



RMAP BULLETIN 3 SEPTEMBER 2004

RMAP PROGRAM NEWS

1. **Dr Dan Jorgensen has recently joined the RMAP Program as a Visiting Fellow.** Dan is Associate Professor of Anthropology in the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Western Ontario. His field research has been among the Telefomin of Papua New Guinea's Sandaun Province. Although his work has covered a range of topics including mythology and male initiation cults, his primary focus has been historical change in rural communities affected by large-scale mining projects. Some of his more recent work has dealt with the emergence of regionalized ethnic identities in the Ok Tedi hinterland and varying models local people deploy in seeking recognition as "landowners" in the proposed Frieda River mining project. He is currently working in collaboration with a team of colleagues to mount plans for a long-term regional study of the social impact of mine closure at Ok Tedi.

Dan's email addresses are dwj@uwo.ca or djorg@sympatico.ca. He is with the RMAP Program (Room No. 5027) until 27th September, 2004.

2. This semester Andrew Walker and Colin Filer are again teaching the Masters level course on **Social Impact Studies**. The course is one of the core units in the **Masters in Applied Anthropology and Participatory Development** but is also attracting significant interest from students in other programs who can take it as an elective. <http://anthropology.anu.edu.au/MAAPD/>

SEMINARS OF INTEREST

Managing Groundwater Access in the Central Highlands of Viet Nam

Jeremy Martin-Cheesman, PhD candidate, Asia Pacific School of Economics and Government (APSEG), former Manager with Consulting Group Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu in Australia and the USA
Date & time: Thursday 9 September, 12.30 - 1.30
Venue: Seminar Room C, Coombs Building, ANU
(RMAP Seminar)

Building an Interdisciplinary Research Culture in Environmental Policy and Management - The Case of the Blue Mountains World Heritage Institute

Dr John Merson, Executive Director, Blue Mountains World Heritage Institute
Date & time: Thursday 9 September, 12.30-2.00pm
Venue: Seminar Room, 6th Level, WK Hancock Building West, Bldg 43, Biology Place off Sullivan's Creek Road, ANU
(CRES Seminar)

A Case Study on Community-based Forest Management in Southeastern Cebu, Philippines: Equity Concerns Amidst Efficiency Goals

Pepito Fernandez, PhD Candidate, Department of Human Geography (RSPAS)
Date & time: Monday 13 September, 3.30pm - 5.00pm
Venue: Seminar Room C, Coombs Building, ANU

(Human Geography Seminar)

RECENT ADDITIONS TO RMAP WEBSITE

Conference Calendar

(http://rspas.anu.edu.au/rmap/conf_calendar.html)

ATSEF 'State Of The Seas' Conference

The Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste and the Arafura and Timor Seas Experts Forum (ATSEF) are pleased to announce the inaugural ATSEF 'State Of The Seas' Conference to be held at the Hotel Timor in Dili, Timor-Leste, November 29 to December 2, 2004.

The purpose of this benchmark Conference is to assemble research, knowledge, information and data on the condition of the living resources of the seas, their system dynamics and on the food security of coastal and indigenous populations of the littoral nations, who are heavily dependent on coastal and marine sources of protein. This collective knowledge will be the basis for identifying future collaborative research and cooperative action to maintain the seas' biota, and to assess sustainable development options.

Further details: <http://www.oceans.gov.au/ATSEF.jsp> **The conference agenda will be updated regularly on this site, together with other logistic information and registration details.**

OTHER USEFUL TEXT ONLINE

Sun, X., E. Katsigiris, and A. White. 2004. **'Meeting China's Demand for Forest Products: An Overview of Import Trends, Ports of Entry, and Supplying Countries, With Emphasis on the Asia - Pacific Region.'** Washington D.C.: Forest Trends, Chinese Center for Agricultural Policy, and Center for International Forestry Research. www.forest-trends.org

OFFLINE PUBLICATIONS

Pacific Economic Bulletin. The latest issue (Volume 19 Number 2) is now available. Includes an article on **'Pacific islands tuna fisheries: the fisheries subsidies debate'** by Vina Ram-Bidesi and Martin Tsamenyi (USP/University of Wollongong)

OTHER NEWS

1. Job Opportunities for Graduates

Post Title: UNV Project Operations Manager

Project Title: Bougainville Planning and Community Support Programme (BPCS)

Duty station: Buka, Bougainville, PNG

Duration: One year with possibility of extension

The United Nations Volunteer Specialists Program in Papua New Guinea began an expansion phase in mid 2004 that will yield a number of very interesting vacancies for graduates. This is an opportunity for senior students. Typically a UNV Specialist has 2 degrees or equivalent training, and 3-5 years workplace experience. Assignments are for 2 years, sometimes 1 year or less. Entitlements include an allowance of approximately USD1800 plus airfares and medical insurance. Interested students are asked to please direct their enquiries to:

Dr Jim Chalmers, Head, UNV Specialists Programme in PNG, United Nations Development Programme, 14th Floor Deloitte Tower, PO Box 1041, Port Moresby, PAPUA NEW GUINEA.

T. 321 2877, F. 321 1224, www.undp.org.pg

2. Radio National: Earthbeat - **Living Rivers**

Saturday September 4, 8.30am & Monday September 6, 2.30pm, Radio National Earthbeat speaks with Dr Vandana Shiva about the threats to our river systems and the cultural and ecological imperative to keep them alive. <http://www.abc.net.au/rn/science/earth/>