STEPS TO AUTHORIZED FOREST COMMUNITY STATUS

**Step 1:** Community applies to FDA with a US$250 non-refundable fee.

**Step 2:** FDA posts 30-days’ notice for survey to find out what the people have in their forest and how they use the forest.

**Step 3:** FDA works with community to survey and find out what the people have in their forest and how they use the forest.

**Step 4:** FDA posts 30-days’ notice to cut line and make a map of the forest.

**Implementing the CFMP:** Community takes good care of their forest using the Community Forest Management Plan (CFMP).

**Step 5:** FDA and community work together to cut line around the forest.

**Step 6:** After checking in the forest and cutting line around the forest, FDA and community post the two results on bulletin for everyone to see.

**Step 7:** When there is any problem with the survey and the line cutting results, FDA with the community and other government people help to solve the palaver.

**Step 8:** FDA gives community the ‘go-ahead’ to put themselves together to take care of the forest.

**Step 9:** FDA and community sign Community Forest Management Agreement (CFMA).

**In the beginning:** Community decides they want rights to their forests.