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RMAP PROGRAM NEWS

Andrew L. Mack is a Visiting Fellow with the RMAP Program until 29 April 2005. Andy directs the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) program in Papua New Guinea where he has lived and conducted research since 1987. His past research spans a variety of topics in rainforest ecology, ornithology, cassowaries and seed dispersal. The WCS program supports and mentors PNG national postgraduate students and currently has 12 postgraduates all conducting field research in PNG, plus several more overseas graduate students. Most work at two field stations maintained by WCS. While at ANU he is focusing on subsistence hunting issues in PNG (and finishing off several near-completed mss). He is using data collected in the Crater Mountain area in the hope of developing viable recommendations to enhance the sustainability of game hunting for a more secure food resource to rural people in PNG.

Andy is located in Room 5027, Coombs Building and is on extension 55939 (6125 5939).

SEMINARS OF INTEREST

A Strategic Approach to Sustainability Assessment: Organisational Change in Local Government

Meg Keen, Senior Lecturer, Environmental Management and Development Program, APSEG, ANU
Date & time: Monday, 7 March, 1.00-2.00pm
Venue: Seminar Room 1, 2nd floor, J.G. Crawford Building, NCDS
(Asia Pacific School of Economics and Government Seminar)

The Trouble with Native Title Mediation

Kurt Noble, Healing Centre Coordinator, Indigenous Healing Centre, Pormpuraaw, Qld
Date & time: Monday 7 March, 12.30pm - 2.00pm
Venue: Mabo Room, AIATSIS Building, Acton Peninsula
(AIATSIS Seminar)

Land Administration in Post-Tsunami Aceh: Issues, Responses and the Potential for Conflict

Dr Daniel Fitzpatrick, Faculty of Law, ANU
Date & time: Wednesday 9 March, 12.30 to 2.00 pm
Venue: Seminar Room B, Coombs Building, Fellows Road, ANU.
(Indonesia Study Group Seminar)

The Once and Future Chief: Roi Mata and the Politics of Land in Post-Survivor Vanuatu

Chris Ballard, Pacific and Asian History, ANU
Date & time: Tuesday 15 March, 11am – 12pm
Venue: Seminar Room A, Coombs Building
(Pacific and Asian History Seminar, <http://rspas.anu.edu.au/pah/seminars.htm>)

RECENT ADDITIONS TO RMAP WEBSITE

Conference Calendar

http://rspas.anu.edu.au/rmap/conf_calendar.php

Fresh and Salt: Water and Border Debates in Australia and Asia

University of Technology, Sydney, Workshop/Symposium: 8-10 May, 2005

http://www.transforming.cultures.uts.edu.au/news_events/index.html

The Second International Conference on Small Island Cultures will be held on Norfolk Island (south western Pacific) between 9-11 February 2006. Conference them: '**Culture and the Environment**'.

All paper givers will be required to be members of SICRI (Small Island Cultures Research Initiative); membership is free and can be obtained by applying with the information requested at <http://www.sicri.org/membership.htm> . Deadline for submission of conference papers is 1 October 2005. Papers will be a maximum of 20 minutes duration. All paper proposals should be sent to the conference chair: Henry Johnson (Otago University, Dunedin, New Zealand) henry.johnson@stonebow.otago.ac.nz

OTHER USEFUL TEXT ONLINE

Summary of the Tenth Meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice of the Convention on Biological Diversity, held in Bangkok, 7-11 February 2005.

Online at <http://www.iisd.ca/biodiv/sbstta10/>

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OFFLINE PUBLICATIONS

A new 26 page publication has been produced by the Land Management Group at the ANU that provides estimates of production of 18 staple (energy) foods for Papua New Guinea. This shows the dominance of sweet potato (64% of production by weight); the increase in the proportion of sweet potato and cassava over the past 40 years; and the high value of these food crops (estimated as 2850 million kina in 2004). The publication is available to libraries and individuals with a use for it free-of-charge. If you want a copy, request this from Tracy Harwood (tracy.harwood@anu.edu.au). Don't forget to include your mailing address in the mail. The publication can be accessed on the web at: http://rspas.anu.edu.au/lmg/pubs/estimates_food_crop.pdf
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