC	: Ministry of Forest and Soil Conservation
NGO	: Non-Governmental Organization
NPC	: National Planning Commission
VDC	: Village Development Committee