

**Kleinhans Fellowships**

Since 1989, the Rainforest Alliance has supported research on non-timber forest products through its Kleinhans Fellowship programme. Awarded biennially, the fellowship provides two years of support to a graduate student or postdoctoral fellow whose research strives to understand and improve the impacts of NTFP harvesting and marketing on rural livelihoods and tropical forest ecosystems.

This spring we awarded the 12th Kleinhans Fellowship to Kennedy de Souza, a Brazilian doctoral student who will use 15 years of socio-economic and forest cover data to determine how tenure arrangements and government policies have affected the economic viability and forest conservation potential of NTFPs in the Brazilian Amazon. The work of previous fellows has been just as ambitious: Tarin Toledo Aceves tested whether the nursery propagation of epiphytic bromeliads is a viable alternative to wild harvest from cloud forests, and before her, Monica Barroso Keel examined whether radio broadcasts of up-to-date NTFP market information improve the livelihoods of remote smallholders in the Amazon. Past Kleinhans Fellows have studied NTFPs as diverse as *mezcal*, Brazil nuts and rattan, in places ranging from Mexico to Madagascar to Indonesia and beyond.

As part of the Rainforest Alliance's 25th anniversary celebration in 2012, we have asked the past Kleinhans Fellows – a diverse group consisting of university professors, NGO practitioners and scientists at international research organizations – to reflect on the changes that have occurred in the field of NTFPs since their fellowship research. The theme of "change" is intentionally broad. We expect that some fellows will examine changes in the political context surrounding the production and sale of NTFPs, while others will focus on changes observed at NTFP-dependent communities where they conducted their fellowship research. Still others might consider changes in their own outlook on the viability of NTFPs as a tool for forest communities and conservationists.

We are delighted that the past Kleinhans Fellows' reflections will be included in next spring's edition of *Non-Wood News*, in the form of a set of essays. In the meantime, more information about the Kleinhans Fellowship is available at [www.rainforest-alliance.org/fellowships/](http://www.rainforest-alliance.org/fellowships/)

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**(Please see page 14 for more information on the Rainforest Alliance.)**



**Request for information: bamboo biomass assessment method**

Dr Timothy Gregoire is researching on a way to assess bamboo biomass in Bhutan NFI. Dr Gregoire is especially interested in anything that has been done to date anywhere in any region of the world.

If you could assist, please contact:  
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**Letters from readers**

**Reader from Cameroon**

It is always a pleasure to share project news via *Non-Wood News* because we are getting feedback and requests for further information from readers.

**Reader from the United States of America**

I really find *Non-Wood News* packed with great information.

**Library in Cameroon**

We are pleased to tell you that we have received the publication that you sent to us. Nowadays, we have displayed that publication in our library to all users, and it is a very important document for researchers, lecturers, students and other users. We do hope that you will still continue to give us the good publications more in our library.

**Reader from India**

*Non-Wood News* is a very useful publication and we want to continue that. Please update my mailing address so that I get the publication on time.

**Reader for the United States of America**

I have enjoyably been receiving your magazine in California for the past year or so. I am moving to Guatemala and want to know if I could change my mailing address? (Please remember to let us know if you are moving!)

**Reader in Pakistan**

Please kindly send us some hard copy of the bulletin for our library record and further distribution among our committees working on conservation and promotion of Non-Wood Forest Products in Chitral. ♣

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO NON-WOOD NEWS**

A strong characteristic of *Non-Wood News* is that it is open to contributions from readers. Should you have any interesting material on any aspect of NTFPs that could be of benefit to all our readers, please do not hesitate to submit it. Articles are welcomed in English, French and Spanish and should be between 200–500 words.

The deadline for contributions for *Non-Wood News 23* is 31 August 2011.

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