



**Regional  
Model Forest  
Network-Asia**

An aerial photograph of a dense, lush green forest. A dirt road runs vertically through the center of the image, with a white van parked on it. The forest is thick with various shades of green, indicating a healthy ecosystem.

**We bring  
people together  
to sustainably  
manage forest  
landscapes.**

# About the Regional Model Forest Network–Asia

The Regional Model Forest Network–Asia (RMFN–Asia) is a community of Model Forests across Asia. We facilitate learning, cooperation and exchange among our member Model Forests.

RMFN–Asia promotes the sustainable management of forest landscapes, where communities and their environment thrive.

We are one of six regional networks under the International Model Forest Network (IMFN):

- African Model Forest Network
- Canadian Model Forest Network
- Latin-American Model Forest Network
- Mediterranean Model Forest Network
- Northern Europe and Russia
- Regional Model Forest Network–Asia

Together this is the world's largest network dedicated to sustainable landscape governance.



RECOFTC



RMFN–Asia

Since January 2024, RECOFTC has been serving as the RMFN–Asia Secretariat. It supports the day-to-day operations of RMFN–Asia, facilitating knowledge sharing, coordinating meetings and maintaining regional communications. RECOFTC's work is made possible with the support of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation and the Government of Sweden.

## Focal areas 2025–2030

# 1

### Resilience to climate change

RMFN–Asia will increase climate resilience of communities and forest landscapes through nature-based solutions.

# 2

### Forest landscape restoration and livelihoods

RMFN–Asia will use practical and innovative approaches to restore forest landscapes and enhance livelihoods.

# 3

### Gender, youth and social inclusion

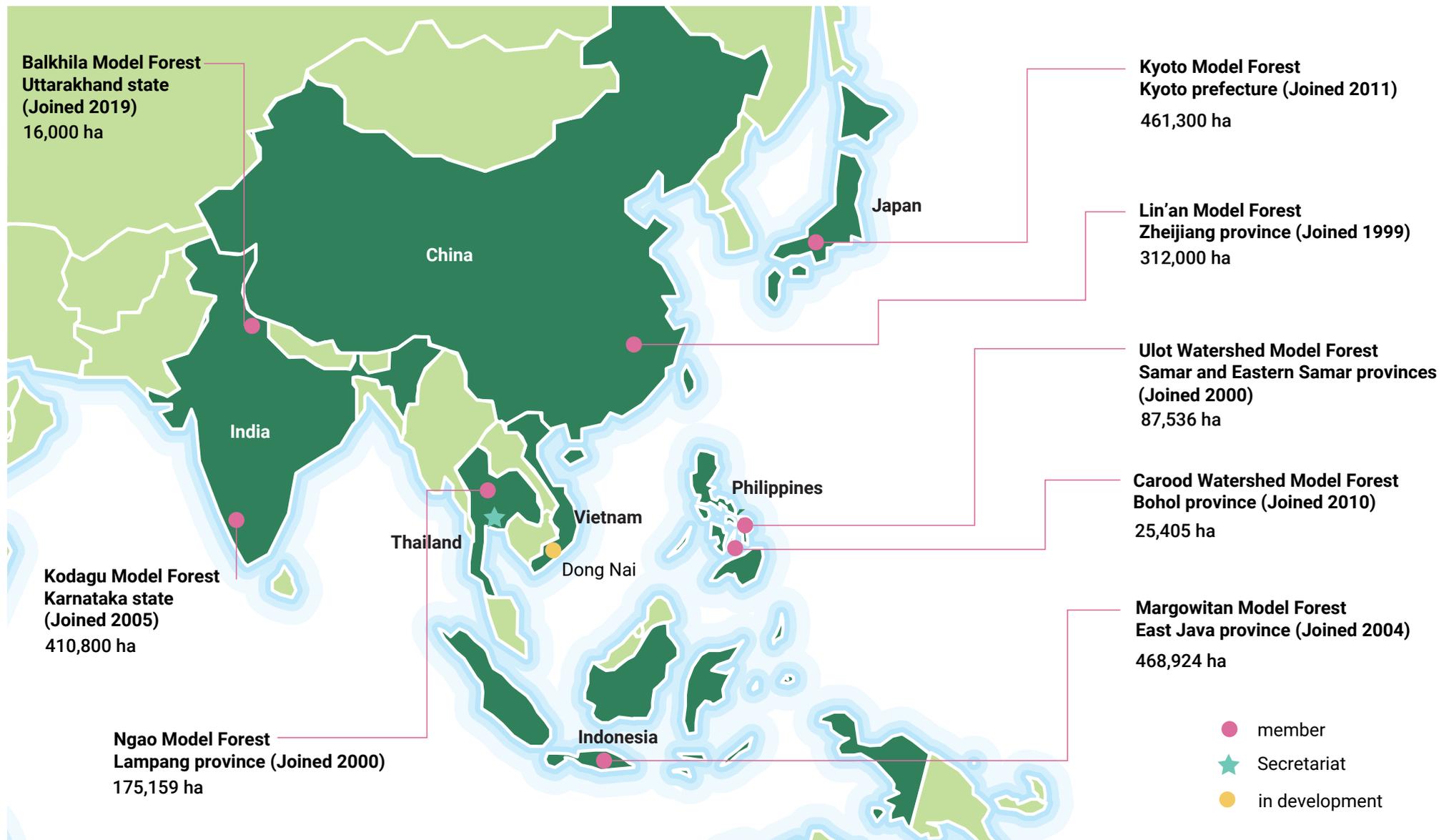
RMFN–Asia will increase the representation and enhance the empowerment of women, youth, Indigenous Peoples, ethnic minorities and people with disabilities in decision-making and management processes in forest landscapes.

# 4

### Sustainable finance

RMFN–Asia will enhance the capacity of forest landscape stakeholders to access financial resources.





## Our Model Forest members

[rmfnasia.org](http://rmfnasia.org)



# What is a Model Forest?

A Model Forest is both a place and a process. Geographically, a Model Forest landscape may cover productive forests, farms, human settlements and protected areas. As a process, it brings together diverse stakeholders to find innovative, inclusive and sustainable solutions for community wellbeing, forest conservation and sustainable management.

The Model Forest approach was developed in the 1990s by the Government of Canada. All 60+ Model Forests in 30+ countries follow six principles to achieve sustainable forest landscape management by balancing the social, environmental, economic and cultural benefits of forest landscapes.

## Six principles of Model Forests



### Partnership

We are a common space for voluntary participation within a large shared landscape.



### Landscape

We consider multiple social, cultural, economic and environmental aspects within a shared landscape.



### Commitment to sustainability

We are committed to the conservation and sustainable management of forest landscapes.



### Governance

Our process is representative, participatory, transparent and accountable.



### Programme of activities

Each Model Forest undertakes activities that reflect its vision and the needs of its stakeholders.



### Knowledge sharing, capacity building and networking

Model Forests collaborate to share and learn from one another.





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