

LFMCs on the Move



The Local Forest Management Committees (LFMCs) in the Buff Bay/Pencar watershed have been very active in the past few months. With the assistance of FD staff, the Pencar LFMC has been successful in securing funding to start up a community nursery. A 3-acre parcel of land on a forest reserve at Enfield in the Pencar River valley was identified for the nursery site and a lease agreement was prepared between the Forestry Department and the Pencar LFMC. Construction of the nursery is sponsored by the "Enhancing Civil Society Project" funded by the Canadian International Development Agency. A launch to mark the inauguration of this joint initiative was held March 22, 2002. The Buff Bay LFMC is also exploring possibilities for generating new sources of income through the sustainable use of forest resources, including the potential for an eco-tourism attraction at the Lancaster Forest Reserve in the Buff Bay Valley.