



Mae Way reserved forest in Mutraw District. Photo by ERI.

ACTION NEEDS TO BE TAKEN!

Karen forests are rich in biodiversity that gives many resources people can use. It is important that they are conserved and used sustainably. Prevention of cultural and biological loss is essential. Restoring and revitalizing the traditional forest conservation system is the best way to stop the destruction of the remaining forests. "If war and logging still continue, we Karen people will disappear. We need people who will take responsibility in solving the political problems and conserve the environment".

ကညီဖိအသုဉ်ပုဂံတမုဉ်ထူးတံးဝဲဒီးတံးမုအါကလုာ်, ဒီးဆရဒိဉ်ဝဲဒဉ်လၢပကသုသံဉ်ခွဲဉ်ကတံးအိၤ ဒီးသုအိၤဘဉ်ဘျးဘဉ်ဒါန့ဉ်လီၤ. အလိၢ်အိဉ်ဝဲဒဉ်လၢ ပကဘဉ်သုဒိသဒါလုာ်လံာ်ထုသန့ ဒီးန့ဆၢဉ်မိဉ်ယၢ နိသိးအသုတဟးဂုဉ်ဟးဂီၤတဂုၤအဂီၢ်လီၤ. တံးမၤမုထီဉ် ကုၤပမိၢ်လုာ်ပလံာ်အတံးကတံးကတံးသုဉ်ပုဂံအကျိၤအကျဲန့ဉ် မုဉ်ဝဲကျဲမိဉ်သုဉ်တဘီၤလၢ ပကပတုဉ်ကွံာ်တံးမၤဟးဂီၤသုဉ်ပုဂံလၢအ အိဉ်လီၤတံးတမုဉ်န့ဉ်လီၤ. "တံးဒုးတံးယၢဒီးတံးမၤကၤအိဉ်သုဉ်တမုဉ် မုဉ်ဆဲးမၤဒီးအသးန့ဉ် ပဝဲကညီဖိတမုဉ်ကလီၤမံာ်ကွံာ်ဝဲသုဉ်ပုဂံ ကတံးန့ဉ်လီၤ. လၢတံးဂုၢ်ဒိအံၤအထံၤ ပလိဉ်ဘဉ်ပုၤလၢအကဟံမုဒါလၢကမၤလီၤကဆုဉ်ကွံာ်ထံဉ်လီၤသဲးတံးဂုၢ်ကီၢ် ဒီးမၤဂုၤထီဉ်ကုၤ မိဉ်ယၢန့ဆၢဉ်အဂီၢ်န့ဉ်လီၤ."



Big tree with traditional ladder climbed to harvest honey; monitor lizards waiting to be eaten; wild forest fruit; young fronds of a cycad palm. Photos by KESAN.

