



## RMAP BULLETIN 1 APRIL 2005

### SEMINARS OF INTEREST

#### **Don't Ask for Biscuits: Economic Decline and Social Change in a Coastal Papuan Village**

Michael Monsell-Davis, SSGM Associate

Date & time: Thursday 7 April, 11:00am - 12.30pm

Venue: Seminar Room C, Coombs Building, ANU

(State, Society and Governance in Melanesia Project Seminar)

### RECENT ADDITIONS TO RMAP WEBSITE

#### **Conference Calendar**

[http://rspas.anu.edu.au/rmap/conf\\_calendar.php](http://rspas.anu.edu.au/rmap/conf_calendar.php)

**The 22nd IUFRO World Congress 2005** will be held in Brisbane, Australia, 8-13 August 2005.

The theme of the congress will be '**Forests in the Balance: Linking Tradition and Technology**'.

Congress Website: <http://www.iufro2005.com>

**The Third Pacific Regional Meeting of the International Association for the Study of Common Property: Indigenous Rights and Interests in the Pacific Region: Realities and Possibilities**, 4-7 September 2005, Auckland, New Zealand. For more information, contact the Conference Secretariat at [qld@propertyinstitute.com.au](mailto:qld@propertyinstitute.com.au)

### OTHER USEFUL TEXT ONLINE

**1. Millennium Assessment.** The Board of the Millennium Assessment met in New York March 22-23 to approve the findings and reports of the assessment. From March 30, MA reports will be posted on [www.MAweb.org](http://www.MAweb.org).

- A popularized version of the MA Synthesis report, presented as a series of questions and answers, will be launched by GreenFacts. Link through the MA website, or go to [www.GreenFacts.org/ecosystems](http://www.GreenFacts.org/ecosystems) ;
- The World Data Center for Biodiversity and Ecology (WDCBE), with United Nations Environment Program (UNEP), the Center for International Earth Science Information Network (CIESIN), the UNEP- World Conservation Monitoring Centre (WCMC), and the National Biological Information Infrastructure (NBII) will launch an interactive system that will allow easy access to reports, maps and the data collected during the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment global evaluation of ecosystems. Link through the MA website or go to <http://wdc.nbii.gov/ma> .

#### **2. Legal And Illegal Logging In Vietnam**

[http://chrislang.blogspot.com/2005\\_03\\_20\\_chrislang\\_archive.html](http://chrislang.blogspot.com/2005_03_20_chrislang_archive.html)

A new report by Pamela McElwee, "You say illegal, I say legal", explores the issues behind illegal logging in Vietnam. (WRM Bulletin, March 2005).

## OTHER NEWS

**Position available:** Higaturu Oil Palms are looking to find a Smallholder Liaison Manager to assist the oil palm extension service (OPIC). There is 14000ha of smallholder oil palm in Oro with about 5,500 growers. The average yield is only 12-14 t/ha compared to estate yields of 28 t/ha and we are looking to achieve substantial increases over the next few years. We are looking for someone who has PNG experience as they need good pidgin skills. Knowledge of the PNG Government system would be desirable. This is a residential position based in Popondetta with housing, utilities, vehicle all included. We pay a tax free salary in USD with 15% superannuation paid in cash monthly. Two airfares are provided per year with 50 days leave. School fee assistance is also provided.

For further details contact: Graham King, General Manager of Higaturu Oil Palms, P.O. Box 28, Popondetta, Oro Province, PNG. Phone: (675) 3297177 work (675) 3297377 home.