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
- Food
- Revenues

Importance of tropical forest
- Biodiversity

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- Environmental functions
- Soil conservation
- Watershed
- Carbon sequestration

Balance
Environment  Development
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

- Biodiversity
- Non-timber forest products

Promoting the uptake and application of research results

- Policy, management and local needs
- Science capacity

Training and capacity building

Needs for Network of Excellence

- Partners
- Time
- Resources

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