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BIODIVERSITY

A Simple Guide to Intellectual Property Rights, Biodiversity and Traditional Knowledge

Tejaswini Apte

Patents, intellectual property rights, biopiracy... These terms are appearing more frequently in the news. It is clear even to the layperson that these are controversial issues. What is not clear is what they mean. What implications do they have for an ordinary citizen? Why are they such a hot topic of debate? What connection do intellectual property rights (IPRs) have with biological resources? What is the link to India's traditional knowledge? This handbook is a step towards filling the gap of user-friendly information and encouraging mainstream debate on IPRs, biodiversity and traditional knowledge.

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Understanding the Biological Diversity Act 2002

Compiled by: Kanchi Kohli

India's biodiversity legislation was enacted in 2002 as the Biological Diversity Act. This laws aims at governing the conservation, sustainable use of and access to biological resources. Towards this end, the Act enables the setting up of new institutions and puts into force rules and agreements. This Dossier aims to put together scattered information available on the Act, related rules and agreements, so that the information is easily accessible. This publication is part of the Biodiversity Information Pack which includes three components. The other titles are: 'A guide to the Biological Diversity Act 2002' and 'A Simple Guide to Intellectual Property Rights, Biodiversity and Traditional Knowledge.

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ECONOMICS

CAMFIRE and payments for environmental services

Peter G H Frost, Ivan Bond

There has been increasing support in recent years for the use of payments for environmental services (PES) as a means to poverty reduction and conservation. PES are compensation mechanisms that reward people for managing ecosystems and providing environmental services, and are based on the premise that positive incentives can lead to changes in land-use practices. The Communal Areas Management Programme for

Indigenous Resources (CAMPFIRE) is a longstanding initiative that shares many of the features of PES. It has been widely emulated in southern and eastern Africa. In this paper, we describe the CAMPFIRE programme's evolution and explore some of the lessons learned about implementation, performance, outcomes and possible adaptations that may help in the development of PES programmes.

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MARKETS

Biofuels production, trade and sustainable development: emerging issues

Annie Dufey

The threat of global warming, high oil prices and concerns about energy security have all contributed to a renewed global interest in biofuels as an alternative to oil for transport. This interest is reflected in the rapid expansion of biofuel markets. But what are the implications of this expansion for sustainable development? This paper seeks to provide a preliminary identification of the main sustainable development issues involved in the debate around production and trade of biofuels.

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NATURAL RESOURCES

Local action, global aspirations

Natural Resource Issues 4

Dilys Roe, Brian Jones, Ivan Bond, Seema Bhatt

This review documents how community conservation can contribute to human well-being and the conservation of natural resources in southern Africa. Additional examples and experience are drawn from India, South East Asia and Central America. Despite these success stories, community conservation processes are often isolated and marginalised from mainstream conservation efforts. The report concludes with eight recommendations to improve community conservation.

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Towards better practice in smallholder palm oil production

Natural Resource Issues 5

Sonja Vermeulen, Nathalie Goad

Demand for palm oil is growing fast. Global production has doubled over the past ten years and is expected to double again in the next decade. A major opportunity exists to meet the rising demand in an environmentally and socially sustainable manner through expansion and improvement of smallholder production. This report provides a systematic overview of the main types of arrangements for smallholder palm oil production, and identifies the most promising current options for improving practice, particularly in arrangements of smallholders with plantation companies and government agencies.

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