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RMAP PROGRAM NEWS

Dr Jane Mogina has recently joined the RMAP Program as a Visiting Fellow. Jane is a lecturer in the Biological Sciences Division of the University of Papua New Guinea. Her areas of research include: Distribution of traditional knowledge in subsistence communities; Impacts of drought on food production systems; Biodiversity of subsistence cropping systems; Traditional knowledge of medicinal plants; Gender issues in traditional resource management; Impact of social change on traditional resource use and management; Ethnobotany; Role of village social structures on resource management.

Jane is working in collaboration with Colin Filer and Simon Foale in the Millennium Ecosystems Assessment of coastal and island communities in Papua New Guinea, and as a Visiting Fellow, Jane is working on the analysis of local coastal assessments in Papua New Guinea.

Jane's email addresses is Jane.Mogina@anu.edu.au or janem@coombs.anu.edu.au
She is with the RMAP Program (Room No. 5027), till 27th February, 2004.

SEMINARS OF INTEREST

OFFLINE PUBLICATIONS

Walker, A. 2003. 'Agricultural transformation and the politics of hydrology in northern Thailand.' *Development and Change* 34(5): 941-964.

Becu, N., P. Perez, A. Walker, O. Barreteau, C. LePage, 2003. 'Agent based simulation of a small catchment water management in northern Thailand. Description of the CATCHSCAPE model.' *Ecological Modelling* 170(2-3): 319-331.

May, R. J. (ed.) 2003. *Arc of Instability? Melanesia in the early 2000s*, Canterbury NZ: Macmillan Brown Centre for Pacific Studies, University of Canterbury, and Canberra: State, Society and Governance Project, RSPAS, vii+71pp.

Hide, R. 2003. *Pig Husbandry in New Guinea: A Literature Review and Bibliography*, ACIAR Monograph No. 108. Canberra: ACIAR Publications, xvi+291pp.

OTHER NEWS

1. The December 12 issue of *Science* is a special issue on the 35th anniversary of Garrett Hardin's "**The Tragedy of the Commons**". The contents include: Social Capital and the Collective Management of Resources, Jules Pretty; Managing Tragedies: Understanding Conflict over Common Pool Resources, W. M. Adams, Dan Brockington, Jane Dyson, and Bhaskar Vira; Global Food Security: Challenges and Policies, Mark W. Rosegrant and Sarah A. Cline; New Visions for Addressing Sustainability, J. McMichael, C. D. Butler, and Carl Folke; The Burden of Chronic Disease, G. Nicholas Mascie-Taylor and Enamul Karim; The Challenge of Long-Term Climate

Change; Climate Change: The Political Situation, Robert T. Watson; Tales from a Troubled Marriage: Science and Law in Environmental Policy, Oliver Houck.

2. **World Rainforest Movement B U L L E T I N** 77 December 2003

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- Burma: Behind the glitter of rubies, sapphires and jade
- Indonesia: Flood tragedy in Sumatra on account of road project
- Philippines: Opposition against mining policy
- Thailand: SmartWood suspends FSC certification of two plantations

3. A useful **new search engine** recently went online. This one searches a bit differently, allowing the user to home in concentrically on their target. It is called "Mooter" and the url is <http://www.mooter.com>.

4. **Position available:** The **Department of Geography at the University of PNG** is seeking an academic to replace the late Budai Tabari who died recently. They are now looking for someone who could come for a minimum of a three-year contract to teach the courses that Budai Tabari was teaching and possibly to provide some academic and research leadership in the Strand. The late Budai taught Introduction to Regional Planning, Geography of Rural Development, Introduction to Geography, Introduction to Mapping and Surveying, Introduction to Geography of PNG and Transport and Development. They are also taking a joint GIS course with Environmental Sciences and Geology. If you or anyone that you know may be interested, they could contact Norlie Miskaram directly on: Norlie.Miskaram@upng.ac.pg.