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**Map Your Land,  
Manage Your Resources,  
and Own Your Data**

Land and resource rights are the foundation for building stronger communities, improving lives, and protecting our planet, yet too many communities cannot prove they own the land they live on and care for.

Cadasta Foundation is a non-profit organization that provides digital tools that can grow with your needs. These tools are accompanied by training and support to help local communities collect, map, monitor, and defend their land, resources, and cultural rights. Whether you're in a rural or urban area, Cadasta can help you use your data on your terms by setting up sustainable tools and workflows to meet your unique needs.

***Your Land. Your Data. Your Future.***

## **Why partner with Cadasta?**

- Cadasta enables scalable mapping and documentation of land and resource rights at a fraction of traditional costs.
- Cadasta's platform aligns with open standards, allowing integration with government systems, global databases, and complementary technologies.
- The platform also supports the documentation of a wide range of rights — formal, informal, collective, customary, and overlapping.
- We co-fundraise with partners to cover technology, training, services, and implementation costs.

## **With Cadasta, you can:**

- Map land, forest, and coastal territories
- Build evidence for land claims, investment, or rights recognition
- Manage land use, conservation, and ecosystem services
- Train local teams and communities in data collection and monitoring
- Support community and government engagement



## Technology, Training, and Trust—Tailored to You

With Cadasta, you will gain the tools, skills, and support you need to lead land and resource mapping and monitoring in your community.



### Technology, Made Simple

Cadasta helps you create your own field apps using modern, easy-to-use technology. You can design custom forms to collect information about land and boundaries directly from your phone, including photos, videos, and notes. The tools work both online and offline, so you can use them even in areas with no internet. No coding or complex setup is needed. All the data is stored securely and can help you protect your land rights and share information with governments or other institutions.



### Training That Builds Confidence

We offer beginner-friendly instruction to support every stage of your mapping and data journey. We cover everything from data collection and GIS fundamentals, to building dashboards, web maps, and story maps. Our training also includes guidance on land administration systems, analyzing data, and developing custom workflows tailored to your unique needs.



### Technical Support That Walks With You

We don't just give you tools—we support you every step of the way through GIS assessments, project planning, and community mobilization. When partnering with Cadasta, you will receive support in data collection, preparing formal claims, and government engagement.



### Data Security That You Can Trust

Communities retain full ownership, control, and decision-making power over their data when using the Cadasta platform. Your data is safe with Cadasta—we follow best practices for transparency, consent, privacy, and long-term governance.



### Sharing Impact

With the Cadasta platform, you'll have the power to tell your stories and share outcomes with your community, stakeholders, donors, and partners through interactive web maps, digital storytelling tools, and dashboards.

## Our Process

- 1. Start with your priorities:** We listen to understand your needs, challenges, and goals.
- 2. Co-design solutions:** Together, we prepare a plan, tools, and training that work for your context.
- 3. Guidance:** Your community leads will receive training to map, document, and manage land and resource data.
- 4. Support action:** We demonstrate how your data can be used as evidence for land claims, advocacy, and planning.
- 5. Ongoing support:** As your needs grow or evolve, Cadasta can provide consistent, flexible support.

## Technical Services

**Mobile Data collection** | You can design and implement custom mobile tools to support community-led data collection for land, resources, and cultural mapping, even in areas with limited or no connectivity.

**GIS Training and Capacity Building** | Geospatial assessments, GIS training, and train-the-trainer programs are offered to strengthen the capacity of communities.

**Platform Development** | You'll gain access to a user-friendly platform for managing, visualizing, and sharing your data through custom dashboards, interactive web maps, and compelling story maps.

**Mapping and Analysis** | You will learn to produce custom maps and conduct analysis to support participatory planning, outreach, dispute resolution and decision-making.

**Data Ownership and Governance** | You retain control of your data through secure storage options, robust data governance planning, and alignment with international data protocols.

**Land Administration Services** | You will design and implement processes to map and document various land rights, including individual, communal, and Indigenous models.

**Convert Paper Records** into digital versions to improve efficiency, traceability and access.

**Design Field-to-dashboard Workflows** tailored to local needs - from data collection and validation to data sharing



# Partner-Led, Locally Rooted, Globally Connected

Around the world, Cadasta has supported over 100 local groups, from forest communities to urban neighborhoods.

Here are a few examples of our work:

**In India,** tribal communities used the Cadasta platform to support over 40,000 land rights claims in forests. With the data they collected, communities built land use plans to improve livelihoods and adapt to climate change.

**In Myanmar,** Indigenous groups used our tools to map 3.5 million hectares of forest. With this data, they are protecting biodiversity and issuing community land certificates.

**In Uganda,** a local CSO partnered with Cadasta to deliver customary certificates of ownership to 27,500 people, and 80%+ of people we surveyed said they feel less worried about losing their land.



**“The Cadasta team has been working closely with the land and forest data managers to learn about their needs and concerns and adapted the technology to the unique challenges and context that Kawthoolei communities strive to protect their land rights and environment in. This close collaboration, knowledge exchange and the trust developed is key. This is what makes this model of collaboration unique and successful.”**

**ESAN Community Leader, Karen People, Myanmar**

## How We Work With Communities

At Cadasta, we center the knowledge and priorities of Indigenous Peoples, Afro-descendant groups, and other local communities living without secure tenure rights. Our approach is built on trust, transparency, and co-creation, ensuring that solutions are led by you and serve your goals.

Cadasta's vision is to build a world where even the most marginalized individuals and communities can benefit from the opportunities afforded by secure land and resource rights.

## Our Values

**Collaboration:** We design projects with communities, not for them.

**Transparency:** Communities retain ownership and control of their data and decisions.

**Integrity:** We recognize the inherent rights of communities to their land, culture, and data.

**Impact:** An emphasis on monitoring and evaluation ensures each project builds on the successes and learnings of the last one.

**Inclusion:** We make space for all voices—youth, women, and marginalized groups—to shape and lead.

**Contact us to learn how you  
can advance your goals:**

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