



LANDSCAPE APPROACH IN ACTION

IMPACT NOTES #09

1 Fur market re-development in Lac-Saint-Jean Model Forest

Lac-Saint-Jean Model Forest, situated in the heart of the great Canadian boreal forest, is home to many species with attractive fur. International and domestic demand is rising despite the slowdown in the global economy. Consumers are better informed about the superiority of natural fur, a renewable, biodegradable and eco-friendly material, versus synthetic fur which is a petroleum based product. The Model Forest recently conducted a feasibility study on the implementation of a Centre of Excellence in Nordic Fur with the aim to re-establish a competitive fur market.



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IBERO-AMERICAN MODEL FOREST NETWORK

Climate change adaptation, water governance and Model Forests

Since 2012, the Jujuy Model Forest in Argentina **A**, Chiquitano Model Forest **B** in Bolivia and Araucarias del Alto Malleco Model Forest **C** in Chile have been working together on EcoAdapt, a project that promotes climate change adaptation with an emphasis on water governance. Model Forests, with their landscape-scale platforms and broad stakeholder engagement are ideally suited to carry out climate change research, develop community adaptation and mitigation strategies and monitor such efforts over the long term.



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2 Restoring the landscape to improve livelihoods in the Chorotega Model Forest

The Chorotega Model Forest in Costa Rica was established to promote and strengthen new areas of action towards the sustainable development of the region by building on positive efforts already underway. Responding to the pressures of deforestation and out-migration, a group of local farmers created the Monte Alto Forest Reserve Foundation. Through the environmental protection and gradual reforestation of degraded lands, the Foundation has overseen the recovery of an important watershed, resurgence in several plant and animal species and improvement in local livelihoods within the Model Forest.

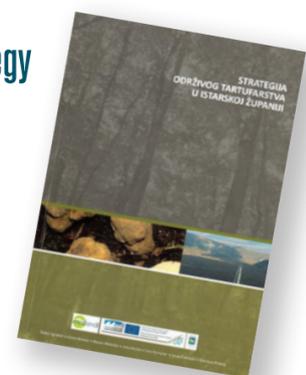
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3 River Mirna Basin Model Forest develops Sustainable Truffle Strategy

Truffles are the most valuable non-timber forest product (NTFP) in Croatia's River Mirna Basin Model Forest, providing a living income for approximately 1000 families in the area. The increasing number of illegal truffle hunters, inadequate legislation and unsustainable collection practices has led to the devastation of this precious mushroom. The Model Forest has developed a Sustainable Truffle Strategy that will enable the continued growth of truffles in this region while protecting its habitat and raising its commercial value.

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Rural women, food security, eradication of poverty and Model Forests

Model Forests play an important role in improving the standard of living of rural women and supporting them in producing more food for their community. They have helped foster female entrepreneurship in many countries. Most Model Forests are or have been involved in economic activities that support communities, livelihoods and reduce poverty. Such activities include promoting eco-cultural tourism, bioenergy, certification of forest products, and cultivation and marketing of non-timber forest products. The activities have generated social and economic value from natural resources and improved conservation efforts.



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4 Corporate Social Responsibility and Kyoto Model Forest

Kyoto Model Forest spans the entire Prefecture of Kyoto and encompasses some 13,000 private forest owners and 26 local governments. Model Forest stakeholders have realized substantial mobilization of the private sector through their distinctive approach to Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). Companies across the prefecture typically enter 5 year agreements with the Model Forest, requiring them to conduct forest conservation activities. In return, they are able to do business in the prefecture and enjoy free use of the land, which they often use as health incentives to their employees in the form of recreational opportunities organized within the Model Forest.



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