



LANDSCAPE APPROACH IN ACTION

IMPACT NOTES #04

1 Model Forest Leaders

Often, leaders grow out of the Model Forest experience. In fact, leadership in a Model Forest does not emerge from a place of privileged position. Model Forest leaders champion local forest issues, help raise awareness of sustainability and work to support local communities, rural livelihoods and the environment. We travel to the Model Forest of Newfoundland and Labrador for an interview with Muhammad Nazir, the Past-Chair of the Model Forest and Sean Dolter, the past General Manager.



For more information: eepurl.com/TotJD

WORLD

Biodiversity Conservation and Model Forests

Most Model Forests are biologically diverse, and often include landscape areas with significant conservation values, such as national parks and forests containing species at risk. By promoting a landscape approach, Model Forests foster a reduction in forest fragmentation, enhance wildlife habitat and support the development of collaborative strategies with local communities for managing biodiversity.



For more information: eepurl.com/Sm1Mn

2 Local farmers protecting butterfly habitat

In the Abejar region (Spain), the dusky large blue butterfly has been threatened by changes in livestock management activities. Through the Urbión Model Forest, the municipality, local farmers and an NGO have signed a land stewardship agreement to preserve its fragile habitat. The Model Forest is raising awareness of both the value of traditional seasonal movement of livestock and ways to reduce its impact on the butterfly.



Video: youtu.be/WOSjC7Ozj88

3 Forest soap increases economic sustainability

In the Campo-Ma'an Model Forest, in southern Cameroon, the traditional extraction of oils from tree nuts was integrated into a new value-added economic activity – soap production. The Model Forest used a self-selected entrepreneurial development model to introduce women to making soap. Women learned how to make body and household soaps from a teaching guide developed by Cuso International. Empowering women and men to make and market soap supports the African Model Forest Network's mission to build people's capacity to positively transform the landscape around them and enhance their economic sustainability.



For more information: eepurl.com/Sm2jb

4 Forest Landscape Restoration Project Underway in Biodiversity Hotspot

Starting in 2012, the Kodagu Model Forest initiated a pilot project to build local capacity for forest landscape restoration. Approximately 12 hectares of teak monoculture forest with sparsely distributed trees was selected as the pilot site. In 2013, with support from the Karnataka Forest Department and the College of Forestry in Ponnampet, the pilot project was extended to cover another 33 hectares. Balancing environmental, economic and social values is in keeping with the Model Forest approach to sustainability, also part of a global movement advocating landscape approaches.

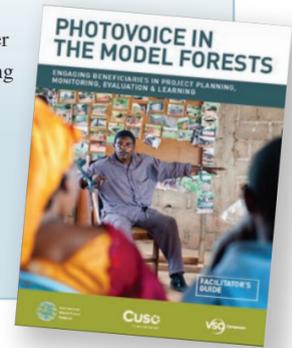


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AFRICA

PhotoVoice in the Model Forests

Photovoice is a community-driven participatory action research method that brings photography and social change together. Photovoice has been used by Cuso International, VSO Cameroon and the African Model Forest Network to engage beneficiaries in participatory monitoring & evaluation, program planning and decision-making processes. It has been particularly useful in Model Forests and other environments where collaboration is critical to bringing diverse stakeholders together for realizing sustainable development. The guide that was developed is a collaborative undertaking, intended to help spread the use of the photovoice method to other Model Forests.



For more information: eepurl.com/SnY09

5 The scent of sustainability

Providing knowledge of and giving the right opportunities to people in communities can go a long way in creating more productive and progressive livelihoods and protect the environment. This was reasoning behind The Body Shop Foundation's selection of the Cambugsay Tree Planters' Multipurpose Cooperative (CTPMPC) on Bohol Island, as one of the three Philippine beneficiaries of 2012-13 campaign. The Foundation funding has helped the Cooperative expand its existing 81 hectares with an additional five-hectare plantation comprising of more than 2,000 Ylang-ylang or Cananga odorata seedlings inter-planted with coffee and shaded with banana plants. The Cooperative also used the funding to stabilize riverbanks and develop ecotourism programs for students.



For more information: eepurl.com/SnYiT