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## BIODIVERSITY

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### **Biodiversity for the Millennium Development Goals: What local organisations can do** *IIED Briefing Paper*

Dilys Roe, Ivan Bond

This briefing paper outlines how in practice, biodiversity conservation and local people's livelihoods often compete – particularly in some 'top-down' approaches to conservation such as certain national parks. Can 'bottom-up' approaches to conservation provide the answer? A recent review shows that community-led conservation can contribute to human well-being and to the achievement of many Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), but in the majority of cases, it remains small-scale, isolated and not integrated within the formal conservation sector. We suggest that, given appropriate support, community conservation could achieve much more for poverty reduction. Indeed, without further local action, the international targets set within the CBD and the MDGs are likely to be unattainable. This paper suggests a range of actions for donor and government agencies to help unleash this potential – including payments for ecosystem services, mainstreaming biodiversity into sector-wide initiatives, and better integration of biodiversity within the MDG framework.

2007, 2pp,

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## CLIMATE CHANGE

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### **Fairness in Adaptation to Climate Change**

W. Neil Adger, Jouni Paavola, Saleemul Huq, M.J. Mace (Editors)

Fairness in Adaptation to Climate Change brings together scholars from political science, economics, law, human geography, and climate science to offer the first assessment of the social justice issues in adaptation to climate change. The book outlines the philosophical underpinnings of different types of justice in relation to climate change, present inequities, and future burdens, and it applies these to real-world examples of

climate change adaptation in Bangladesh, Tanzania, Botswana, Namibia, and Hungary. It argues that the key to adapting to climate change lies in recognizing the equity and justice issues inherent in its causes and in human responses to it.

2006, 319pp, ISBN 978-0-262-51193-3, £16.95

To Purchase: <http://mitpress.mit.edu>

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## FORESTRY

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### **Governance towards responsible forest business: Guidance on different types of forest business and the ethics to which they gravitate**

*Small and Medium Forest Enterprise No. 20*

Duncan Macqueen

This paper is for government authorities with responsibility for the forest sector. It aims to clarify what 'responsible forest business' might mean. Drawing out four major conclusions, it proposes a bigger and bolder idea of responsibility than many notions of corporate social responsibility. It suggests broader ethical consideration of what business is responsible for, who business is responsible to and over what time frame business is responsible. The paper ends with some practical steps to improve governance towards responsible forest business.

2007, 37pp, ISBN 978-1-84369-631-4, US\$18.00/£10.00

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## LAND

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### **Changes in "Customary" Land Tenure Systems in Africa**

Edited by: Lorenzo Cotula

Across rural Africa, land legislation struggles to be properly implemented, and most resource users gain access to land on the basis of local land tenure systems. Land laws must build on local practice, and several African countries have adopted legislation that strengthens protection for local land rights. Although they claim to draw their legitimacy from "tradition" and are commonly referred to as "customary", local tenure systems have been profoundly changed by decades of colonial and post-independence government interference, and are continually adapted as a result of social, economic, political and cultural change. This study explores changes in customary land tenure systems in Africa, identifies the factors driving such changes, analyses their livelihood implications and draws lessons for development policies and programmes.

2007, 136pp, ISBN 978-1-84369-657-5, for free copy email: [iied@earthprint.com](mailto:iied@earthprint.com)

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## POLICY

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### **A New Era in Sustainable Development**

*IIED Briefing Paper*

Steve Bass

This briefing paper claims that the 20 year international effort to put the planet on a path to sustainable development has been woefully inadequate and will need a radical rethink if it is to achieve its aims. It calls for: traditional, local and non-Western approaches to play a major role in a new, globally constructed and globally shared drive towards genuine sustainable development; a shift from the inviolability of economic

growth to the inviolability of human well-being and environmental limits; and governments to account for the economic and social benefits that natural resources provide and the costs of mismanaging these environmental assets.

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