Community forest around a village; local people collecting palm leaves for roofing; community forest ritual ceremony; Karen women fishing in stream

ပှၤတဝၢသ့ၣ်ပှၢ်လၢအအိၣ်လၢသဝီအဒိၣ်အကၢ, ပှၤလီၢ်ကဝီၤဖိအတၢ်လဲၤထၢကျိၤလိၣ်လၢ်လၢကမၤအဟံၣ်ဖိၣ်အဂီၢ်, ပှၤတဝၢဖိအသ့ၣ်ပှၢ်တၢ်လုၢ်တၢ်လၢ်, ကညီမိၢ်န့ၢ်ပှၤဖိၣ်မ့ၣ်ပှၢ် တကၤထုကဝဲၤအီၣ်နၣ်ဖိညၣ်ဖိလၢ ထံကျိၤဖိအပူၤ.

SMALL-SCALE PEOPLE'S INITIATIVES:

In some village areas the villagers plan to mark out a separate area for their community and revive the traditional forest management system. "For 3 months each year there will be an open period in which the forest can be used by villagers, but only for basic necessities, not for commercial purposes". "In the current situation, we couldn't replant trees, but each family could plant one or two trees in their garden to use for firewood". "In our forest, we need to stop logging and take just enough wood for our household needs. We need to protect our forest from fire, so more trees can grow up and more animals will come back to the forest". Small-scale environmental initiatives by the local people like these are essential for success in bringing about changes to sustainable forestry management practices.

ဒ်သဝီတနီၤအဝဲသ့ၣ်အိၣ်ဖိုၣ်ရဲၣ်ကျဲၤလၢ ကဟ်ပနီၣ်ဃာ်ဝဲ အဒ်သဝီသ့ၣ်ပှၢ်ဟီၣ်ကဝီၤ ဒီး သူကၠၤဓိၢ်လုၢ်ပၢ်လၢ် တၢ်ပၢဆှၢရဲၣ်ကျဲၤသ့ၣ်ပှၢ်အကျိၤအကျဲန့ၣ်လီၤ. “ဒ်ဖိသဝီဖိသ့ၣ်တဖၣ်ဟ်ပနီၣ်ဝဲလၢ သ့ၣ်ပှၢ်န့ၣ်တၢ်ကဘၣ်သူအီၤဒၣ်ထဲ တနံၣ်နၣ် ၃ လါလၢအဟံၣ်ဖိဃီဖိတၢ်လိၣ်အဂီၢ်, တဘၣ်မ့ၢ်လၢကဆါကပ္ၤအဂီၢ်ဘၣ်. လၢဆၢကတီၢ်တၢ်အိၣ်သးခဲအံၤန့ၣ် ပသူၣ်လီၤကၠၤသ့ၣ်ဖိဝဲၣ်ဖိတသ့ဒံးဘၣ်, ဘၣ်ဆၣ်ဟံၣ်ဖိဃီဖိတဒူၣ်ဘၣ်တဒူၣ်ကသူၣ်ဝဲ သ့ၣ်တထူၣ်ခံထူၣ်လၢအကစၢ်ကရၢၢ်ပူၤလၢကသူလၢသ့ၣ်မ့ၣ်ဃိၣ်ဝၣ်အဂီၢ်န့ၣ်လီၤ. လၢပသ့ၣ်ပှၢ်အပူၤန့ၣ်ပကဘၣ်ပတုာ်ကွံာ်တၢ်မၤကၢၤသ့ၣ်ဒီး ဟံးန့ၢ်သ့ၣ်ထဲလၢပလိၣ်ဘၣ်တဖၣ်န့ၣ်လီၤ. ပကဘၣ်ဒီသဒၢပသ့ၣ်ပှၢ်လၢမ့ၣ်အူ, ဒီးသ့ၣ်ဖိတဖၣ်ကဒိၣ်ထိၣ်ကၠၤဒီး ဆၣ်ဖိကီၢ်ဖိတဖၣ်ကဟဲကၠၤဆူသ့ၣ်ပှၢ်အပူၤန့ၣ်လီၤ.” ပှၤလီၢ်ကဝီၤဖိအတၢ်ထဲးဂံၢ်ထဲးဘါတဆံးတကါလၢအဘၣ်ဃးဒီးခိၣ်ယၢၤန့ဆၢၣ်န့ၣ်မ့ၢ်ကျဲတဘိလၢ ကဒုးအိၣ်ထိၣ်တၢ်ဆီတလဲလၢတၢ်ပၢဆှၢရဲၣ်ကျဲၤသ့ၣ်ပှၢ်အပူၤန့ၣ်လီၤ.

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