

ABSTRACT

The present study has been conducted for analyzing the status of REDD+ mechanism in the countries that have adopted its vision and strategies for minimizing the deforestation and enhancing the afforestation rate. AHP-SWOT Analysis methodology has been applied along with Policy Analysis that involved the critical analysis of various existing policies of Pakistan. There are two significant aspects of the current study; which focused on firstly defining and prioritizing the linear groups (for SWOT) and analyzing their sub-factors related to the REDD framework being implemented in selected countries. The second aspect of the study has focused on formulation and recommendation of a representative policy framework for forest sector in Pakistan under the REDD vision. The substantial SWOT-AHP results shown that the priority weights below the level of 10% strengthen the subjective arguments drawn as; valid and correct for decision making. Likewise, the factors identified with highest priority rankings have been prioritized while devising policy implementation framework.