



RMAP BULLETIN 20 FEBRUARY 2004

SEMINARS OF INTEREST

Ecological Challenges: the Science and the Politics

Speakers:

Prof Gene Likens - 'Ecological Challenges in the 21st C: The Hubbart Brook Ecosystem Study'

Prof Peter Cullen - 'Reflection on Rippling the Waters: experiences from the Wentworth Group'

Date & Time: Monday 23 February, 6:15 - 7.00pm, discussion 7.30pm

Venue: The Boiler House Lecture Theatre, University of Canberra, Kirinari St Bruce (enter & park off College Street)

(Public Lecture jointly hosted by Land & Water Australia, University of Canberra and CRC for Freshwater Ecology).

A Spatially Explicit Choice Experiment for Assessing Preferences for Biodiversity in Recreation Areas

Paula Horne

Date & Time: Tuesday 24 February, 12.30pm

Venue: Seminar Room 4, First Floor, Crawford Building (#13). Light lunch provided.

(The Asia Pacific School of Economics and Government's seminar series)

Bridging Epistemologies: Challenges in Linking Different Knowledge Systems in Millennium Ecosystems Assessment

Jane Mogina, Biological Sciences Division, University of Papua New Guinea

Visiting Fellow, RMAP Program

Date & Time: Thursday 26 February, 12.30 - 1.30

Venue: Seminar Room C, Coombs Building, ANU campus

(RMAP Seminar)

OTHER USEFUL TEXT ONLINE

1. **A new report by UNEP-WCMC, 'Cloud Forest Agenda'**, which is being launched at a meeting of the Convention on Biological Diversity in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, estimates that 60 per cent of cloud forests are found in Asia with around 25 per cent in Latin America and 15 per cent in Africa. The findings underline the vital need for improved monitoring and conservation measures in Asia, including regeneration of damaged and degraded cloud forests, if these precious habitats are to survive the 21st century. Priority countries may include Indonesia and Papua New Guinea that have been found to hold considerable amounts of cloud forest. The full report is available at:

www.unep-wcmc.org/press/cloud_forest_agenda. Additional information on the Mountain Cloud Forest Initiative and its products are available at: <http://www.unep-wcmc.org/forest/cloudforest>

2. **'A Brief Review of Upland Agricultural Development'** in the context of Livelihoods, Watersheds and Governance for area-based development projects in the Lao PDR was prepared by D. Thomas *et al* for the Alternatives to Slash-and-Burn Project in the context of IFAD strategic planning. It is available on line at: http://www.asb.cgiar.org/PDFwebdocs/DThomas_report_Laos_IFAD_2003.pdf

OFFLINE PUBLICATIONS

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1. **Room to Manoeuvre: Mining, biodiversity and protected areas.** By Izabella Koziell with Eileen Omosa. Read more: www.iied.org/mmsd
2. **Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining: Challenges and opportunities.** By Thomas Hentschel, Felix Hruschka and Michael Priester. Read more: www.iied.org/mmsd
3. French and Spanish translations of **'Sustainable Development Strategies: A resource book.'** (Les Stratégies de Développement Durable: Un recueil de ressources and Estrategias de Desarrollo Sostenible: Libro de Consulta). By Barry Dalal-Clayton and Stephen Bass.

OTHER NEWS

1. Some of you no doubt are aware of this, but: Academic Reminders, Garema Place, Civic, CNB are selling **Handbooks of the Flora of PNG, Volumes 1, 2, and 3** for \$15 per volume. Good value, if you are interested in PNG/Pacific plants (from Mike Bourke).

2. ABC Radio National: **EARTHBEAT - Biodiversity Convention Ten Years On**

Saturday February 21, 8.30am & Monday February 23, 2.30pm

The International Convention on Biodiversity was the first treaty to come out of the Rio Earth Summit. But a decade later, are the vulnerable plants and animals on Earth any more secure? We visit this week's meeting of the parties in Kuala Lumpur to find out.

<http://www.abc.net.au/rn/science/earth/default.htm>