

# **Community Participation – Key to Success in Co-management of Protected Areas in Bangladesh**

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## **Abstract:**

Community based resource management is being considered as one of the best approach of natural resource management. Thus, special significance is given to co-management for natural resources in Asia. Bangladesh being one of the most densely populated country in the world with limited natural resources to meet the growing need also tried to implement community based resource management at different sectors. Nishorgo Support project (NSP) is a USAID funded project in Bangladesh focusing on co-management for forest management. The paper tries to investigate the success or failure of NSP in terms of the key pillar of community based resource management – people’s participation.

## **Key Words:**

Co-management, Nishorgo Support Project, Public Participation, Protected Area