SERVIR & SilvaCarbon: A Partnering for natural climate solutions



Land use data for climate action

SERVIR and SilvaCarbon conduct targeted, complementary activities to help countries meet their needs for improved land use information, enhance natural resource management, and foster scientific collaboration and data-driven decision-making.

SERVIR, a joint initiative of NASA, USAID, and leading geospatial organizations in Asia, Africa, and Latin America, works across four thematic service areas. The land cover service area focuses on helping countries use satellite data and geospatial technologies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through improved land use management.

SilvaCarbon is a US Government interagency technical cooperation program implemented by USGS and USFS to enhance tropical forested countries' capacity to monitor, measure, and report on carbon in their forests and other lands—leading to better mitigation outcomes.



OVERVIEW: SERVIR co-develops innovative solutions through a network of regional hubs to inform national policies and strategies to adapt to the impacts of global change and plan for a sustainable future. Co-funded by USAID and NASA, SERVIR addresses critical challenges in climate change, food security, water, disasters, land use, and air quality.

APPROACH: Supports country needs through a network of regional hubs in Asia, Africa and the Americas



- Land cover change monitoring
- Resource management
- Crop mapping

- Emission estimates
- Natural capital accounting
- Fire monitoring & forecasting
- Ecological forecasting



USG AGENCIES: USAID, Dept. of State, USFS, USGS, EPA, NASA

OVERVIEW: SilvaCarbon provides targeted technical and capacity building support—working directly with in-country teams and international partners to develop transparent, sustainable forest and landscape monitoring systems, data products, and tools.

GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE: Supports country needs via technical science teams.

APPLICATIONS:

- Land cover change monitoring
- National greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory development
- National forest inventory design & implementation
- Integration of remote sensing & ground data for carbon estimation & reporting

Recent Collaboration Examples

COLLECT EARTH ONLINE (CEO)

CEO, a co-developed web app to collect reference data for monitoring land cover and land use change, has 4,500+ users and over 9 million sample points to date.

THE SAR HANDBOOK PROJECT



A freely-available online resource on Synthetic Aperture Radar for forestry monitoring and biomass applications. The eBook has over 600,000 downloads worldwide.

JOINT TRAININGS & WORKSHOPS



SERVIR and SilvaCarbon hold joint/complementary trainings across Asia, Africa, and the Americas to improve land cover monitoring capabilities.

Global Reach & Implementation SERVIR and SilvaCarbon have complementary

activities around the world. SERVIR's regionally-focused hub model—supporting country needs based on user consultations—pairs well with SilvaCarbon's country-based collaborative approach. This provides opportunities for shared resources and greater efficacy than either program could achieve alone.

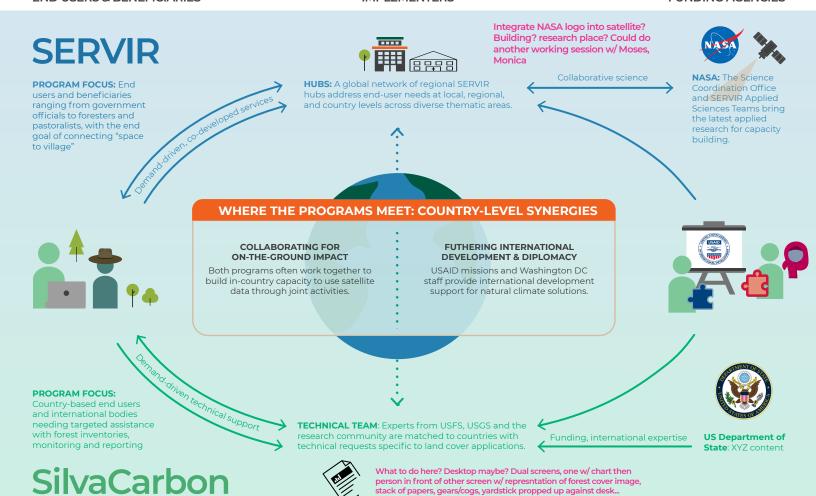
People trained in 2019 countries impacted

SERVIR Hubs are located in Amazonia, West Africa, Eastern & Southern Africa, Hindu-Kush Himalaya, and the lower Mekong.

Synergy Areas

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