



LANDSCAPE APPROACH IN ACTION

IMPACT NOTES #03



1 Establishing a biological corridor improves livelihoods

Building on a process initiated over 26 years ago, the Colinas Bajas Model Forest (Dominican Republic) brought together local stakeholders, the government and a mining company to extend a successful forest landscape restoration initiative. They are currently creating a biological corridor between two protected areas inside the Model Forest. They established and supported nurseries, conservation and commercial forests, and small businesses in forestry, agroforestry and ecotourism.



Video: youtu.be/kDaKS1-iqLA

2 Indigenous communities and landowners cooperating on resource conservation

Through the Chiquitano Model Forest (Bolivia), the municipality, indigenous communities, an NGO and private landowners in the district initiated a participatory process to promote the creation of a protected area on municipal land. Model Forest partners also established a multi-stakeholder management committee to ensure the sustainable use of natural resources in and around the protected area.



Video: youtu.be/omiULOPHLok



5 New stoves burn less wood, help preserve forests

Rural mountain communities within the Ifrane Model Forest in Morocco rely on wood to supply many of their energy needs. With the support of the national forestry administration of Morocco, the Model Forest implemented a pilot project focused on the development and distribution of improved, energy-efficient stoves. The project aims to reduce the pressure on forests by improving stove energy efficiency and reducing fuelwood consumption. The new stoves are multi-purpose and require little fuelwood to operate. Based on monitoring by the Model Forest team, the new technology has resulted in a reduction of fuelwood consumption of 85% for baking bread and 69% for heating and cooking meals.

Follow the Ifrane Model Forest on Facebook: on.fb.me/PjN6f6

4 Climate Change Adaptation in Cameroon's Model Forests

The implementation of effective climate-smart agricultural and agroforestry practices can improve productivity and the wellbeing of local people, while building on the traditional smallholder-based landscape diversity and reducing deforestation. Through B-ADAPT (Eco-Agricultural Business for Adaptation to Changes in Climate), volunteers work with communities to increase agricultural productivity and build small businesses to increase resilience to the challenges posed by changes in climate. B-ADAPT is being implemented by Cuso International, the African Model Forest Network, and VSO Cameroon and is funded through a grant from Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development.



Video: youtu.be/SYN8ly_G8Xo
For more information: bit.ly/Hmo0sj and bit.ly/JX674n

3 Enhancing community sustainability through non-timber forest products (NTFPs)

The Araucarias del Alto Malleco Model Forest (Chile) includes a high concentration of *Araucaria araucana* trees and a large indigenous population of Mapuche-Pehuenche peoples. Early Model Forest activities focused on inventorying the Araucaria forest and assessing its condition. Building on these successes, the Model Forest recently implemented a project focused on broader NTFP development, including mushrooms and rosehips. The project is enhancing the capacity of local producers to create new products and bring them to regional, national and international markets.



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Book: t.co/yWNBHcRtUq

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Model Forest Toolkit

The Model Forest Development Toolkit is a collection of guides that Model Forests can use during their development and operations to strengthen their organizational capacity and program delivery. The Toolkit is designed as a collection of modules to allow for easy revision and quick reference. The following modules are currently available:



- Model Forest Development Guide: bit.ly/1q1pqaA
- Guide to Model Forest Governance: bit.ly/1mJvtAH
- Framework for Model Forest Strategic Planning: bit.ly/1hK6MU3
- Framework for Model Forest Annual Work Planning: bit.ly/1hoUADC

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Introduction to ThisForest, forest product traceability

In today's world, there's a growing disconnect between the product we purchase and the impact on the natural resources. The ability to tell a simple story, a true story about where the products are from, the points of origin, is increasingly important. Traceability is really all about supporting consumers' desire to make informed choices and judge for themselves whether a product is sustainable or not. It's about letting people know exactly where their products come from, who made it, where it was harvested under which methods. The beauty about working with the IMFN is that we're able to exchange knowledge around the emergence of traceability in different markets in different countries.

For more information: thisforest.info
Video: youtu.be/KJWawyfkzbo

