

# FORESTS AND POVERTY

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Improving tropical forest management -  
for people, conservation and sustainable  
development

## Importance of tropical forest

• People

Shelter  
Land tenure  
Access  
Food  
Revenues

A collage of images illustrating human impact on forests. It includes a thatched-roof hut, a person, a pile of logs, and a person working in a field.

## Importance of tropical forest

• Biodiversity

A collage of images illustrating biodiversity, including a toucan, a parrot, and a colorful bird.

## Importance of tropical forest

• Environmental functions

Watershed  
Soil conservation  
Carbon sequestration

A collage of images illustrating environmental functions of forests, including a river, a forest landscape, and a close-up of a tree trunk.

## Balance

Environment  
Development  
Sustainable forest management

A graphic of a balance scale with "Environment" on the left pan and "Development" on the right pan. Below the scale is the text "Sustainable forest management".

## How to address poverty?

- empowerment
- security
- opportunities
  
- prevent that things get worse
- provide opportunities for improvement

## Poverty ALLEVIATION

- To be used in the broad sense: 'to make easier to be endured'
  
- Reduce poverty by means of sustainable development
- Reduce poverty by sustainable and equitable forest management

## Urgent needs

- Key role for **environment** in Poverty Reduction Strategies
- Information-based decisions
- Analysis

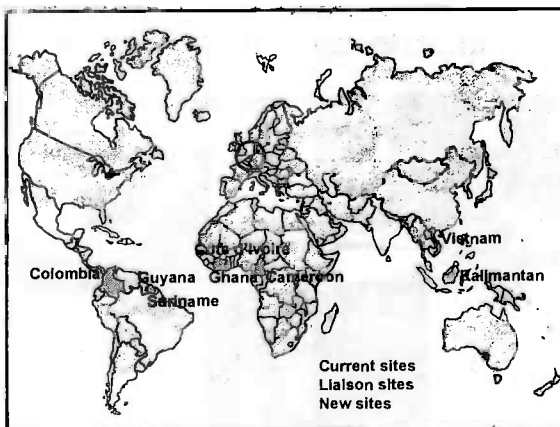
## Network of excellence

To increase knowledge, capacity and uptake, in order to support sustainable forest management

- Research
- Institutional strengthening
- Training
- Extension

## Approach

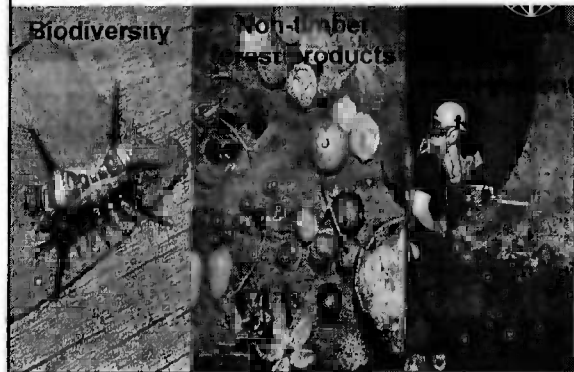
- Locally led and participatory programme development
- Research at long-term, large ("real world") sites
- Demand-driven approach oriented towards sustainable forest management
- Holistic view and interdisciplinary research
- On-the-job training, capacity building and institutional strengthening
- Integration of research with extension, planning, management and conservation



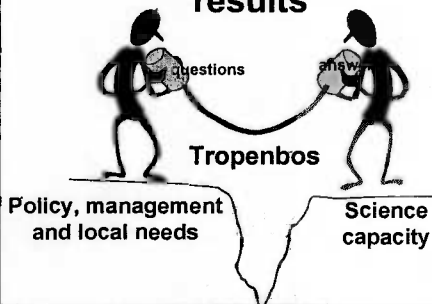
## Some examples

- Empowerment
  - Tools for building effective stakeholder collaboration
- Security
  - options for multiple use of forest resources
- Opportunities
  - alternative sources of income

## RESEARCH THEMES



## Promoting the uptake and application of research results



## Needs for Network of Excellence

- Partners
- Time
- Resources

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