



LANDSCAPE APPROACH IN ACTION

IMPACT NOTES #01

1 Ranchers co-existing with wild plains bison

The Sturgeon River Plains Bison Stewards are working with local ranchers and farmers as well as the provincial and federal governments to enhance the conservation of a wild plains bison population. With support from the Prince Albert Model Forest, Canada, they identified opportunities to encourage and facilitate stewardship actions by landowners while reducing the negative impacts of bison on their lands.



Video: youtu.be/nVW84oQ07DA

CANADA

CMFN releases community bioenergy guide

“Biomass Heating & Electricity Production: A Guide for Rural Communities in Canada” is a part of a CMFN project designed to help local community leaders, local businesses and not-for-profits to assess bioenergy options for woody biomass. Outlining bioenergy options, potential challenges, economic feasibility and environmental considerations, the guidebook provides the basic fundamentals of considering a bioenergy project in a rural community.

The guidebook has been launched with the wood4energy.ca website, designed to provide more detailed information on CMFN bioenergy projects, provincial and national bioenergy policies and cutting-edge bioenergy publications.



For more information: modelforest.net

2 Improving livelihoods through renewable energy

The Cachapoal Model Forest, Chile, encourages the use of solar energy and biogas as a strategy to improve the livelihoods of families and support local development. This initiative helps to reduce the use of firewood, lowering greenhouse gas emissions. Model Forest partners also educate the public about environmental protection and management.



Video: youtu.be/C0t1DeFUdnw

3 Enhancing women's leadership for community development

Cameroon's Model Forests actively promote the organization and leadership of rural women. In recent years, more than 90 micro-projects focusing on business development, marketing and product development were financed through the Model Forests. Some local products such as Allanblankia oil, used in manufacturing food and non-food products, have been able to access international markets. Generating social and economic value from natural resources has also improved conservation efforts.



Video: youtu.be/NwTT8atwWaM



4 Reindeer herders, GIS and land use planning

In the Vilhelmina Model Forest, Sweden, local stakeholders and indigenous Sami communities use Participatory Geographic Information Systems (P-GIS) to reduce land use conflicts. The tool facilitated the visual understanding of migration corridors accessed by reindeer herders and areas used by other land users. Land users adjusted their activities to allow herders to maintain their traditional routes.



Video: youtu.be/fEtZiNalNiU

5 Moving from illegal logging to ecotourism

In 2006, the Ulot Watershed Model Forest, Philippines, helped local residents build an ecotourism business focused on river activities using boats previously involved in illegal logging. The Ulot River cruise/TORPEDO boat riding activities are gaining popularity among local and foreign tourists. They also provide a sustainable livelihood for local residents while serving as a venue for raising awareness of environmental issues and forest protection.



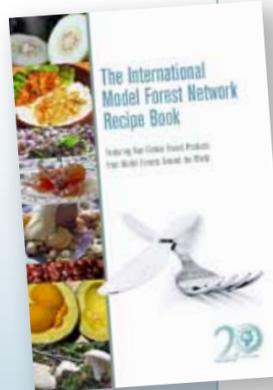
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WORLD

IMFN Recipe Book

Featuring Non-Timber Forest Products from Model Forests around the World

The IMFN Secretariat is pleased to announce the release of the International Model Forest Network Recipe Book – Featuring Non-Timber Forest Products from Model Forests around the World. The book highlights an eclectic mix of recipes including main courses, sides, desserts and beverages...all using plants found in Model Forests throughout the IMFN.



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