

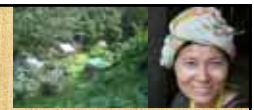
## Protected Areas, Equity, Livelihoods Task Force (PAEL)



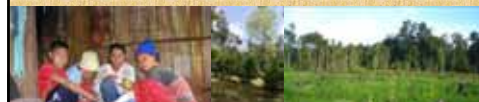
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## Background



- Growing awareness of important role of PAs to poverty reduction (longer term) and sustainable development
- Growing concern that the rural poor shoulder a disproportionate burden of the cost of PA conservation, i.e. that PAs can create poverty at the local level:
  - GEF Local Benefits Study shows 72 out of 88 GEF projects that supported PAs involved restricting resource use by local people, but only 40% of these made any attempt to address negative social impacts, and only 20% reported success.



## WPC Rec #29 on Poverty and PAs: Overarching Principles

- In order to achieve their potential both to conserve biodiversity and to assist in reducing **poverty**, Protected Areas should be integrated within a broad sustainable development planning agenda
- Protected Areas should strive to contribute to **poverty reduction** at the local level (“do good”), and at the very minimum must not contribute to or exacerbate poverty (“do no harm”);
- Biodiversity should be conserved both for its value as a local **livelihoods** resource and as a national and global public good;

*World Parks Congress recommendation #29 on Poverty and Pas (2003)*

## WPC Rec #29 on Poverty and PAs: Overarching Principles

- **Equitable** sharing of costs and benefits of Protected Areas should be ensured at local, national and global levels;
- Where negative social, cultural and economic impacts occur, affected communities should be fairly and fully compensated;
- A gender perspective should be incorporated that encompasses the different roles of women and men in livelihood dynamics, thus contributing to equitable benefit sharing and more effective governance.

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## Protected Areas, Equity and Livelihoods Task Force

- A global task force of WCPA-CEESP established under Strategic Direction #4 on Governance, Equity and Livelihoods in the new WCPA Strategic Plan (i.e. TILCEPA).



## History and Background for the PAEL Taskforce

- 2000 TILCEPA “as such” was formed
- 2001-2003 Preparation for the 5<sup>th</sup> WPC in Durban 2003 (TILCEPA coordinated cross-cutting theme on Communities and Equity)
- One aspect of this TILCEPA work for the 5<sup>th</sup> WPC was ICD and PAs and Poverty
- Some results included: WPC Rec. 5.19, publication on PAs and Poverty, starting of partnerships and greater dialogue on this theme.



### History and Background for the PAEL Taskforce (Cont.)

- Approval of the PAEL taskforce under TILCEPA at the WCPA Steering Committee meeting September 2006 – Main Objective starts to develop concrete actions to implement policy achievements and promote action for greater social equity in the establishment and management of PAs
- Subdivided into 3 regional groupings:
- Africa Group meeting – January 2007 (CARE)
- Asia Group meeting – June 2007 (RECOFTC)
- LA Group meeting – Sept. 2007 (IUCN)



### Protected Areas, Equity and Livelihoods Task Force

- Goal: *to address social equity and poverty concerns in the conceptualisation and management of PAs, and so help to operationalize the WPC recommendation on Poverty and PAs.*
- Membership: a technical forum of people acting in a technical capacity as experts in PA conservation, poverty and social equity
  - technical experts from INGOs, IUCN other multilateral agencies
  - policy-makers, CBD delegates and practitioners from Developing Countries, incl. representatives of indigenous & local communities
  - 1/3 national government agencies
  - 1/3 international government agencies
  - 1/3 national and local civil society organization

### Task Force Specific Objectives

- **Promoting understanding:**
  - Promote a better and more widely shared understanding of the linkages between PAs, social equity, including poverty and poverty eradication, and sustainable development.
- **Policy advocacy:**
  - Strengthen provisions for social equity in regional and global conservation policy related to protected areas, with particular emphasis on the CBD
- **Supporting policy implementation:**
  - Achieve more equitable outcomes in implementation of regional and global conservation policy related to protected areas, with particular emphasis on the CBD.



### Proposed Outputs from the Regional Workplans:

#### Awareness raising and consensus building

- A situation analysis of current problems and opportunities, collection and synthesis of existing information, documentation of unwritten evidence
- An awareness-raising toolkit with different tools for different audiences/problems
- A set of principles against which PA managers and affected communities can set PA performance indicators
- National and regional fora through which indigenous and local communities can be better represented

### Proposed Outputs from the Regional Workplans:

#### Policy Advocacy

- Strengthening of equity and livelihoods provisions within the CBD
- Integration of equity and livelihoods provisions of the CBD in relevant sub-regional processes
- Integration of equity and livelihoods provisions of the CBD in relevant regional processes



### Proposed Outputs from the Regional Workplans:

#### Guidance and Tools

- Tools and lessons learnt in assessing economic and socio-cultural costs & benefits produced
- Inventory of mechanisms & tools for equitable sharing of benefits and costs and governance types
- Compliance with agreed policies and principles on benefit sharing and participation in planning monitored
- Information on best practices with practical case studies shared with stakeholders
- A simple guide on equity provisions in CBD developed for indigenous and local communities

## Where we are...

- Three regional meetings were done last year
- Global concept note drafted and still seeking for financial support
- Regional concept note must be more focus and need to roll out
- Comments from the region will feed to the PAEL task force meeting in May 08

## Why we gather today..



- Sharing achievements and limitations of different strategies
- Policy options and tools for effective implementation
- Steps can be taken forward by all of us



- For more information:

[http://www.iucn.org/themes/ceesp/Wkg\\_grp/TILCEPA/WPC.htm](http://www.iucn.org/themes/ceesp/Wkg_grp/TILCEPA/WPC.htm)  
and search for Protected Areas, Equity and Livelihoods Taskforce

