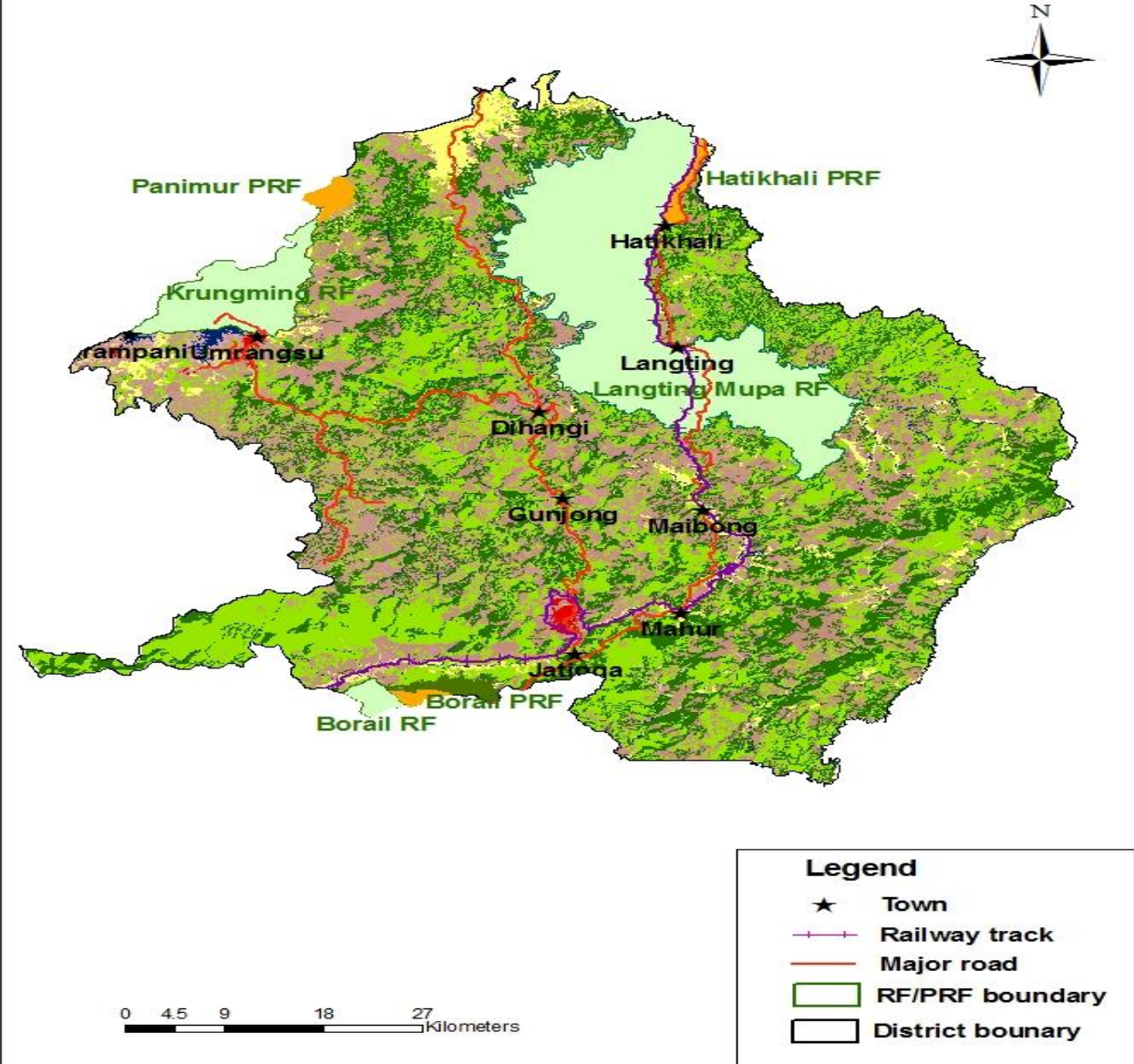




FOREST FIRE

DIMA HASAO DISTRICT, ASSAM

NC Hills District map showing RF, PRF, USF & other areas



Geographical Area

- Dima Hasao District : 4888 sq.km
- Forest Cover : 4,207.00 Sq. Km
- Very Dense Forest : 209.00 Sq. Km.
- Moderately Dense Forest : 1,520.00 Sq. Km.
- Open Forest : 2,478.00 sq. Km.
- Scrub Forest : 4.00 Sq. Km
- Percentage of Forest Cover : 86.07%

[SFR 2019]

FORESTS IN DIMA HASAO DISTRICT

(A) RESERVE FORESTS	AREA [in hact]
1. Langting Mupa Reserve Forests	49178.8
2. Krungming Reserve Forests.	12288.0
3. Borail Reserve Forests.	4850.0
Total	66,316.8

(B) PROPOSED RESERVE FOREST	AREA [in hact]
1.Panimur District Council PRF	2870.0
2.Hatikhali District Council PRF	806.0
3. Borail Hills District Council PRF	1760.0
Total	5436.00
(C) UNCLASS STATE FOREST	2,60,320

Profile of Dima Hasao District

- Area of 4,888 square kilometres
- Third largest district of Assam.
- Predominantly a forest area.
- Population of 213,529 as per 2011 Census.
- The district has 36,758 hectares of cultivable land and around 23,700 families of the district are involved in agriculture.
- Jhum cultivation is practised in 729 (approx.) hectares of the District.

Jhum Cultivation in Dima Hasao District

- Shifting cultivation practices are linked with the ecological, socio-economic, and cultural life of the people and are closely connected to their rituals and festivals.
- Shifting cultivation in the region is not only the way to earn livelihood of rural tribes but also it contributes to the state domestic product substantially of the respective District.
- Considering the physiographic characters of land, climate conditions, social customs, food habits etc. alternative system of farming like diversified farming should be introduced.
- This would require a system which includes agriculture, horticulture along with animal husbandry, fishery and poultry farming etc

Action Taken to mitigate the Jhum Cultivation oriented Forest Fire

- Awareness camp are organized to create awareness regarding the adverse affect of the Jhum Cultivation.
- Local team comprising the Leading Citizen and Forest Officer are constituted to prevent the forest fire due to Jhum Cultivation and mitigation action also conducting.
- Jhum rehabilitation action plan are being under preparation.

Utilization of Fund received for prevention of Forest Fire against the financial year 2019-20

- Total allocation of fund 93.23 lakhs
- Allocation & status of the fund

Sl. No.	Name of Division	Fund Allocated	UC status	Remarks
1.	Karbi Anglong East	20.57 lakhs	Not submitted	Revalidation for unutilized fund is under process
2.	Karbi Anglong West	10.84 lakhs	Not submitted	
3.	Hamren	10.56 lakhs	Not submitted	
4.	Karimganj	10.23 lakhs	Not submitted	
5.	Cachar	10.23 lakhs	4.88 lakhs	
6.	Hailakandi	10.23 lakhs	Not submitted	
7.	Dima Hasao East	10.23 lakhs	10.23 lakhs	
8	Dima Hasao West	20.34 lakhs	10.34 lakhs	

FOREST FIRE IN DIMA HASAO DISTRICT

- Around 95% of Forest fires in the District due to Jhum Cultivation.
- Jhum Cultivation predominately practiced in the Unclassed State Forests, Revenue Areas and some percentage in the Reserved Forest Areas.
- In Dima Hasao, the peak fire season typically begins in late February and lasts around 11 weeks.
- There were 354 VIIRS fire alerts reported between 10th of May 2021 and 2nd of May 2022 considering high confidence alerts only. This is normal compared to previous years going back to 2012.*
- (**Global Forest Watch*)

Remedial Measures to prevent Forest Fires.

- Awareness Programmes conducted on a regular basis to wean away the local villagers from Jhum.
- Regular monitoring of incidences of Forest fires by frontline staffs.
- Pre–fire season Workshops among Line Departments.
- Training and capacity building to staffs on fire fighting modules for Frontline staffs, NGO's & Village communities.
- Procurement of Fire–fighting equipments, construction of water storage tanks with pumps, controlled burning, fireline creation and maintenance under CSS–Forest Fire Prevention & Management Scheme.*
- *(* An amount of Rs. 20.57 lakh received under CSS–Forest Fire Prevention & Management Scheme during 2019–20)*



Thanks