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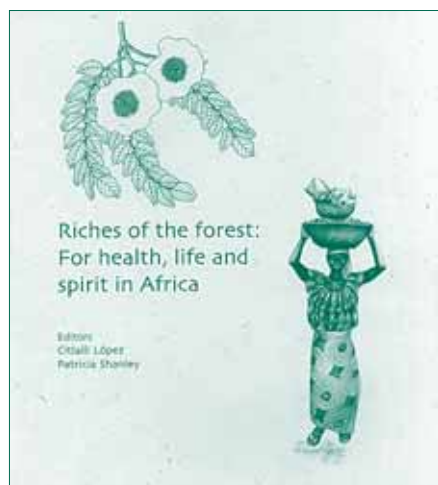
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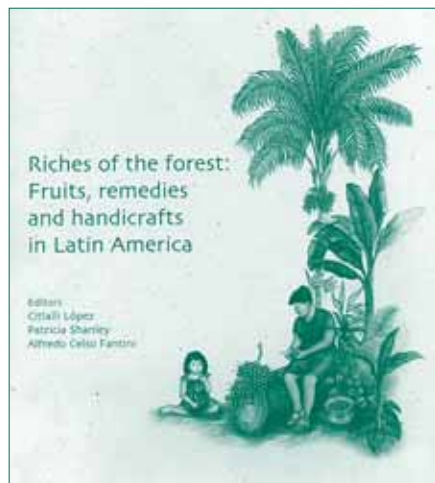
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Un nuevo estudio de perspectivas del sector forestal para América Latina y el Caribe (ESFAL) ha sido lanzado a mediados del 2006. Esta publicación forma parte de una serie de procesos de perspectivas realizados por la FAO en diferentes regiones del mundo en colaboración con los países miembros y actores relevantes del sector privado, con organizaciones no gubernamentales y otras instituciones involucradas en el sector forestal de cada región. Mediante este estudio se visualiza y caracteriza la probable situación del sector forestal con horizonte al año 2020, si las actuales tendencias continúan o bien si se toman acciones que influyan el desarrollo del sector.

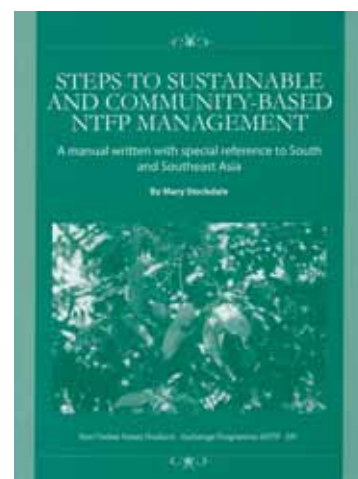
Este estudio pretende ser un importante apoyo a otros instrumentos para la planificación estratégica, en particular a los Programas Forestales Nacionales en la región de América Latina y el Caribe (ESFAL). Para el caso de los productos forestales no madereros (PFNM), de gran importancia para las economías de

comunidades locales en América Latina y el Caribe, se menciona la carencia de datos en serie sobre la producción y el valor económico de estos productos, las dificultades en la comparación de la información de los mismos y la falta de recolección de información sistemática. Para mayor información acerca de los estudios de tendencias y perspectivas del sector forestal en América Latina y el Caribe, dirigirse a: Olman Serrano, Oficial Superior, Dirección de Productos e Industrias Forestales, Departamento Forestal, FAO, Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00153 Roma, Italia. Correo electrónico: Olman.Serrano@fao.org; www.fao.org/forestry/site/outlook/sp

Steps to sustainable and community-based NTFP management. A manual written with special reference to South and Southeast Asia

Rural and forest-based communities in South and Southeast Asia have managed NTFPs for generations, whether these products are mangoes from India, rattan from the Philippines or honey from Indonesia. These communities have relied on NTFPs for subsistence needs as well as cash income and have often also had close cultural and spiritual associations with NTFPs. In recent times, a decline in the availability of these products has been noticed in many places. The causes range from loss of forest habitat to a decline in traditional systems for controlling NTFP management and to overharvesting by both communities and outsiders as a result of increased commercial demand.

This manual, written by Mary Stockdale, provides the reader with a practical guide to working with a community towards sustainable NTFP management.



Linking plant-based enterprises and local communities to biodiversity conservation in Nepal

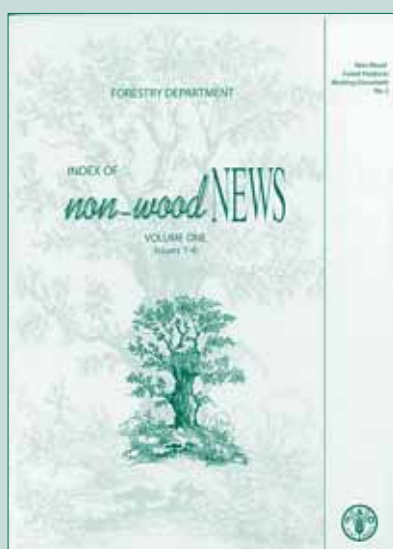
People in the mountainous region of Nepal are struggling to survive and the nearby forest gives them the hope to live. They are able to collect fuel and fodder from the rich forest. However, they realize that they are

depleting the forest but they do not know that they are destroying both lives and the environment. The practice results in increased poverty and decreased biodiversity. Can poverty be alleviated and biodiversity improved? Is there no synergistic way that brings both factors together? How can poverty alleviation and

biodiversity conservation be sustainable? The author, Bishma P. Subedi, applies different methods and experiments to come up with a practical solution to the challenges.

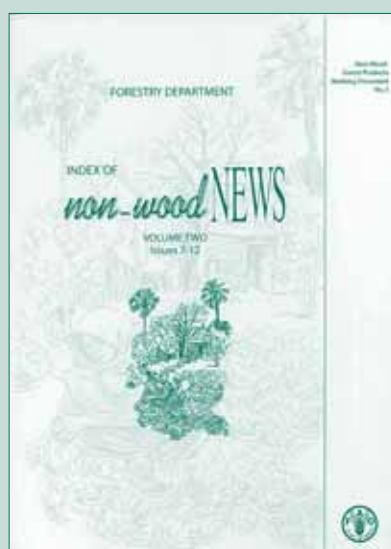
Subedi concludes that enterprise-oriented community forest management can generate positive outcomes at both conservation and local livelihood levels. In the light of different approaches being tested and implemented to resolve conservation problems, the findings challenge the approaches that set communities aside from forest resources and keep forests untouched. The author finds that there are good prospects for forest-based enterprise development on the local, national and international markets. ♣

INDEXES OF NON-WOOD NEWS



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