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RMAP PROGRAM NEWS

Professor Jim Fox, Director RSPAS; Stuart Fitch, CEO of the ATRF and Merrilyn Wasson, Regional Coordinator, ATSEF, will be **meeting with Indonesia's Minister for Marine Affairs in Darwin** in early March. Discussions will focus on mutual research and development projects which will be of relevance to both RMAP and ATRF researchers. The Minister, who is aware of the extent and outreach of ANU research from RSPAS and through the ATRF and ATSEF, has requested this meeting. Minister Rokhmin Dahuri is a Professor of Marine Biology and has commented on the ANU's long-standing commitment to collaborative work with Indonesian scholars.

SEMINARS OF INTEREST

Local Knowledge, Complexity and the Politics of Resource Struggle: A Case Study of the Hmong in Northern Thailand

Aranya Siriphon, PhD. Candidate, Chiang Mai University, Thailand; Visiting Fellow, RMAP
Date & Time: Thursday 4 March, 12.30–1.30pm
Venue: Seminar Room C, Coombs Building, ANU

East Timor: Recent Economic Developments

Dr Joao Saldanha, Executive Director, Timor Institute for Development Studies, Dili
Date & Time: Thursday 11 March, 12.30pm - 2.00pm
Venue: Seminar Room A, Coombs Building #9, RSPAS, The Australian National University

Killing Us Softly - Australia's Green Stalkers: Invasive Plants in Australia

Richard Groves, CSIRO; Deidre Lemerle, NSW Agriculture; Rachael McFadyen, CRC for Australian Weed Management; John Kerin, former Minister for Primary Industry
Date & Time: Thursday 11 March, 5.30-7pm
Venue: Seminar Room C, Coombs Building, Australian National University

Offering a Fist? Australia's New Interventionism in the Southwest Pacific

Dr Sinclair Dinnen, SSGM Fellow
Date & Time: Thursday 18 March, 11:00am - 12.30pm
Venue: Seminar Room C, Coombs Building, ANU
(State, Society & Governance in Melanesia (SSGM) Project seminar)

RECENT ADDITIONS TO RMAP WEBSITE

RMAP Workshops and Conferences

Meeting with Dr Tim Geer (WWF International) and Mark Otter (WWF Australia), Tuesday 9 March, 10.30 to 12.30, CRES Seminar Room.

Tim Geer is Director of Government and Aid Agency Relations at WWF International's head office in Gland, Switzerland. He will be visiting the Asia-Pacific region in early March in order to update himself with the conservation and development situation in the region and to inform aid donor agencies of the capabilities of WWF. Tim is especially interested in Papua New Guinea, the Australian government's

policy on PNG and how WWF can make a positive contribution to conservation and development efforts there.

After meeting with federal government officials on 8 March, a meeting has been arranged with interested ANU staff on 9 March to discuss areas of mutual interest between WWF and ANU, with specific reference to scientific research on natural resource management issues in PNG and West Papua. The general context of this discussion is a proposal for an ANU-WWF partnership which we have been discussing with representatives of WWF Australia and the South Pacific Program of WWF International over the course of the last few months.

This meeting is sponsored by the National Institute for Environment and the Resource Management in Asia-Pacific Program (RSPAS). Contact Helen Glazebrook (x59978) for further details.

OTHER USEFUL TEXT ONLINE

1. The new coral bleaching report by Ove and Hans Hoegh-Guldberg is here:

http://www.wwf.org.au/News_and_information/News_room/viewnews.php?news_id=65

The key findings are worth a quick squiz.

2. The WWF Climate Change Programme has published a book called "**BUYING TIME: A User's Manual for Building Resistance and Resilience to Climate Change in Natural Systems**", edited by L.J. Hansen, J.L. Biringer, J.R. Hoffmann. This focuses on what protected area managers can do to adapt their management practices in the face of climate impacts. It is available at:

http://www.panda.org/downloads/climate_change/buyingtime.pdf