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Socio-Ecological Production Landscapes and Seascapes for a Society in Harmony with Nature

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The Satoyama Initiative

The Satoyama Initiative is a global effort to realize “societies in harmony with nature” by promoting revitalization and sustainable management of “socio-ecological production landscapes and seascapes” (SEPLS), which are dynamic mosaics of habitats and land uses providing humans with the goods and services for their inclusive wellbeing while conserving biodiversity. SEPLS can be found in many places around the world. Many of them, however are facing challenges due to rapid urban development, over-exploitation, under-use, industrial agriculture and other factors. The conceptual framework of the Satoyama Initiative, consisting of a “three-fold approach” and “six ecological and socioeconomic perspectives”, confirms multi-dimensional aspects that are important to addressing these issues and promoting SEPLS. The Satoyama Initiative aims to contribute to the three objectives of the Convention of the Biological Diversity (CBD). In particular, the concept of SEPLS is most pertinent to the second objective, the sustainable use of biodiversity. At the CBD COP 10 meeting in 2010, a decision recognizing the Satoyama Initiative (Decision X/32) was adopted, and the International Partnership for the Satoyama Initiative (IPSI) was launched to foster broader activities to sustain and develop SEPLS.

Enhancing resilience in SEPLS in Southeast Asia

Effective adaptation to climate change can benefit from the integration of traditional knowledge and modern technologies, leading to enhanced resilience in SEPLS. For example, a case study from Viet Nam illustrates strengths to tackle salinization and its effect on crop production. A strategy for countering salt infiltration is to use floodgates upstream when the infiltration advances. The engineering solution to cope with ecosystem changes is to use floodgates, but ecological strategies are also needed to address salinization, such as for farmers to switch from high-yield varieties to traditional varieties or to glutinous rice in fields unaffected by salinization, or from rice to rushes in affected fields. The integration of mosaic systems that integrate traditional varieties and modern

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hybrid varieties gives higher yields and has the potential to increase resilience to climate and ecosystem changes in rural Southeast Asia.

In a case from Indonesia, a traditional home garden system in Java known as *pekarangans* has been selected to help protect against various types of shocks and socio-economic changes, and also maintain high levels of biodiversity. For instance, trees can be cut and be sold as high-price teak and mahogany timber to cover healthcare and education expenses, and for disaster recovery. The study recommended that the conservation of *pekarangans* should be combined with application of the Forest Certification System (FCS) to commercial forests to offer increased protection against socio-economic changes owing to commercial reforestation, which is economically and ecologically very efficient.

In Ayeyarwady, Myanmar, the local livelihoods have relied mainly on the mangrove forest as it contributes to fisheries as well as disaster risk reduction. Recently, however, the forest has been declining, and wind- and salt-tolerant species have therefore been selected for home gardens in rehabilitation efforts around the village, together with artificial facilities for disaster risk reduction, in order to enhance local resilience.

Multi-dimensional aspects of resilience in SEPLS

In order to improve social capabilities and living standards, enhancement of the resilience of local communities through multi-dimensional rural livelihood diversification using on-farm, off-farm and non-farm opportunities is important. For instance, drought- and flood-prone communities in Northern Ghana have seen efforts including crop diversification with commercial crops like peppers and okra and improved beekeeping for honey production. In this context, it is necessary to expand the value chain to sell products, and such efforts can also provide social benefits. While access to ecosystem services in these communities continues to suffer from land degradation and unpredictable rainfall and drought, and women are especially disadvantaged in access to fertile land and other income sources, shea butter production is contributing their empowerment. Community resilience assessment indicators have been developed, which include the three dimensions of ecological resilience, engineering resilience, and socio-economic resilience.

The highlight of this research project was the co-creation of drama engaging local communities and disseminating scientific research findings where illiteracy rates are high. The community members mainly drew on traditional culture and practices to tell stories of changes in their community, and this became a great opportunity to enhance resilience in local communities and promote self-action beyond immediate project interventions.

Keys for sustainable societies in harmony with nature

Efforts in SEPLS also have great opportunities to contribute to many of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Thus, it would be effective to clearly understand which goals individual activities may contribute to. Promoting the social-ecological sphere through rural-urban linkages is an important point in promoting SEPLS towards sustainable societies in harmony with nature.

Community based conserved areas: a rediscovery of culture in forest landscapes?

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Abstract:

Renewed interest in the role of traditional ecological knowledge (TEK) and indigenous ways of doing and viewing the world (some refer to it as local wisdom) has arrived via environmentalism. Given that there are various strands to environmentalism, the paper will focus on what is known as ‘new environmentalism’. The main features of new environmentalism that are of relevance to this paper are: providing a critique of top down ecologically damaging forms of development in favour of participatory development and second, its particular view about TEK as falling outside politics. The paper will not venture into an aspect of new environmentalism that emphasises technology and ‘proper regulation’ by bureaucracies for managing industrial damage to the environment (technocentrism). After all there is now a thriving clean up industry in business and consultancy.

New environmentalism’s focus on upland or border communities on people who, according to James Scott, because of historical processes of displacement and marginalisation have developed an art of not being governed because of the spaces they occupy. Examples are the uplands within states and/ or on the borders of state (as in the Heart of Borneo) or in marginal spaces of well traversed seas (such as the Sulu Sulawesi Seas within the Coral Triangle). An added feature of such communities at the margin is their perceived authenticity, less corrupt and having a fair standard of moral purpose; in sum a culture free of tensions caused by social relations and forms of power (class, gender, ethnicity). And yet, as David Harvey has pointed out these marginal places that have survived have, almost without exception, done so by an accommodation to the power of money, to commodification and capital accumulation and to modern technologies, hence an aberration from the search for an authentic community possessing values outside of a capitalist, materialist and highly monetized culture.

For the people who are now living in what used to be ‘marginal places’ their actions show that they are responding in the best way they know how by adapting to conservation practices on the ground be

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they state, non-government, and/or or academics by forming alliances or by resisting them. Alliances have provided some local communities with leverage, but it has not happened in a vacuum. The process is double edged.

The main response for most local communities to interventions of any form is 'how to hold on to what is left' of natural resources on which their entitlements (social, economic, political) in the context of the nation state lie. Their past experiences of displacement and loss of access to natural resources have prompted the formation of an 'environmentalism of the poor'.

This paper examines my own work in Sabah of community based conservation and one case study from the Philippines undertaken by members of the Asian Public Intellectual group that exemplify the effort of trying 'to hold on to what is left'. Using the socio-ecological systems (SES) framework the analysis allows for taking into account both the ecological and social systems as interacting with each other, mediated by conditions of unequal power, to impact community decisions. Conservation in practice e.g. via ecotourism could lead to the promotion of specific aspects of local lifestyles and 'tradition' (a commodification of culture) or it could strengthen some local practices that have been dormant or about to be forgotten (as the Satoyama system has shown). However, one outcome that is shared by most communities who have cultivated 'the art of not being governed' is that they have now become more embedded in state and market processes of development. Solutions such as eco-tourism, land titling and ancestral domain show contingent effects, but there is no room in this paper to detour.

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The IPBES assessment of pollinators, pollination and food production

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IPBES

The Intergovernmental Platform for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services was established in 2012, with the support of more than 100 governments, with the goal of delivering assessments in manner that supports the development of policy responses, catalyses efforts to learn more and builds capacity globally. It is administered by UNEP (the United Nations Environment Programme). The strategy is to review existing knowledge and to communicate synthesis of evidence in a way that is policy relevant but not policy prescriptive. IPBES also recognizes that evidence for the assessments comes not only from science in the western tradition, but also from indigenous and local knowledge. Pollinators, pollination and links to food production was selected as one of the first areas for a thematic assessment, in part because it was recognized that it was an area of concern globally, but also because the topic had received substantial attention from researchers and so it was anticipated that the knowledge base would be relatively strong.

The assessment process

A team was assembled with two co-chairs and more than 60 authors, drawn mostly from research institutions, across more than 30 countries. There were major workshops in 2014 and 2015, but smaller teams met other times, and most of the work was done in between workshops. The structure of the report was determined at the outset and included the following chapters: Summary for policy makers, Background, Drivers of Change, Status and Trends, Economic Valuation, Biocultural Diversity and Sociocultural Values, and Responses to Risks and Opportunities. The final report was delivered early in 2016.

Main messages from the assessment

About 75% of the leading food crops depend in some part on pollinators, both wild and managed. Pollinator dependence is linked to 5-8% of global crop production, and these crops account for much

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of the recent growth in agriculture. There are documented declines of wild pollinators and managed honeybees in parts of Europe and North America. Globally the state of wild pollinators is not well known, and the total number of managed honeybee hives is increasing. Pollinator dependent crops shown lower yield improvement over time and more yield variability.

The most important drivers of change for pollinators include loss and degradation of natural habitats, intensification of farming, use of pesticides, climate change, and spread of pathogens, pests and invasive alien species. It is important to recognize that these factors interact and may cause synergistic effects. Around the world there are many different examples of actions that support better outcomes for pollinators and pollination. Some relate directly to land management options, such as protection and restoration of habitats, especially in and around agriculture. Many indigenous cultures have production systems that support diverse and abundant pollinators, and other practices that protect pollinating animals and their habitats. Some solutions seek to change behavior, such as by rewarding farmers for pollinator friendly practices, or by training beekeepers in bee husbandry techniques. Whereas some countries have strong and beneficial regulations that limit pesticide mis-use or that reduce the risk of spreading new diseases or invasive species, in many parts of the world these regulations are not at a level where they can be effective. Better management of pollinators and pollination in the future will require improved monitoring of status and trends, including monitoring of actions adopted to improve outcomes. There is also a need for improved capability, especially regarding pollinator taxonomy.

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Facilitating the Development of a Taiwan Partnership for the Satoyama Initiative (TPSI): A progress report on the SDM 2016 project & IPSI collaborative activity



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Background and Challenges of the Satoyama Initiative in Taiwan

Ever since the Satoyama Initiative (SI) was introduced to Taiwan in the late 2010, it has received great popularity from the government and the general public. Practices engaging in conservation and revitalization of socio-ecological-production landscapes (SEPLs) in compliance with the goal of Satoyama Initiative are on the rise. Especially, the Forestry Bureau (FB) of Council of Agriculture has been working with universities, NPOs and local communities on ecological restoration of rice terraces and wetlands in the name of SI since 2011. However, there are at least four challenges ahead concerning the promotion of SI in Taiwan (Lee, 2014; Sia et al., 2015) including a lack of a national policy and strategic framework, a lack of an indicator system for monitoring SEPLs, a need for relevant research for adapting SI into national and local contexts, a lack of a capacity-building mechanism for farmers and a need for on-the-ground and collaborative activities in different regions of Taiwan. Therefore, it calls for a more integrated approach to setting up a national strategic framework for promoting SI in Taiwan. Learning from the operation and experiences of the International Partnership for Satoyama Initiative (IPSI), National Dong-Hwa University (NDHU) proposed a national strategic framework for the Satoyama Initiative in 2014 and worked with FB to launched a 4-year pilot project for establishing a Taiwan Partnership for the Satoyama Initiative (TPSI).

Strategic Framework and Activities of the TPSI 2014-2017

‘Think global,’ ‘adapt national’ and ‘act local’ are considered interrelated hierarchical concepts which help to sort out the targets and tasks for promoting SI in Taiwan. The strategic framework for TPSI 2014-2017 involves two targets and five tasks (Figure 1). Figure 2 shows the relationship among TPSI, IPSI and the Satoyama Initiative.

The first target, corresponding to ‘think global’ and ‘adapt national,’ is about addressing issues of SEPLs and formulating solutions. Three tasks related to the first target include 1) enhancing international participation and exchange (activities including contributions to IPSI conferences and workshops, conduction of international conferences and workshops concerning SI in Taiwan); 2) working on policy research and strategic framework for implementation (activities including reviews of problems and opportunities of promoting SI in Taiwan, a mid-term national strategic framework for promoting SI in Taiwan); 3) facilitating knowledge of indicators for monitoring (activities including participatory evaluation of indicators of resilience of the SEPLs in Taiwan).

The second target, corresponding to ‘act local,’ is about conservation and revitalization of socio-ecological production landscapes. Two tasks related to the second target include 1) enhancing capacity building for on-the-ground practitioners and relevant governmental institutions (activities including field trips for exchange of knowledge and know-how among on-the-ground practitioners; workshops of case study reports for on-the-ground practitioners in line with SI); 2) enhancing and networking on-the-ground activities (activities including working on regional and national TPSI networks).



Figure 1. TPSI Strategic Framework
(based on IPSI Operational Framework, 2010)

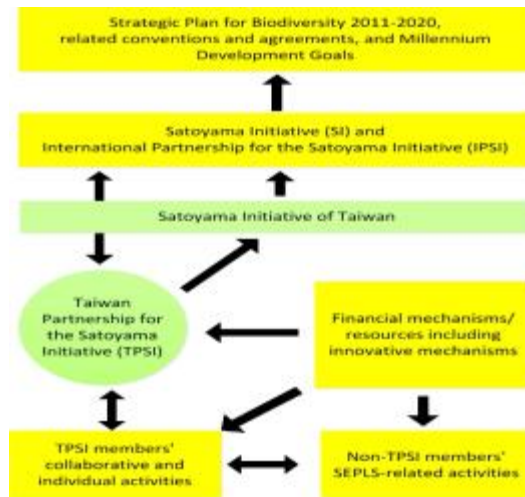


Figure 2. Relationship between TPSI, IPSI and SI
(revised from IPSI Secretariat and UNU-IAS, 2013)

Promotion of the Satoyama Initiative in Taiwan has become a new policy announced by the new minister of Council of Agriculture in May 2016 and by the new director of the Forest Bureau in July 2016. The future of TPSI relevant projects are promising.

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Restoring and Managing landscapes in *Gamri* Watershed, Tashigang

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The *Satoyama Initiative* and *Gamri* watershed: Bhutan joined the second phase of the Community Development and Knowledge Management for the *Satoyama* Initiative (COMDEKS) in 2013. *Gamri* watershed under Tashigang District, located in the eastern region of the country was selected at the target landscape of COMDEKS implementation in Bhutan. The watershed has a total area of 745 km² covering a diverse climate and ecosystems ranging from alpine, cool temperate, temperate, to broadleaf forests. Agriculture, livestock/yak rearing and weaving are the mainstay of the people of the watershed.

Gamri Watershed is of high significance as it intersects, and cover a large portion of the Sakteng Wildlife Sanctuary which is home to several globally threatened and endangered animal and bird species. Paradoxically, the watershed is plagued with mounting environmental problems, mainly resulting from excessive grazing, over extraction of natural resources, and deforestation. Based on the general characteristics and problems associated with the watershed, it was categorised into three distinct zones: Zone I – Upstream, Zone II- Midstream, and Zone III- Downstream.

A community based approach to resilient and sustainable landscapes in *Gamri* Watershed: A landscape-wide baseline assessment using Socio-Ecological Production Landscapes (SEPL) indicators revealed that environmental and socio-economic problems, and its consequences in different Zones of the landscape were interconnected. Majority of the environmental problems in Zone II and Zone III were the result of overgrazing and environmental degradation in Zone I.

Satoyama Initiative's holistic and integrated landscape approach was employed to collectively address interconnected and interdependent environmental and socio-economic problems of the landscape through meaningful engagement, dialogue, and empowerment of communities in different Zones of the landscape. Interventions resulted in improved linkage and dialogue of



Saling village, Zone II – Midstream, COMDEKS Landscape, Bhutan

stakeholders and communities living in different zones; restoration and securing of key ecosystems that provide essential ecosystem services; improved rangeland and natural resources management; alternative livelihood and income generating opportunities; and better access to clean and safe drinking water.

Mainstreaming landscape approach: COMDEKS approach provides a dynamic process to assess landscape challenges, and find collective solutions, that are practical and addresses felt needs of communities through engaging multiple stakeholders and partners. Meaningful engagement of the communities promotes accountability and ownership, contributing to the sustainability of interventions and outcome.

In *Gamri* Watershed, the landscape approach has been made more effective and mainstreamed through productive partnership and involvement of local government, and forest, livestock and agriculture extension staff in the communities. Experiences and tools will be beneficial in the planning and implementation of annual local development plans and community projects and grants. *Satoyama* SEPL indicators was used for landscape-wide baseline assessment for designing the SGP Operational Phase 6 Landscape Strategy of Manas River Basin.

Recommendations: The outcome of a landscape-wide baseline assessment using SEPL indicators is very much dependent on facilitators' skills, and their in-depth knowledge and understanding of the was landscape, traditions and customary practices of people. It would be useful to develop, and make available online tutorials/resources on SEPL indicators for facilitators. The indicators are very broad and difficult to explicitly communicate to local communities, suggest developing directed sub-questions under each indicator. *Satoyama Initiative* approach and tools may be developed to training modules and mainstreamed in the curriculum of environment and development training centres.

Indigenous Community Conservation Area: Sabah Parks Initiatives

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Indigenous Community Conservation Area (ICCA) had been recognize and supported by International Organizations as a crucial actor in conservation. However, until now the ICCA is still not fully implemented by government agencies. Most of the ICCA, is not yet recognized by governments and is still neglected within official conservation system, policies and legislations. The concepts of Community Use Zone (CUZ), Kinabalu Ecolinc Project and empowerment of indigenous peoples to use and manages parks areas for tourisms activities will be shared. This presentation, highlights the Sabah Parks initiatives to recognised and empower indigenous communities in and around park areas in Sabah.

The “Tagal System” – A Community-Based Fisheries Management

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The “Tagal” System

The “Tagal” System is a Community-Based Fisheries Management (CBFM) carried out in rivers and traditionally undertaken by the local community of Sabah from time immemorial. The word “Tagal” is a local dialect meaning – “Not allowed” or “Prohibited”. This system is based on the local customary practices and native customary law of the community. Basically, codes of conduct and rules which include rotating open and close season, no illegal fishing gears to be used and the size of fish to be taken are not usually written down but are passed down through verbal tradition and/or come about through the ruling of a village headmen or native chief of each community. These by-laws vary between villages and communities. Penalties for breaking by-laws will be fined in the form either of “animals” or the modern day cash equivalent.



Support From The Department Of Fisheries

The “Tagal” System is in line with the objectives of DOFS. As such the Department of Fisheries supports the effort of local communities to carry out the Tagal system. The Department also recognize that fish resource conflicts can be better managed when community are more involved in the daily management of resources. Apart from that the Department also recognizes the commitment to policies and programs of decentralization and community-based management and co-management. Wide Community engagement and participation are required to support the Tagal system. Currently there are 536 Tagal system sites involving the 221 rivers in 20 districts throughout the state that was created jointly by the local community and the Department of Fisheries Sabah. Efforts to develop the Tagal system will be continued in the 11th Malaysia Plan (2016-2020) to achieve the target of 700 tagal system under the National Agro-Food Policy by 2020. The Tagal system has been developed and emulated by the State of Sarawak (System Tagang) and Pahang.

Issues And Challenges

Issues and challenges faced by the Tagal system in the state include the following:

- * Conflicting river use (e.g taking river sand/stones)
- * The power to impose fines.
- * Overlap private land.
- * Conflict construction of other structures.
- * Rivers being “tagal” too long.
- * Fights between leaders / people in the village.
- * Tagal system to a halt/not active.
- * Gaining Recognition.

The Way Forward

Actions, recommendations and the way forward being carried out by the Department of Fisheries in solving the issues and challenges would include:

- * Signing Memorandum Of Understanding between DOFS and Community.
- * Through some process and considering other users.
- * Limit length of the river, sharing tagal system, composition committee, limit of facilities and assistance, zoning, enforcement and penalties.
- * River Management and Development by DOFS.
- * River Fisheries Resource Management by DOFS.
- * Establishment of Community management zone.
- * Establishment of the park / Sanctuary DOFS.

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Complex Rice Systems; Putting Ecosystem Restoration into Practice

Keywords: Complex rice systems, ecosystem restoration, smallholders

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Global rice production and the importance of ecosystem function restoration for smallholders.

Rice is the staple food of nearly half the world's population, of which more than 90% is concentrated in Asia. Rice is cultivated in a wide range of ecosystems, from upland to lowland, from rainfed to irrigated and from deep water to tidal marsh. The majority of rice farmers are smallholders and vulnerable to environmental and market changes. Besides the fact that green revolution packages have levelled off in terms of the rice yield, they also have created a dependency on external inputs and caused widespread environmental pollution through water flows in rice systems. This has caused significant biodiversity loss and led to ecosystem dysfunction. Ecological restoration of damaged rice ecosystems can potentially improve water and air quality and slow biodiversity loss by re-introducing plant and animal species. This creates benefits for smallholder farmers and human livelihoods.

Although the potential contribution of biodiversity to the functioning of agro-ecosystems have been studied intensively, practical implementation in agriculture remains scarce¹. Our project on complex rice systems (CRS) provides a practical model of ecological restoration.

CRS project on rice production systems in East Java.

In a collaboration between IORC and FSE, the project is conducted in East Java, Indonesia following a three-step method consisting of an on-farm experiment, a workshop and a participatory learning processes of the farmer field school (FFS). The project emphasizes the restoration of functional rather than compositional diversity to restore ecosystem functions of (i) weed and pest suppression and (ii) nutrient cycling. Re-introduction of fish and ducks in rice systems can suppress weed and pest infestation by exploiting the feeding and movement behaviour of these species. Growing border plants to attract natural enemies strengthens this function. Edible border plants also provide additional ecosystem services: provision of nutritious food, improvement of farmer income, and nutrient cycling

by integrating sunhemp as N-fixing plants in the rice systems. Together with azolla, sunhemp, is cycled by fish and ducks through their feeding system: the excreta provides nutrients for rice. The restoration project was replicated in other areas with slight adjustments to the elements and design. The three-step method can be used to duplicate the model to other areas.



A sample of CRS in East Java, a. in Lamongan District; b. in Malang District

Challenges to mainstreaming CRS to restore ecosystem functions and services

Three main challenges may limit the widespread implementation of CRS to restore ecosystem functions: high initial capital outlay, illiteracy of smallholders and their lack of access to information, and the lack of immediate benefits. First, the initial capital outlay includes: (i) purchase of materials for fencing and duck housing, (ii) purchase of initial inputs (organic fertilizers, duckling, fish, azolla and border plant seeds) and (iii) labour costs to build and managing the duck house and fish shelter/pond and to widen the ridges to grow border plants. We recommend adopting a step-by-step approach to implement CRS across two to three rice-growing cycles, starting with the construction of the fishpond and straw collection for duck house, compost and fish feed from previous rice harvest. Cooperation with duck farmers may also be helpful. Second, illiteracy and lack of access to information are obstacles for smallholders. Successful mainstreaming of CRS therefore requires the provision of appropriate training. We organized FFS that combined training and experimentation to improve farmer knowledge on agro-ecology. We recommend using pictures and videos to address the illiteracy of FFS participants. Keys for success are skilled communication, involvement of multiple stakeholders and respect for local cultural practices. Lastly, ecosystem restoration processes provide few immediate benefits. To motivate farmers to implement CRS, we include elements that increase farmer income as an immediate benefit, such as vegetables that are easily grown and sold in rice ecosystems as border plants.

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Mainstreaming Concept and Approaches of SEPLS in Eastern Plains Landscape of Cambodia through CAMPAS Project



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CAMPAS Project

Institute of Environmental Rehabilitation and Conservation collaborate with WWF Cambodia, WCS Cambodia, BirdLife Cambodia and Live&Learn Cambodia are conducting the project **Strengthening national biodiversity and forest carbon stock conservation through landscape-based collaborative management of Cambodia's Protected Area System as demonstrated in the Eastern Plains Landscape (CAMPAS)** under the supervision of the Ministry of Environment, Cambodia. The project aims to enhance Cambodia's protected area management effectiveness and secure forest carbon through improving inter-sectoral collaboration, landscape connectivity and sustainable forest management system of protected areas, mainstream biodiversity into production landscapes, and promote conservation of carbon stocks'. The project is implementing in the protected areas of Mondulkiri, northeast of Cambodia. The province consists of five wildlife sanctuaries namely Keo Seima, Phnom Namlyr, Phnom Prich, Srey Pok and Lumphat Wildlife Sanctuaries. Phnong ethnic contributes more than 80 percent of total population.

ERECON's activities

ERECON activities for CAMPAS project focus on enhanced forest cover and carbon sequestration with increased community resource management and livelihood security. In order to achieve the project outcomes and revitalizing Socio-Ecological Production Landscapes, native tree planting and promoting agro-forestry practices in target villages inside protected areas are progressing. Moreover, to increase livelihood security for target communities, ERECON is forming groups of Non Timber Forest Products (NTFPs) utilization and management and enhance gender equity in natural resource utilization and management. The promoting of agro-forestry instead of slash and burn practice in

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upland farms not only benefit to ecosystem but also increase the variety of food to be produced in farmlands. The group of NTFPs utilization and management increase the management capacity of group members as well as increase income for securing their livelihood. These two practices are expected to be replicated over the Eastern Plain Landscape of Cambodia.

Challenges and opportunity to mainstreaming SEPLS

The challenges of mainstreaming SEPLS concept in the target areas include landuse changes, decrease of forest cover, unsustainable management of natural resources, population growth and in-migration, hampered by locals and relevant authorities are lacking of knowledge and understanding for maintaining SEPLS.

CAMPAS project is implementing by multi-stakeholders, namely NGO partners, relevant authorities such as Ministry of Environment, Provincial Department of Environment, Forest Administration and etc. and civil society (Community Forest Management Group or Community Protected Area Management Groups). With the collaboration of the mentioned stakeholders, there is an opportunity to mainstream the concept of SEPLS either in national level through policy makers in the relevant ministries or in project site level through various activities implementing by NGO partners and civil society. The expected outcomes are not only enhancing carbon stock through well managed protected areas and supporting community livelihood but also sharing concept and approaches of SEPLS to the stake-holders who are working in the Eastern Plains Landscape of Cambodia.

Recommendation

Multi-stakeholders are implementing CAMPAS project both policy makers and conservation and development agencies. It is a good chance for conservation and development agencies who work in the landscape level to feedback knowledge and lessons learnt to policy makers in order to conserve socio-ecological production landscapes in Mondulkiri and replicate in other parts of the country.



Figure 1. Change in landuse in Mondulkiri province, Cambodia

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Mainstreaming People's Knowledge in Biodiversity Conservation in Sacred Landscapes of Nepal

Keywords: Sacred landscape, biodiversity, mainstreaming conservation, local knowledge

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BACKGROUND

A study was carried out in two sacred landscapes, Pashupati (government managed) and Bajrabarahi (community managed), to comparatively examine the efficiency of two management systems in conserving the tree diversity in Kathmandu Valley, Central Middle Hill physiographic region of Nepal. Both sites have a history of centuries of sacred landscapes preserved as a result of strong religious and socio-cultural practices and belief systems in the Hindu societies. Mainstreaming of conservation knowledge among the local communities can play a vibrant role in further protection, conservation and management of sacred landscape that are under threat. The outcomes of study are expected to contribute valuable inputs in understanding the perceptions of the people in biodiversity conservation and in redesigning conservation policy for the nation.

MAINSTREAMING THE CONSERVATION KNOWLEDGE

Sacred landscapes are traditionally managed by using the indigenous knowledge inherited by the local communities without having much support from the government in Nepal. The increasing influence of globalization, urbanization, encroachments and erosion in religious values and practices are mostly responsible for weakening conservation practices, thus degrading the status of the sacred landscapes. Modern conservation knowledge and methods can prove to be better options if integrated with traditional knowledge in the biodiversity conservation. Lack of sufficient awareness, poor local institutional capacities, insufficient capital and traditional belief systems are some of the major factors hindering in mainstreaming the conservation knowledge. Younger generation of Nepal can prove to be a national strength in conservation programs if they are involved in conservation activities by enhancing their knowledge supported by modern conservation approach and methodologies.

CHALLENGES IN MAINSTREAMING THE CONSERVATION KNOWLEDGE

Conservation practices based on traditional methods without modern knowledge and tools, and poor institutional capacity are the major problems in mainstreaming the conservation knowledge of the local communities of Nepal. Community awareness, as a basic foundation stone for conservation, regarding the role of sacred forests in biodiversity conservation and ecosystem services provided by them is missing among the local people. Community based local conservation organizations having inadequate capacity and unavailability of satisfactory funds always continue to impede the conservation efforts. In Hindu religion, the time has come to change the concept of sacredness and resource utilization from a sacred landscape where people still depend on natural resources for their survival and livelihoods. Therefore, mainstreaming of knowledge regarding the use of resources from a sacred landscape should be taken as a reward rather than sacred assets that belong to god.



RECOMMENDATIONS

Change in national policy is required to involve all stakeholders in planning, preparation and implementation of conservation activities. Mainstream the conservation knowledge to strengthen the local knowledge and capacity with adequate support from the government.

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Selection of drought resistance grain legumes for rice agroecosystems and food security

Keywords: rice field, low yield, legume crops, drought resistance, food security, ecosystem

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Background and objectives

In Timor-Leste, geographically, the country dominates with mountainous and hills and thus there are limited productive flat lowland areas. The productive lowland areas are mainly used for rice production once a year. This is because there is lack of irrigation water resources to supply for another crop. Due to a rapid increase in the population, the productive lowland areas are increasingly limited. As this lowland, however, has not been optimized for crop production, meanwhile rice yield also very low due to low inputs. A research approach to increase rice productivity through introducing legume crops after rice was initiated several years ago. This approach will also provide additional grain yield to enhance farmers' food security. The objective of current study was to investigate adaptive species under terminal drought and its impact on the growth and yield of potential identified grain legumes

Methods

The study was carried out in a horticultural production area (previously used for rice production) of Manleuana, Dili from May to September 2016 using a randomized block design with three replications. Four local grain legumes (standing bean, cow pea, green pea and soy bean) and one introduced legume (grass pea cultivar Ceora) were used in this study. Seeds were sown on June 24, 2016 at 3 seeds/hole, 2 to 3 cm deep and at a distance of 25 cm by length and 20 cm by width. Drought treatments were started at 60 days after sowing. During the treatment, soil water content was measured and at harvest, and number of plant nodes, height, pods and seed weight including 100 seeds dry weight and plant dry weight and seed yield were measured.

Results and Conclusion

This study observed that all legume plant species tested produced high biomass ranging from 5.5 to 31 ton/ha for bean with droughted treatment and cow pea with control treatment, respectively which was comparable to previous study reported by Gusmao (2016). Seed yield ranged from 3 to 9 ton/ha for grass pea and green pea, respectively. In particular bean that, to the current knowledge only be grown in high elevation with cold climate matured earliest than any other species and produced seeds of 7 and 5 ton/ha with control and droughted treatments confirming its well adaptation to low land areas during the dry season. This study also confirmed a well adaptation of grass pea cultivar Ceora to a new environment of Timor Leste where it produced yield ranging from 2.9 ton/ha to 4.5 ton/ha in droughted and control plants, respectively. This yield was relatively higher than other field trials in Western Australia (Gusmao 2010; Gusmao et al,2012). This study observed that all legume plant species tested produced high biomass and thus yield that are potential to grow them after rice to restore soil ecosystems and hence for the following rice production. For a particular purpose of seed production, beans following by green pea would the most reliable species to grow when water availability is a limiting factor.

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Integrated Satoyama Initiative into NBSAP

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The Satoyama Initiative:

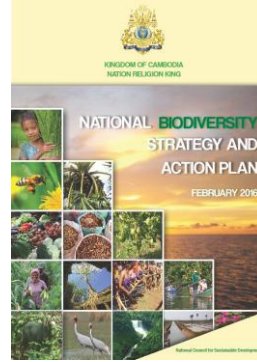
The Satoyama Initiative is a global effort to realize societies in harmony with nature, through promoting the maintenance and rebuilding of socio-ecological production landscapes and seascapes (SEPLS) for the benefit of biodiversity and human well-being. In 2000, the world community endorsed the ecosystem approach as the primary framework for the management of biodiversity. The ecosystem approach is a strategy for the integrated management of land, water and living resources that promotes conservation and sustainable use in an equitable way. The activities of all sectors affect biodiversity and can contribute to, or detract from, the conservation of biodiversity, the sustainable use of its components and ecosystem services, and the fair and equitable services from the utilization of genetic resources. Thus, most problems relating to biodiversity management are complex, with many interests from various stakeholders, a wide range of interactions among the ecosystem components, and side-effects and implications, and should therefore involve the necessary expertise and stakeholders at the local, national, regional and international level, as appropriate.

NBSAP Theme 23: Landscape and Seascape Management and Coordination

Landscape approach looks across large, connected geographic areas to more fully recognize natural resource conditions and trends, natural and human influences, and opportunities for resource conservation, restoration, and development. It seeks to identify important ecological values and patterns of environmental change that may not be evident when managing smaller, local land areas. It provides an important foundation for developing coordinated management strategies with partner agencies and stakeholders, and should thus be applied from the planning stage through to monitoring and reporting. The landscape and seascape approach encompasses the concepts of integrated watershed management, river basin management, and coastal area management, which integrate multidisciplinary approaches to the management of biophysical, social, and economic issues affecting water resources and their uses. As a member of the International Partnership on the Satoyama Initiative, Cambodia supports the Satoyama Initiative dealing with socioecological production

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landscapes and seascapes (SEPLS) found in many places in the world under different names and deeply linked to local culture and knowledge.



Challenges and solution:

The following key issues were identified:

- (a) Loss of native species;
- (b) Habitat fragmentation;
- (c) Limited coordination among stakeholders;
- (d) Ecosystem approach and its 12 principles are not widely known and applied;
- (e) Coordination and cooperation among stakeholders and indigenous and local communities are limited; and
- (f) Information about landscapes and seascapes is limited.

Strategic objectives:

Strategic Objective: Improve landscape and seascape management and coordination for efficient, enhanced and synergistic conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity components.

The implementation of actions relating to Landscape and Seascape Management and Coordination will benefit from the activities carried out to enhance community participation and participatory approach, supported by legislation and institutional structures such as the National Biodiversity Steering Committee, currently National Council for Sustainable Development. These actions will also benefit from the CHM that is facilitating technical and scientific cooperation, knowledge sharing and information exchange and from actions under many other themes of NBSAP, in particular the theme of Awareness, Education, Research Coordination and Development. These actions will also contribute to the design and implementation of protected area systems, adequate management of mining, wise use of biological resources, as well as water resources including in the tourism sector.

References: NBSAP 2016, CAMPAS Prodoc revised 2016, BBP Project 2016, GEF-6 Draft PIF

Strengthening village economies through Agroforestry innovation with biochar for increased biodiversity and livelihood options in middle hills of Nepal

Keywords: trees on farms, terrace risers, carbon sequestration, livelihoods, fodder production

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General Information

The reforestation of the Earth may well be the last resort to save humanity from climate change and bio-monotony. If we don't start now to grow trees, even if only with small projects, the dust under the sky will cover the last blade of grass. In Nepal, when the disaster of the trembling earth struck, women farmers of Ratanpur village in middle hills of Nepal decided to plant trees and recreate life so that the lost generation will return. 10,775 trees were planted in the year 2015 followed by plantation of 16210 trees in the year 2016 with wider participation including second village (Bandipur) women group in the same region.

What parts can be replicated or included in the policy

The objective of this reforestation with biochar was to re-fertilize and protect the soil, capture carbon, increase biodiversity and generate a stable income and thereby increasing livelihoods of local communities. These pioneers became the first village in Nepal to sell carbon credits from plants that grow food for their children and sequester carbon for the planet. Of the total trees planted in the first year by 30 farming households, more than two thirds of the trees survived in the new agroforestry system that sequestered the equivalent 74 t CO₂ per year. Carbon payment was made to the first farmer families in presence of District Forest Office staff and Community Forestry User Group members. The study revealed that due to the carbon credits the first year participating farmers have been able to increase their extra income by 13% compared to second year planting group (6%). The poverty level also varies significantly between groups (first village poverty level = 24% and second village = 50%). The scheme for carbon credit payment to farmers can be replicated in other area. The process for mainstreaming the carbon credit payment system has already been

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initiated with the Ministry of Forest and Soil Conservation. The use of biochar to enhance fertility level of soil has also been recognized by the policy level experts and professional.

Challenges for mainstreaming

1. Increasingly unpredictable monsoon rains are making annual cropping more prone to crop failure.
2. Excessive use of chemical fertilizer has exhausted soil fertility level
3. Dependency on buying fossil fuel for processing of forest products
4. There could be a chance of dying planted seedlings because of drought and irregular rainfall
5. Because of declined productivity, rural youth, basically from poor and marginalized families have migrated for jobs in urban cities and abroad and women suffered.

How these challenges for were resolved

1. Diversified legume mixed high value Agroforestry cropping
2. Urine biochar organic fertilization that replaces chemical fertilizer
3. Utilizing waste energy from biochar making kon-tiki during oil processing
4. Replenishment or construction of soil water pits/ pond
5. Creating job locally with increased economic activities- agro-tourism, carbon trading and new forest products development

Recommendations

- Working through local Forest User Groups (CFUGs/ or LFUGs) within VDC and municipality
- Mobilization of women sub-groups within CFUGs or LFUGs
- Joint adaptation planning with respective VDCs / Municipalities and other district line agencies as appropriate (DFO, DADO, DSCO)
- A triad system (a group of 3 hhs) will be developed to act and monitor the agroforestation activities, which was already tested in Ratanpur and Bandipur. If one farmer of a group fails to keep the plantation survival below 90%, other two members of the triad will not be illegible to receive carbon money. This has been effective to guaranty > 90% tree survival this year compared to only 60% survival last year.
- Implementation through collaboration with DFO and local administration unit

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Mainstreaming Green Economy for Setiu Wetland, Terengganu, Malaysia

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GREEN ECONOMY AND THE FUTURE

The importance of embracing green economy for future livelihood must be centre-staged for the sake of the earth and future generation. Implementable and viable green economy models must be intelligently crafted in order to allow replications be made as easy and speedy as possible. With such abilities, sustainable economic growth can and will be able to replicated one community at a time and hopefully, within the shortest possible time the replication will be contagious enough to create global implementation of sustainable economic growth.

SETIU WETLAND AND ITS STRENGTH

Setiu Wetland is earmarked to become the model for sustainable economic growth in Terengganu. Best practices in green economy will be developed, enhanced and documented in the development of Setiu Wetland Initiative. The program will then be published and adopted to allow speedy replication of the sustainable economic growth model for Terengganu State and Malaysia. The final intention of this Setiu Wetland Initiative is not to compound it within the geographical boundary of Malaysia only.

Setiu Wetland lies 40 kilometers north of Kuala Terengganu, Terengganu, Malaysia. It is an ecosystem of eight rivers with mangrove and nipah palm trees banking the rivers, an estuary of 800 hectares natural lagoon, a lake, Tasek Berombak, that traditionally functions as flood mitigation and buffer zone and a source of economic activities for the local communities and a turquoise blue sea front where coral and sea grass grew and protects the shoreline. As such, Setiu Wetland offers a unique combination of landscape and seascape potentials for the green economy development.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

A five year plan is hoped to produce significant data and information that will be integral towards the modelling of Setiu Wetland Green Economy. During this period, data will be analysed, simulation will be made and field data will be validated to ensure the intended program will be verified and validated. A comprehensive earth observation system will be established and various methods of data and information gathering techniques will be adopted to ensure the modelling of Setiu Wetland Green Economy will be accurately established.

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Setiu Wetland Initiative is expected to create the wetland as the regional reference centre for prudent habitat and eco-system management. The Initiative will prove that sustainable economic growth whereby local communities will be able to enjoy balanced economic and social livelihood while guaranteeing the sustainable environmental considerations be maintained and protected.

Engaging with the private sector for ensuring sustainability of socio-ecological landscapes in the Northern Western Ghats of India- opportunities and challenges



Keywords: Sustainability, SEPLs, Private sector, Western Ghats, India

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Abstract

Biodiversity conservation is one of the key sustainability challenges globally. Large scale threats to biodiversity conservation arise from perception gap among the key stakeholders related to use and importance of biodiversity and ecosystem services in economic growth. Private sector companies including financial institutions play critical role in deciding fate of key biodiversity areas through their decisions on investment for “development “ projects. If properly guided through capacity building and on ground examples, private sector investments could be utilized for promotion of sustainable biodiversity use. Scalable success models in conservation are rare as they need long term investments. Mainstreaming the conservation of socio-ecological landscapes through engaging the private sector could result in achieving the conservation outcomes on broader scale. The present communication discusses the opportunities and challenges of involving the private sector for landscape level biodiversity conservation in the North Western Ghats. Concrete examples of engagement with 3 different private sector companies are provided. Lessons learnt and strategies for better engagement for mainstreaming conservation of SEPLs are also shared.

Enhancing Livelihood of Rural Communities Through Sustainable Use of Natural Resources

Keywords: Good Practices for Diversity (GPD), Community Biodiversity Management (CBM), value addition, enhancing livelihood, sustainability

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The UNEP-GEF and JICA Projects-Lessons Learnt

Both projects focused on the socio-economic issues of the rural communities and the use of natural resources by these communities on a sustainable basis while emphasizing on conservation and promoting species diversity as the key objective. The UNEP-GEF project encourages two different communities, one in Papar and one in Kota Belud to identify Good Practices for Diversity (GPDs). Community Biodiversity Management or CBM method was used to promote conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity as CBM targets the community while encouraging *in-situ* conservation. Sites chosen were high in species diversity and the communities are of two diverse ethnic backgrounds. Production, management and conservation of fruit tree diversity, product development, value addition and packaging were introduced to the communities (Wong *et. al.* 2016) thereby increased household income and enhanced the livelihood of the communities.

On another aspect, the key concept of *Satoyama* on sustainable land management at Tudan Village, Tuaran was described by Suzuki *et. al.* (2015) from JICA-SDBEC experience. Here the marginal soils with limited use for agriculture was able to sustain swidden agriculture as practised by the community. To enhance the economic incentives of the community while also promoting conservation practices on the environment, tree crops, e.g. mulberry cultivation together with beekeeping activities were encouraged. Training the community to go into downstream processing of mulberry into jam and packaging honey has helped the community to earn extra income. These activities will reduce adverse impacts of encroachment by the community into new areas, thereby preserving the environment from further degradation.

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The successful intervention of both projects upon the targeted communities may serve as models for the surrounding communities to emulate, thereby fulfilling the main objectives of these projects.

Barriers / Challenges to Mainstreaming the Activities

GPDs are the mainstream activities for conservation in addition to help generate extra household income. Attitudes and cultural differences of the communities were the main barriers because these ‘self-help group’ projects don’t hand out subsidies. Awareness programs on biodiversity and environment conservation are needed before the projects start. Face-to-face intervention with the communities, PRA workshops at the village level and resources mappings were done. Capacity building at the community level includes introducing simple technology and biodiversity resource and TK documentation. The literacy level of the communities is low and the project teams must use simple social studies tools to obtain information. Participants of the projects are mainly the older folks since the younger generations prefer more secure jobs in major towns and the city. In addition, both projects are social research in nature. The project teams are Agriculture Research Scientists and they have minimal exposure to such projects, thus making the initial learning curve rather steep.

Recommendations and Solutions

Issues	Underlying Problem(s)	Recommendation(s)	Method(s) Adopted to Solve Issues
Attitude	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural background • Dependency on subsidies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness programs • Mind-set changes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GPD and CBM Models /Methods
Literacy Level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level of education • Language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employ participatory social research tools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PRA, FGD, FCA, Venn Diagram • Story telling
Urban Migration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Older generation left to work on the farm • Job security for the younger generation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create lucrative income from the farm and products • New uses for products 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Processing technologies • Value addition • Product development
Social Research Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitators unfamiliar how to handle such projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the local context 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity-building trainings and workshops
Long-term Sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interest • Income generation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open new markets • Public awareness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diversity Fairs • TK documentation • Co-operatives

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SEPLs in Nepal: approaches to replicate and scale up

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The communities and user groups of Nepal's SEPLs are uplifting their status from stakeholder to shareholder, turning ecology into ecotourism. The central government once regarded as master of natural resources, gradually empowering people through various policy shifts and direct incentives measures.

About 1.45 million households (35 percent) of the population of Nepal is involved in community forestry management program. To date, **17,685** Community Forestry User Groups (CFUGs) have been formed. A total of **1,652,654** hectares of National forest have been handed over as community forests and **2,177,858** households have benefited.

The amendment of the National Park and Wildlife Conservation Act in 1992 made the provision of buffer zone for protected areas. Between 1996 and 2010 Government of Nepal demarcated buffer zones of 12 protected areas covering 5602.67 square kilometer in 83 VDCs and two Municipalities of 27 districts where benefiting human population is over 0.9 million.

Chitwan case of reflection and policy change

Chitwan or “Heart of the Jungle” is famous as one of the best wildlife-viewing landscape in Asia and was declared a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1984. Located in the Terai lowlands of Nepal - the landscape is famous for its success in conservation.

543 species of birds. 605 species of animals. The last vestiges of the rare one-horned rhinoceros. The last refuge for the Bengal Tiger. Elephant grass that is 4 metres tall.

The Chitwan consists of tropical and subtropical forests. Sal (*Shorea robusta*) forest covers 70 percent. Sal leaves are used locally for plates in festivals and religious offering. Grasslands cover 20 percent of the park. There are many more than 50 different types of grasses distributed including the

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elephant grass (*Saccharum* spp.) renowned for its height (up to 8m) the shortest grasses (*imperata*) are used for roof thatching, mats, rope and paper making. Grass for thatching house roofs is permitted once a year in the and not other time, which is of great economic help to the local and local communities. An entrance fee is levied to enter the forests, which were once free for all to use.

The landscape and the local people jointly initiate community development activities and manage natural resources in the buffer zone. The government of Nepal has made a provision of plowing back 30-50 percent of the park revenue for community development in the buffer zone.

In the landscape in 1973 (31/32) the first numbered tourist were 836 and revenue from their was less than USD 10 K 40 years later (71/72) the number of tourist reached to record 178,257 and revenue reached to USD 2.4 million 140 industries are registered. There are around 100 hotels in and around of buffer zone of the landscape. About 3000 local people have been employed.

In chitwan buffer zone has 59,707 households, 2,73, 977 people/users group members in 1781 user groups. These groups create buffer zone management committee since 1998. The committee gets new leadership every 5 years. The committee gets 30 to 50% of the revenue, the latest amount given to committee is around USD 1 million spent on issues like, human wildlife conflict, natural calamities like river cutting, conservation works and livelihood, 140 local industry, 23 cooperatives involving 16,342 as share holders. Around 0.3 million USD as capital, 1.6 million saving, 0.9 million credit.

Challenges and recommendation

Challenges

Growing Multi national companies
New Infrastructure development initiative
Growing industries in buffer zone
Private forest vs community forest

Recommendation

Maintaining protocol of world heritage sites
Buffer zone management committee as park authority
Conservation friendly city
Wildlife for greater life



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Complementarities of Human-Nature Well-beings: A Case Illustrated through Traditional Forest Resource Users of Sundarbans in Bangladesh

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The presentation makes an attempt to examine whether the *livelihood* patterns of the indigenous people and local communities (IPLCs) have contributed to the conservation, sustainable utilization and equitable distribution process of the resources by way of a case study of the Sundarbans of Bangladesh, the largest mangrove ecosystem of the world enriched with abundant biodiversity. The combination of various types of ecosystems (forest, coastal and wetland) makes the Sundarbans a home to several uniquely adapted aquatic and terrestrial flora and fauna. These *biotic* along with other *abiotic* resources of the Sundarbans contribute directly or indirectly to the economy both at local and national levels. A significant number of local people have maintained their livelihoods by depending on these resources. By identifying the Sundarbans Reserve Forest (SRF) area as a socio-ecological production landscape and seascape (SEPLS), the research envisages to reveal that powerful agents at local, national and international levels have been extracting resources of the Sundarbans beyond sustainable limit while the IPLCs are playing important role to restore the natural resources through traditional knowledge and practices in collecting resources in course of maintaining diversified livelihood strategies, which in turn establish a sustainable resource management system. The presentation also attempts to demonstrate that the institutional fragility, the existing nature of power sharing arrangement and the political settlement and most importantly the exclusion of the IPLCs in the conservation and management process have contributed to the losses of biological diversity. The talk also presents quantitative evidence that the local people of the Sundarbans have been practising unique production methods which can significantly contribute to the revitalization and sustainable management of the resources through symbiotic human-nature relationships in the case of natural resource management.

Pictures: Innovative eco-system based adaptation to climate change



The research bases upon the data reservoir of the research institute, the *Unnayan Onneshan*, which has been undertaking several biodiversity conservation programmes and conducting research in the Sundarbans forest region. A significant amount of data was collected through participatory observations, questionnaire surveys, key person interviews and focus group discussions. The study particularly draws on from the traditional knowledge of forest people of the three cooperatives that the *Unnayan Onneshan* helped to set up – *Harinagar Bonojibi Bohumukhi Unnayan Samity*, *Koyra Bonojibi Bohumukhi Unnayan Samity* and *Munda Adivasi Bonojibi Bohumukhi Unnayan Samity*. The members lead their livelihoods as wood and Golpata collectors (*Bawalis*), fisherman (*Jele*), honey collectors (*Mouals*), shell collectors (*Chunary*), and crab collectors.

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Mobilizing Traditional Knowledge, Innovations and Practices in Rotational Farming for Sustainable Development

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Abstract:

The rotational farming system practiced in Hin Lad Nai is the backbone of the natural resources management system developed by the Karen people. It contains the full range of Karen knowledge and wisdom, including cosmology, spirituality, technical knowledge of conservation practice, as well as values and cultural elements that are needed for any type of bio-cultural diversity management. The concept behind the Hin Lad Nai community governance system stems from the traditional philosophy of elders of Hin Lad Nai. “Land and forest never ends if we know how to take care of it and use it.”. However, in 1986 the logging company got a concession from the government to do logging in the area the Hin Lad Nai community. The company cut all trees including the communities’ sacred sites. All big trees disappeared and also the wild animals. Luckily, finally in 1989 the national government declared a stop to all logging concessions in Thailand, and the company had to finish their destructive activities in Hin Lad Nai.

A case story on Rotational Farmers’ innovations to improve soil quality in fallow land through reviving the use of P’Dav trees

What is P’dav? P’dav tree (*Macaranga denticulata*), The characteristic and benefit of P’dav trees. The P’Dav tree is characterized by a soft trunk and branching roots that spread at shallow depths around the stump. It only propagates with seeds, and not with shoots from the trunk. Seeds can be collected during August and September. Hsau Weij one of farmer he has put his elders’ knowledge into practice through experiments on P’dav planting methods, trees caretaking, and seeds collection. Hsau Weij adapted the experiences that his father he selected a normal fallow area, he collected good seeds of P’dav from other places, from trees with an age of 5 to 6 years. He sows them using different methods. Comparison between farming a P’dav field and a normal fallow field. Mr. Sombon Siri, 39, farmer of Hin Lad Nai received P’dav fallow land areas from his uncle Mr. Yauj Weij and continues the experiment with P’Dav until now. P’Dav fallow land requires less weeding effort, compared with the normal trees fallow land. The produce of rice is higher in P’dav fallow land. Comparison between farming a P’dav field and a normal fallow field. P’ Dav have less to no

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damaged plants, pests and weeds compared to normal fields. Plants in the P'Dav field have good health and are stronger than in normal fallow land fields. Last but not least, Mr. Somboon added that produce from P'Dav fallow fields is more reliable, even too dry, too wet etc. the products still reliable. P'Dav normally bear large quantities of fruit, which attracts different animals and insects. P'dav areas therefore become hunting and trapping grounds for humans. The shadow created by P'dav trees helps to control most of the grasses which make the soil poor for crop cultivation. P'Dav trees have grown for 2 to 3 years, as the leaves falling to the ground keep the soil surface cool and hold rainwater. People also use P'dav trunks for firewood, as they are easy to dry, get soft and good for making fires.

Conclusion and debate:

Successful technique to put less effort in weeding, less grass grows, crops grow well and have good and more reliable produce. Plants are stronger and good nutrients in the soil, less damages or insects. Is P'Dav fallows allow and area to be regenerated and farmed again in only 5 years? some of the farmers say that planting P'Dav may cause them additional workload and they are not really facing a problem with their fallow land and low produce yet. Fallow land play very important role particularly during 1-4 fallow years, it is very important for the wildlife most of terrestrial animal etc. to have space for the housing and breeding in these fallows. While fallow become bigger trees in 4th to 5th year and up wildlife animals come back to the 3rd and 4th year for hide, food and breeding gain, nature mechanism control each other to make a balance of ecosystem. The management of rotational farming cycle manage the sustainable cycle of plants and animals' species in the direction of natural sustainable process. Rights to manage the livelihoods and natural resources e.g. varieties of plants and animals to compliment and control each other in balance and sustainable process. Collected for years in the everyday life of elders and villagers, these collections are expressed from memories and summarized into poetry and songs.



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Dayak Suaid answers to oil palm development threats to landscape and environmental services

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DAYAK SUAID AND THEIR NATURE

Kapuas Hulu, a district in West Kalimantan province, has two very important national parks. One is Betung Kerihun which covers around 800,000 hectares and Danau Sentarum which covers around 200,000 hectares. This is why the government of Kapuas Hulu stated that the district is a ‘conservation district’. Danau Sentarum (Sentarum Lake) is a critical water source for Kapuas Hulu and host of several freshwater fish species either for consumption or ornamental.

In Kapuas Hulu lives Dayak Suaid, one of Dayak sub-groups, with bigger territory to cover. Their relation to environment, especially land, is critical and close as they consider the nature as their supermarket. During the *ngayau* (tribal war between Dayak sub-groups), Suaid peoples defeated Seberuang peoples and occupy lands around the Seberuang river. This area has a considerable forest landscape which acts as water catchment, water source, timber, food, hunting, fishing, gatherings and beauty.

THREATS, CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Although declares itself as ‘conservation district’, Kapuas Hulu is the fastest area to develop oil palm plantations in number. Since 2006, 23 oil palm companies have obtained location permits from the local government. They are huge threats for landscapes and even buffer zones around national parks. Some of the communities in Seberuang sub-district are resisting the development of oil palm. Their main reasons relate to land rights and seeing how their neighbouring communities that accept oil palm development suffer from food security and clean water supply, thus horizontal conflicts arise. Furthermore, they need to have more options and security over their land and food.

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And what are the options that suit for their landscape or environmental services? There is a new development when communities in Seberuang try to start coffee and pepper cultivation, beside rice as the main produce, and keep the forest intact (for water catchment, timber for domestic use, clean air and beauty); even thinking about eco-tourism. There are particular villages called Bati and Emperiang that are ready to do so, and other villages will follow within Seberuang sub-district. Bati specifically competed in a village competition for management and planning over their resources.

As in rubber that took around 5 decades to be accepted as beneficial to the peoples, it goes the same with pepper and coffee. Even for coffee, they have not tried yet. However, the decision to develop pepper and coffee also based on how their forest will support them with micro climate. What Bati and Emperiang do, light the spirit to other villages. As Village Fund (Dana Desa) is being distributed based on villages' programs, they take this further to develop more area for food producing. How they do it, is by optimization of land, inter-cropping. This is how they practice agroforestry.

Market access for their products is another step that these villages take to ensure the livelihoods of its people. While the beauty of environment and water sources are kept through eco-tourism and conservation of the forest. All of these have a root in culture and customs of the peoples.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The intrusion of land-based investment in Kapuas Hulu proves to be threatening. This should be dealt with strong customary and cultural bodies and laws. Strong means they know what their rights are and how their identity is celebrated, not abolished or ignored.

One pilot project with good impact and result can spread easily to the surrounding. Hence, the introduction of technology could be beneficial. As villages in Seberuang will install internet for their village administration, it can be used also for monitoring and managing landscapes and ecosystem.

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Traditional Knowledge on the Ecosystems Management by the Dusun People of Tambunan District, Sabah, Malaysia

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Tambunan District.

Tambunan is a valley district covering an area of 1,347 sq. km in the Interior Division of Sabah. It is located about 80 km by roads to the east of the State capital, Kota Kinabalu. This valley, which is part of the Crocker Range and Trus Madi Range, is covered with lowland and hill mix dipterocarps forest vegetation (Figure 1). The valley is peppered with terraced padi fields and bamboo plantations. Total village about 88 and population is estimated 35,000 (Dept. Stast, 2010). In the early 20th century, the social structure of the Tambunan Dusun (Figure 2) was based on six sub-tribes, namely Tuhawon, Tagas, Tobilung, Tibabar, Gana, and Kohub (Gibon, 1986). Most of them are farmers and forest products gatherers.



Figure 1. Tambunan valley.



Figure 2: The Dusun people of Tambunan.

Traditional Knowledge System of the Dusun Tambunan to protect & conserve environment.

The Dusun people in Tambunan have a long tradition of keeping their natural resources in a sustainable manner to sustain their life. They practice wise use by following two type of systems namely, **Native Customary Laws** and **Traditional Beliefs and Practices**. In the Native Customary Laws or ‘Adat Kampung’ and ‘Pantang-Larang’ or Forbidden, if someone committed an offence, he/she will be fine a ‘Sogit’. The concept of ‘Sogit’ is to make peace to the person he/she or environment that he/she hurt or damaged. There are three categories of fine. The first category is with individual Sogit (Punishable to the individual wrong-doer by village authority or ‘Ketua Kampung/Ketua Masyarakat/Ketua Daerah’), the second category is with Sogit to the whole village/community and the third category is without Sogit (Non punishable by village authority but ‘Minamangun’ or ‘Kinoingan’ or God will punish him/her). In the first category, it is now gazetted in the Native Customary Laws 1992 of Sabah (Warta Kerajaan, 1992). Anyone found guilty by the Native Courts must pay ‘Sogit’ or fine. There are namely, Part V. Burial Grounds and Death. Section 27. Damage to grave yard. This includes plants. Part VI. Gross Misbehavior, Indecency and Mischief. Section 40. Adulteration of water sources. This includes any communal spring (Toud), village reservoir or river; Section 41. Trespass. Enter any house or land without permission; Section 44. Injury to livestock or fowl or others; Section 48. Liability for damage by animal; Section 50. Felling trees; Section 51. Disturbance to Dam or embankment; Section 52. Disturbance to customary signification of property e.g. ‘Tonduk’. The second category is with Sogit to the villagers/community, namely, ‘Paus’. The third category is without Sogit. It is embedded in Traditional Beliefs and Practices. They are namely, Moginupus, Monoruang, Mobpuod, Bambarayon, Lintugi, Hokuu, Gonsuri, Misarawang, Rusod Talun, Mosubak, Tiasok, Rusod Talun/Nulu and Madsalud (Kulip et. al., 2014 & 2016)) and (Kulip, 2015).

In conclusion, the Dusun people in Tambunan have a long tradition system of wise use of their natural resources. This system has been safeguarded by them to create peace, a stable way of life and also to conserve and protect the resources in order to use agriculture, forest and water resources sustainably.

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Customary Management of Natural Resources by Hani People

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A package of interrelated and mutually facilitated threatening factors faced by self-sufficient and sustainable Hani terraces agro-ecosystem, such as accelerating tourism, massive construction development of infrastructure for tourism, fast shifting of livelihood, intrusion and impact of alien culture, increasing pressure from climate change, etc. The matter of water resource management in Hani Terraces ecosystems, which is the core issue in the area where Hani people in habited, is not a popular research topic of natural science, but more importantly a social concern, with cultural sphere as well.

How to optimally manage water resources of Hani Terraces ecosystems in a culturally respectful manner, so as to optimize food provisioning of the ecosystems, sustained multiple ESs, and also contributes to better-off of social well-being and stability? For this issue to be best addressed in a multi-ethnic cultural society, *an integrated science-social-cultural approach* was identified and applied in our research, entitled “a field study on customary management of biological resources by Hani People in Yuanyang County”, the core area of Hani world heritage.

The results indicate that customary management of biological resources by Hani People include five pillars, namely, (a) Developing traditional knowledge system: applying adaptive management, fully understanding the natural and social spheres of various natural resources; (b) Principles of wholeness and balance: mainly demonstrated in land use management, such as “forest-village-terraces-valleys” four-pillar structure, village layout and size control, ratio between cultivated land and forest, etc. (c) Principle of sustainable development: mainly demonstrated in management of biological resources, such as conservation of agro-biodiversity; (d) Clear ownership and obligation: Defining ownership and obligation of various sorts of natural resources, water allocation system in

particular; (e) Punishment system: Applying customary laws to guarantee the operation of management system of natural resources.

Finally, in terms of moving forward recommendations, as to crop varieties planted in Hani Terraces, locally adapted traditional crop varieties shall be prioritized as for farming, while introduced varieties shall be localized before considering planting. As to Hani Terraces' water resource management, view it as an integral whole, where people's customary farming, management practices and underlying traditional beliefs and knowledge systems are of core elements contributing to sustainable and resilient ecosystems. As to scientific research on issues concerning Hani Terraces' water resource management, multi- As to policy design concerning water resource management, it could be more inclusive, integrating as many impacting factors as possible, especially, scientific, social, cultural, religious beliefs spheres.

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Mainstreaming Native Species Restoration for Ecosystem and Landscape restoration, reporting on the results from the SDM 2016 project at Farmers Field School HEPA



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Background

Natural forests in Huong Son district, are highly degraded and poorly managed (24,844.2 ha/63,894.5 ha), largely replaced by rubber and acacia. Loss of natural forests leads to loss of local valuable tree species, which are of significant values for cultural and livelihoods, biodiversity and habitat, and water for agriculture for downstream communities. The urge for restoration of local valuable tree species in the area is highly crucial. Restoration of local species through efforts in nursery of seedlings, extension of plantings, and field seminars and documentations will contribute to making positive changes. The SDM 2016 project restored more than eight (08) local tree species with more than 20,000 seedlings produced. These seedlings were to facilitate changes not only for the FFS as the source-material for trainings but also to be further effectively utilized by local farmers including indigenous youths. We also mapped the plantings of these local species on real farms for later SEPLS sustainability. We conducted seminars and documentations for raising stakeholders' awareness on the importance and use of local native species and associated ecological knowledge for long-term restoration strategy for ecosystem values. Through this SDM project, restoration of local tree species has been an extremely crucial and meaningful action while social awareness raising has been a huge success from the project given the number of people engaged in the action actively and many times voluntarily from collection of seeds, nursery processes, plantings phase, practical seminars and workshops as well as the number of visiting groups came to learn and asked for seedlings for further plantings.

What parts can be mainstreaming?

The SDM 2016 project successfully planted seedlings and saplings amounted to 2,379, with 13 native species planted in 5 farming areas. The number of people benefitted from practical seminars was 50. The number of people participated in site visits, study-exchange programs, and short training courses amounted from 200 to 250 including foreign volunteers. The project also raised awareness of 500 to 1000 local people (primarily the public (i.e. farmers, civilians and other stakeholders) on the importance of local tree species and conservation of these species for maintaining and restoring local knowledge and ecosystem services associated with SEPLS, improved access to seedlings for further plantings for 50 to 100 local farmers (the project gave these seedlings

for free to farmers). Three types of documentations accomplished. One was the project poster: 10 copies printed and shared with stakeholders in the surrounding areas. One video was produced and posted on the website for further awareness raising. One 48-page booklet was produced which presents the techniques and process for the propagation of native tree species from seed gathering, seeds collection, seeds treatment, nursery management to planting in degraded areas. 500 copies of the booklet were printed and distributed to stakeholders including our farmers' network in Vietnam and Lao PDR. These can be summed up into three areas that can be mainstreaming and replicated including reflected in policy advocacy (1) mainstreaming of the practical knowledge included the nursery processes of local native species for restoration and ecosystem values; (2) replicate and mainstreaming of the farm models where by plantings of these local trees provide multiple values for SEPLS sustainability; and (3) policy framework from Satoyama landscape (i.e. SEPLS) would give more acknowledgement and mechanism and incentives from larger-scale down to local scale to encourage more uptake at farm's level through to landscape's level.

Turning challenges into opportunities for mainstreaming

The SDM project addressed most of the challenges by turning them into opportunities for taking actions. (1) The proper developing and running of the Nursery really attracts many visitors and interested public to visit and join the hands-on works. With a diverse number of local species identified and tried and nursed, that gave visitors and stakeholders more choices to learn and expose to how richness of the forests ecosystem that can provide and also the curiosity of these diversity from nature and her species now trying to be re-captured and re-germinated. Most of the other initiatives do not look into a variety of local valuable tree species, and so this gave us advantage for more public interests. (2) Changing in the awareness and behaviours of not only target stakeholders but also public society has been a huge success; given the works have been real, the efforts and actions have been actually happening and produce i.e. seedlings can be clearly seen and visible to people; and most importantly, our experiences and knowledge we are willingly sharing to others. In certain times we gave the seedlings for free to farmers and also the public. And when conducted practical seminars, we brought farmers and hobby farmers/interested people from many regions and also invited professional farmer in this field to also give a teaching as well as direct on-ground technical guide so that this strengthens for other farmers to not only upgrade their knowledge but also taking actions. (3) The project was also implemented in combination with other Interesting Activity. Instead of just mentioning on just local tree species and their importance, but we campaign that (public message: maintaining the local trees is to maintain the water stream for enjoyment of nature-bathing). There is a nearby nature-bathing area; so that we tight this Nursery and how we work with the benefits of nature-bathing zone. Unless more trees can be protected and planting, then we will enjoy the nature landscapes and very clean, ecological bathing site. As part of this effect, as the Bathing site received more than 3,000 visitors during the Summer time, the Nursery was also visited and asked on importance of trees, local trees, and why maintain and planting local native trees are such important; we received, by quality interests, about 500-1000 visitors during the summer season.

Recommendations

Mainstreaming could be effective when the project realizes they can turn challenges into opportunities for taking actions. The project recommends to IPSI to consider the three mainstreaming messages: for SEPLS sustainability, continued actions and small-scale initiatives focusing (1) mainstreaming of the practical knowledge included the nursery processes of local native species for restoration and ecosystem values; (2) replicate and mainstreaming of the farm models where by plantings of these local trees provide multiple ecosystem values; and (3) policy framework from Satoyama landscape (i.e. SEPLS) would give more acknowledgement and incentives to encourage more uptake at farm's level through to landscape's level on local native species.

Indicator species for agrobiodiversity in rice paddy field: Research and its application to a new eco-labelling scheme in eastern rural Taiwan

Keywords: local livelihood, agro-biodiversity indicator species, organic farming, eco-labelling scheme

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Indicator species for agrobiodiversity in rice paddy field

Paddy fields occupy around 150,000 hectares and cover about 19% of the arable land in rural Taiwan. They can be considered the largest artificial wetland of freshwater habitats. Proper management of paddy fields plays a crucial role in providing local community livelihood and maintaining biodiversity of artificial wetlands. Many studies have shown that organic farming can increase biodiversity in paddy fields and enhance pest prevention and control, pollination and soil development. However, what kinds of species are more easily affected by conventional or organic farming is still unclear.

Principle component analysis (PCA) to show a main context. Through the selection of predators, the findings showed that *Tetragnatha maxillosa* Thorell (1895), *Micraspis discolor* Fabricius (1798) and *Tetragnatha javana* Thorell (1890) not only had higher frequency of occurrence but also higher sensitivity to different farming practices. The results showed that there was a positive linear relationship between the abundance of the three mentioned species and the richness and abundances of invertebrates in paddy fields, which could be used in the future as indicator species to reflect artificial disturbance. The results also showed that the conventional farming practices could reduce habitat heterogeneity and cause negative effects on agro-biodiversity of rice paddy farmlands.

In order to apply the outcome of the research in a way that could benefit both local livelihood and biodiversity, Hualien District Agricultural Research and Extension Station (HDARES) worked together with the Tse-Xin Organic Agriculture Foundation, local farmers, the Yin-Chuan Organic private company and the Forestry Bureau to develop a new eco-labelling scheme based on the identified agro-biodiversity indicator species. The new eco-labelling scheme therefore extended the existing Green Conservation Label for environmentally friendly agricultural products in Taiwan by incorporating non-endangered species as indicators. The new eco-labelling scheme has attracted green consumers to purchase the relevant products and encouraged more farmers to participate environmentally friendly farming in eastern rural Taiwan.



Figure 1. *Tetragnatha maxillosa* Thorell (1895), *Micraspis discolor* Fabricius (1798) and *Tetragnatha javana* Thorell (1890) are appropriate to be used as agro-biodiversity indicators and species promoting environmentally friendly ecological farming.

Challenges to mainstreaming

For persuade more farmers to do eco-friendly agriculture, the incentive is the key point. Since agro-biodiversity indicator species couldn't better farmer's livelihood directly, especially in the early stage after they switch agricultural model. In Taiwan, elder farmers who lack for spontaneousness to do it as well as lack variety stakeholders concerning about farmland management. It may the challenge for implementation.

Linkage between natural science and social science

With financial support from the Council of Agriculture in 2017-2020, HDARES will cooperate with the following institutions to conduct a 4-year integrated project called *Integrated project of enhancing ecoagriculture and sustainable development of rural Taiwan through international cooperation*, including National Dong Hwa University (NDHU), National Taiwan University (NTU), Agricultural Engineering Research Center (AERC), Miaoli District Agricultural Research and Extension Station (MDARES), Chinese Taipei Committee, International Commission on Irrigation Drainage (CTCID). It's necessary that rural communities should spontaneously coordinate related stakeholders for figure out a way to improve agro-biodiversity and livelihood based on scientific research.



Figure 2. We extended the application scale of Green Conservation Label and cooperated with Tse-Xin Organic Agriculture Foundation, farmers, Rice Production and Marketing Group, Agribusiness Company and Forestry Bureau in this case.

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Increasing capacity of local forest and indigenous communities at the Russian Far East target to conduct efficient public control, protection and use of intact temperate forests

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ABSTRACT

The history of protection intact parts of Ussuri Taiga at the Russia Far East has about 30 years. Central area of Sikhote-Alin mountains is traditional resource use territory for indigenous udege community in Primorye, habitat of Siberian tiger and, partially, Korean pine nut protecting zone by the National legislation. That's why we involved representatives from some udege communities in 2015 to CCRI workshop in Primorye, considering recent governmental adoption of Bikin National Park with territory of 1,16 mln hectares of intact high conservation value forests. That solution of Government meant key change for Bikin watershed, the last intact part of taiga, as well as for neighbor Iman river with its existing national Park "Udege Legend". We were fighting to protect them both from poaching and logging by our 20 years public campaign via former TV show and now quarterly magazine "Ecology and Business". But Bikin gave us a real hope to really protect indigenous rights on National Park land.

Although national parks seems quite positive result of that campaign for this territory, highly attractive for many social groups – hunters, fishermen, miners, corrupt officials etc. – the destiny of "Udege Legend" was sorrow, and process of creation one on Bikin, despite support in Presidential Administration, met a hard problems in community. First is national legislation, which does not warrant appropriate rights for local indigenous community to participate in the management and use of territory and resources, which are a base of their traditional subsistence during centuries. While most of Park's territory is designated to keep indigenous exclusive hunting-fishing rights, community members tend not to completely accept hard conservation rules and limits, established by Park administrations. Which mainly is a result of legal contradiction between 2 legislations - on indigenous rights and on environmental protection. Our long term media campaign, target to change



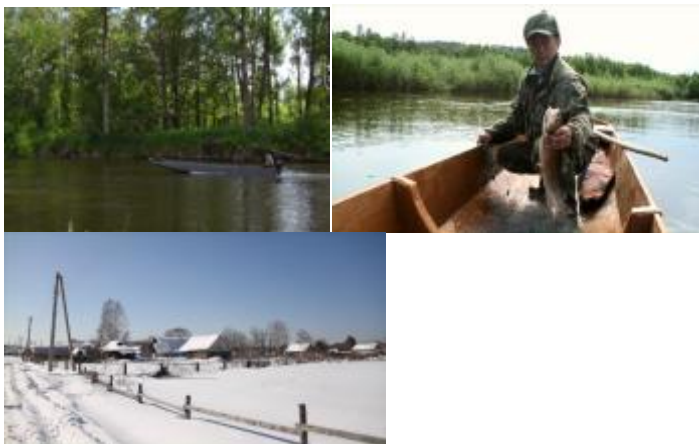
mind of law writers, government and indigenous community and build consensus, became in that situation a unique tool to identify solution.

LEGAL CONFLICT

Our independent journalistic analysis demonstrates that legislation on Protected areas in Russia, although declare protection and at least respect of indigenous people’s rights, rare contain regulations – how to do this. Indigenous communities in Russia never get full rights to manage and use their traditional territories, even under full governmental control. Mainly those rights use to be presented either to resource use companies – mining, logging, hunting, fishing, military, agro, recreational, or to conservation purposes, which contradict to resource use rights in general. And, it is very hard to require exclusive use rights for indigenous communities, since business immediately remind that it brings much more profit to budget, than indigenous people, so should have priority. This approach coincide with governmental mainstream – environmentally destructive users always get priority, leaving indigenous communities without real access even to the minimum resources for their subsistence.

SOLUTION-RECOMMENDATION

Regarding all that, Kremlin officials swore on several meetings with Bikin community during public hearings and our media campaign, that they will change legislation BEFORE the park adoption, to provide full indigenous rights to manage territory and resources. It was presented also as a way to finally resolve equal problems in other national parks on indigenous territories, first “Udege Legend”. But finally, Park was adopted WITHOUT any legal changes. Warrantee of indigenous rights on their territory and resources was shifted down to the governmental regulation and Park’s by-law, which simply point out, that Park administration MAY create Advisory Board of indigenous community, whose advices are never obligatory for administration. As a result, success of Park now is completely dependent on community climate and success of our continued media campaign, mainly by our magazine “Ecology and Business”.



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Development of community environmental education programmes through co-construction process

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INTRODUCTION

Community education is mostly “bound by local context and directed by community knowledge and understanding, providing opportunities to raise awareness, invite participation, cultivate leadership, and encourage democratic decision-making as part of a lifelong learning process” (Tilbury and Wortman, 2008). Community environmental education focuses on environmental issues and how a community could work together to address existing environmental challenges or to prevent new ones. This paper focuses on a co-construction process which is one of the approaches in developing community environmental education programmes. Heimlich & Horr (2010) emphasised that working with communities through the process of co-construction has the capacity to respond to local environmental issues.

COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION MODEL

In the context of this paper, discussion will be based on a model of community environmental education (Figure 1) developed and guided by the theoretical principles and the experiences, limitations and lessons in the programme development process in a PhD research conducted between 2012-2015 in Beaufort, Sabah. The co-construction process is imperative in developing an environmental education programme. It is important to obtain a meaningful and holistic perspective of the community through a comprehensive co-construction process which includes deeper interactions, dialogues and critical reflections (Smidt, 2014) about strengths, assets, opportunities, needs, barriers, shared aspirations, physical space, institutions and local economy. Based on observation and personal experience in conducting environmental education programmes, presentations or talks on environmental issues are usually pre-packaged or prepared beforehand based on assumptions of what the community needs. The co-construction process could improve the delivery of information when a programme is developed together with key members of the community by responding to local issues through data collection and active interactions.

MAINSTREAMING THE CO-CONSTRUCTION PROCESS

While it is important to mainstream the co-construction process in the development of community environmental education programmes, there are several challenges. Firstly, a comprehensive co-construction process may take time. To collect data, surveys (questionnaire and interviews), focus

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workshop and dialogues need to be carried out. The findings would then guide the development of the programme. Secondly, gaining support is difficult unless there is a strong rapport with key champions and leaders. Thirdly, the key barriers that might hinder participation are lack of time, lack of incentives or motivation to contribute (Dalziel, Hewitt and Evan, 2007). The research conducted in Beaufort from 2012-2015 encountered some of the challenges identified earlier. Due to time constraints, a comprehensive co-construction process could not be carried out. However, lessons learned from the research have improved the development of community environmental programme in a current pilot study conducted by the Environment Protection Department Sabah and the Natural Resources and Environment Board Sarawak. Through the pilot study, deeper interaction and reflections about strengths, assets, opportunities, needs, barriers and shared aspirations are carried out.

If time is a limiting factor, the co-construction process could be modified to involve a smaller group of community members. Questionnaire or interview process could be shortened to reduce time for data analysis and programme planning. Creating rapport with the leaders of the community should be carried out in the beginning by creating awareness on how the environmental education programme could benefit the entire community. When strong support is gained from the champions or leaders, this could influence more participation from the other villagers.



Figure 1 The community environmental education model derived from the PhD research

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Organization for Community Development (OCD) is a benevolent, registered as not-for-profit, working in the province of Punjab, Pakistan. OCD works for the holistic development of the marginalized segment of the society without any discrimination of caste, creed, race, gender, religion. Its initiatives involve and engage grass root communities. OCD works with the poorest and most excluded people by synchronizing synergies with organizations that represent them in rural and urban areas. OCD focus on well-being and uplift of women, children, youth and men living in poverty, socially excluded and marginalized groups. The main thrust of OCD is to take development oriented actions for social transformation.

OCD is working with the inspiration that: problems bring challenges; challenges bring opportunities; opportunities bring change and change is Development.

Marianne Kindergarten (Initiative of OCD)

The main problem of Pakistan is low literacy especially in rural areas. The case is more complicated in case of rural girls. As illiteracy is the mother of all evils and ignorance leads to the exploitation of the weak and injustice in societies. The situation is getting terrific in rural areas of Pakistan. In 2006 MKK was started with 15 children. It became very progressive with the hard work of teachers, effective supervision of OCD and financial support of Kindermissionswerk. In 2010 school was shifted in new building and registered as Girls Middle School. MKK is providing quality education to the rural based community's children. Students of this school are doing well and excelling in their higher education. The children see him as a role model and have great passion for the uplift and improvement of their rural community.

Challenges and Coping

The initiative can be replicated in other areas as well but the major challenges are:

- Limited resources both financial and human resources for effective functioning
- Safety and security within school premises due to security threats

The first challenge can be mitigated by involving local benefactors, educationists and international community to come forward for reducing gender disparity and promotion of girl's education.

The second challenge was the increasing rate of terrorism in Pakistan due to which government made it compulsory to make some security arrangements to keep schools operational.

MKK complied with all these requirements and installed security cameras, barbed wires, imparted



emergency situation handling trainings and others. MKK ensured that not a single day of the students was missed due to closure on non-compliance to government issued guideline. It was the final term and all students, teachers and parents/guardians were shocked in fear that their child/children will lose 1 year worth of teaching. Myself ensured that MKK closure on non-compliance did not happen thus saving the students wasting one year. MKK did not close or remain closed to ensure that not a single day of the school students was wasted.

Recommendations

- It is time to approach education from a new perspective based on creative and innovative educational ideas.
- For rural settings, it is important to use latest technology and qualified staff for ensuring student's success.
- It is important to ensure high level of parents and community participation.
- We need to practice multiple approaches to address different learning styles.
- High level of staff morale and engagement helps to ensure best results and increasing satisfaction of parents.
- It is important to impart greater confidence in students to boost their creativity.
- Education should be a learning process that generates interest in the students and motivate them to stay back in the institutions than to run away from it.
- Education should be entertaining and fun to students not boredom or just a duty.
- We believe in "Education for All" and our initiatives are meant to achieve this mission.