



# Bangladesh Forest Information System

<http://bfis.bforest.gov.bd/bfis/>



## About the Bangladesh Forest Information System (BFIS):

The Bangladesh Forest Information System (BFIS) is an online platform that contains tools to assess and manage forest resources administered by the Bangladesh Forest Department (BFD), under the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC). The entire collection of tools is represented by 20 modules that both help public users to easily access forest information and BFD users to operate more efficiently. In each module users can access, edit and collect data and information. The BFIS modules are managed by the Resources Information Management System (RIMS) Unit of Bangladesh Forest Department.

## The BFIS contains modules under following categories:

**Development Activities:** Human resources, on-going projects and national and sub-national forestry plans.

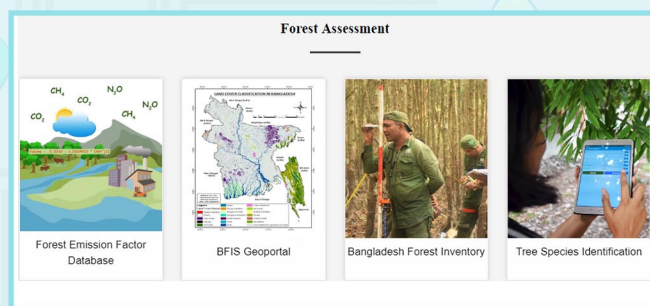
**Management and Conservation:** Information on social forestry, legal affairs, land record, plantation, nursery, protected area, REDD+ and other governmental systems.

**Forest Assessment:** Geospatial and non-geospatial data for forest assessment.

**Knowledge Management:** Digital archiving of documents, videos, images and capacity building database.

## Features of the BFIS:

- **Modules:** User-friendly interface of modules allow users to manage and access forestry databases, maps and reports which were not available in digital format previously.
- **Central repository of forest information:** A rich collection of university thesis, survey data, manuals, reports from different development activities and involved institutions in the forestry sector are available from central database.



- **Data sharing policy:** In line with the Right to Information Act, a data sharing policy was developed to provide data under BFD terms and conditions.
- **Latest updates:** The platform will give update about new module added to the system for user awareness about present activity .
- **No registration:** Users can navigate to the BFIS modules without registration. Registration will require for those modules where contents are copyright protected.

## Highlights:

- The BFIS is the first forest information system in Bangladesh.
- The platform<sup>1</sup> is accessible from Bangladesh Forest Department website.
- BFIS will be maintained and managed by RIMS unit of Bangladesh Forest Department.
- BFIS is hosted in National Data Center of Bangladesh Computer Council.

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