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A village in Jaintia Hills, Meghalaya, a beautiful example of a community conservation initiative.

Daniel (Ingty), Project Director of the Meghalaya Rural Development Society who is also a good friend directed us to this village that shares a border with the Karbi Anglong Hills. I am attaching with this mail a small sketch that two of the community representatives who met with us drew to explain how and which areas they are protecting. Also attaching a few images of the community protected forests.

It is a completely self initiated effort, and the community is protecting seven patches of forest varying in size from around 3 sq. km. to even up to 10 sq. km. in our estimation. In atleast two of the forest patches there is a complete ban on removal of trees and in others there is quota that has been fixed as to the number of logs each household is entitled to annually. A number of boards had been put up in different places prohibiting hunting.







