

The FOREST LANDSCAPE RESTORATION Newsletter: News from the Forest Landscape Restoration Network – Welcome to the 3rd issue (November 2002)!

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide you with a brief overview of recent information on Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR) and related topics.

You are encouraged to contribute information to the document centre and to this newsletter! Please send any FLR related issues that you wish to share with the group, to the editor. Short snappy information can be put in the newsletter, while more comprehensive data can be added to the document centre and will be summarised for the newsletter.

We appreciate your active involvement as a member of the informal FLR network!
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1. RESEARCH & ANALYSIS

Reconciling Agriculture and Biodiversity: Policy and Research Challenges of 'Ecoagriculture'

Opinion paper to WSSD 2002, by Sara J. Scherr and Jeffrey A. McNeely

This paper argues, that enhancing the contribution of farming systems is an essential part of any biodiversity conservation strategy, and requires new technical research, support for local farmer innovation, and adoption of new agricultural and environmental policies at local, national and international levels.

http://www.panda.org/about_wwf/what_we_do/forests/what_we_do/restoration/restore_information.cfm

ADVOCACY

Consultative Meeting Report to support FLR, 20 September, 2002, Edinburgh, Scotland *Building Assets for People and Nature: An Initiative to Catalyse and Reinforce Forest Landscape Restoration*

As a follow up to WSSD the UK Forestry Commission hosted a meeting in September to discuss a "Global Initiative on FLR". This initiative would bring together a number of partners (government, private sector and NGOs) to create a sort of "movement" on restoration and mobilise funds and attention towards "appropriate restoration".

ECONOMICS

Paper on Forest Ecosystem Services

By Robert Nasi, Sven Wunder and José J. Campos

This paper shows that the main reasons for degradation of forest ecosystem services tend to be fundamental: deforestation most often happens because it pays for local people. The paper gives a brief overview of what are and what represent forest ecosystem services. It then considers the issues of price and valuation, and shows that valuation itself is not a solution but merely a tool. It concludes that if we (national, regional and global "off-site" beneficiaries) can increasingly "pay our way out" of the actual vicious circle, there will be more scope for optimism regarding the conservation of forests and their services to mankind throughout the world.

2. FLR PROJECT NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Africa

IUCN book launch „FLR: Building Assets for People and Nature - Experience from East Africa“

*The publication **Forest Landscape Restoration: Building Assets for People and Nature - Experience from East Africa** was launched at the World Summit on Sustainable Development in August 2002. It describes the FLR approach, and provides three cases from East Africa - Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda. In East Africa, restoration is being used as a tool*

to promote both livelihood security and forest conservation. The three examples of projects from the region make it clear that the lessons from East Africa are pertinent to the rest of the world.

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IUCN and WWF East Africa Workshop Report & Four National reports & Regional Overview

A regional workshop was facilitated and organised by IUCN and WWF to address the consequences of forest loss in Eastern Africa in the context of Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR). The workshop was held in Mombasa in November 2001. Case studies from Tanzania, Uganda, Ethiopia, and Kenya were presented, followed by the presentation of a regional report. The presentation was based on findings of national FLR studies conducted earlier in the year.

Synthesis Report from the Eastern Africa Regional Workshop, Nov 2001

FLR – A report from the workshop highlighting opportunities and challenges for Eastern Africa

http://www.panda.org/about_wwf/what_we_do/forests/what_we_do/restoration/projects/africa.cfm

National FLR studies from Tanzania, Uganda, Ethiopia, and Kenya

National reviews for the four countries in Eastern Africa with analysis of national policy and legal frameworks

http://www.panda.org/about_wwf/what_we_do/forests/what_we_do/restoration/projects/africa.cfm

Regional overview on FLR initiatives in Eastern Africa

FLR – This regional overview pulls together information and findings from the four national reviews (see above), compiled by Penny Scott

http://www.panda.org/about_wwf/what_we_do/forests/what_we_do/restoration/projects/africa.cfm

Asia & The Pacific

Rediscovery of an endemic plant in New Caledonia

New Caledonia has one of the world's highest rates of endemism and yet the loss of habitat is greatly endangering the survival of many of those rare plants. For this reason it is urgent and important to protect and restore the forests of New Caledonia.

http://www.panda.org/about_wwf/what_we_do/forests/what_we_do/restoration/projects/new_caledonia.cfm

Europe & Middle East

Cost Benefit Analysis of Alternative Land Use Options, Bulgarian Danube Islands Project

Final draft report, by Prof. Dr. A. Danchev – Fatih University Istanbul in cooperation with Green Balkans Federation and WWF DCPO, Sept 2002

The natural floodplain forests of the Bulgarian Danube Islands have been continuously converted into poplar monocultures. Fortunately, this extensive conversion was halted with the adoption of the Strategy for the Protection and Restoration of Floodplain Forests on the Bulgarian Danube Islands. The present Cost Benefit Analysis evaluates the economic importance, for a range of stakeholders, of selected land use options on the Danube islands, focusing in particular on the potential socio-economic benefits from the restoration and protection of healthy floodplain ecosystems.

http://www.panda.org/about_wwf/what_we_do/forests/what_we_do/restoration/projects/danube.cfm

The Southern Portugal Green Belt project report – WWF MedPO April 2002

The Southern Portugal Green Belt project is part of a larger Mediterranean ecoregion conservation initiative, called "Addressing the Root Causes of Desertification: The Green Belt Programme", which aims to set up effective networks of "functional conservation landscapes" where land planning can effectively integrate ecological and socio-economic requirements to secure the long-term conservation of habitats, species and ecological processes. To develop a FLR model in the Green Belt area is one of the priority actions identified in the Action Plan.

http://www.panda.org/about_wwf/what_we_do/forests/what_we_do/restoration/projects/mediterranean.cfm

3. PUBLICATIONS & LINKS

WWF Forest Landscape Restoration Poster

The new colourful poster shows the transition of a degraded and deforested forest landscape that changes through Forest Landscape Restoration initiatives towards a healthy landscape where again intact forest systems and humans live together in harmony – WWF's vision for 2050.

The poster can be ordered from Stephanie Mansourian - WWF Forest Programme, e-mail: smansourian@wwfint.org, a small pdf version can be downloaded from <http://www.panda.org/downloads/forests/flrpostersmall.jpg>

Counterpart International

Counterpart is involved in several community projects in the South Pacific region working to improve the quality of life of rural families while simultaneously restoring and protecting native forests

<http://www.counterpart.org/>

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Lafarge is committed to continuous improvement in its environmental performance. Accordingly, Lafarge and WWF have become worldwide partners in an effort to preserve biodiversity and restore forest landscapes. Through the partnership, Lafarge is supporting WWF's Forest Landscape Restoration project, which is part of the WWF's Forests for Life programme.