



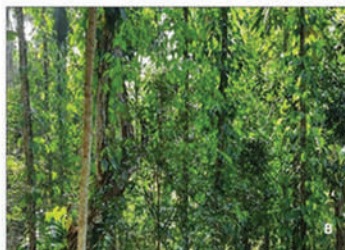
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Cachar district, Assam**



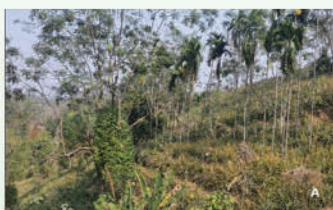
**Siris-Agarwood Agroforest  
Cachar district, Assam**



**Bamboo Agroforest,  
Assam**



**Traditional Piper-Agroforest  
in Assam**



**Traditional hill-Agroforest  
in Assam**



**Homestead Agroforest  
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### Background

The Assam is globally renowned for its rich bio-cultural diversity.

The forest ecosystems of the state – comprising luxuriant species and the varying habitats, landscapes, and regions in which they exist – are key to the spiritual, cultural, psychological and social wellbeing of its diverse communities. To further strengthen this connection, the Government of Assam is implementing various initiatives/projects to protect its ecosystems and communities and make them climate-resilient and sustainable.

Agroforestry can harness the benefits of trees for people and the environment. As per National Agroforestry Policy 2014, Agroforestry is a land-use system which integrates trees and shrubs on farmlands and rural landscapes to enhance productivity, profitability, diversity, and ecosystem sustainability. Agroforestry can become an important tool to build the resilience of farmers and rural people against threats of climate change and natural calamities. It can also help in increasing the forest cover, greening the rural employment and rural development opportunities by providing agroforestry tree produce-based economic opportunities.



### Development of Agroforestry in Assam

The Assam Forest Department under the Assam Project on Forest and Biodiversity Conservation (APFBC) Phase-II aims to protect the state's natural ecosystems and habitats. One of the mandates of the APFBC aims is to promote alternative livelihoods through initiatives such as 'Agroforestry' among the forest-fringe communities of the state.

Realizing the importance and role of agroforestry in promoting sustainable development of the most vulnerable communities in the state, the Government of Assam, on 10th December 2021, has also notified the creation of the Assam Agroforestry Development Board as a non-profit company.



### Primary objectives

- ◆ Fostering economic development while enhancing and preserving the green cover including Tree Outside Forest cover (TOF) in the state.
- ◆ Strengthening livelihoods in the rural and forest-fringe areas, decreasing the dependence on natural forests, and enhancing adaptive capacities of communities through the adoption of agroforestry practices as an alternative livelihood activity.
- ◆ Contributing to achieving at least 9 out of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) with a key focus on ending poverty and hunger, combating climate change and its impacts and halting biodiversity loss. In addition, agroforestry shall actively contribute to gender equality, health, sustainable energy solutions, and responsible agricultural production.



### Inviting active collaborations and partnerships

- ◆ **For Government departments**  
Bringing investment opportunities to the state, source of revenue and local employment generation, achieving the national goal of 33 percent tree cover, mitigating climate change through carbon sequestration, and delivering on SDGs.
- ◆ **For farmers and forest fringe communities**  
Supplementing farm income and alternate livelihood options, availability of capital and quality seeds, access and facilitation for value addition and market linkages.
- ◆ **For industries**  
Actively contributing towards enhancing revenue from the agroforestry-based economy, investing in climate-resilient technology and potential to develop Public-private partnerships for promoting wood based-industries.



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