

Gender Issues in Protected Areas Management

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The Presentation

- Descriptions rather than definitions
 - Gender Issues
 - Protected Areas management
- Conservation vs Protection
- Conservation costs & Benefits
- Implications
- Recommendations
- Acknowledgements/ appreciation

Descriptions rather than definitions

- Appreciate differences based on biological make up
- No negotiations on diversity: acceptance & tolerance
- Appreciate established societal values, norms and practices
- Roles, control, benefits and harms
- Participatory analysis of those that are progressive and/or constraints
- Innovatively agree on promoting those that improve well-being of society
- Monitor progress

Biodiversity Conservation vs Protection

- Communication is crucial
- Long term vs short benefits
- Stakeholders analysis: interests & influence
- Traditional knowledge
- Policy & Practice: Walk the talk
- Acknowledge reality: Poverty levels, account for actions or lack of
- Who benefits from the protection/ conservation?

Gender Issues in Conservation

- Community not homogenous: diverse needs, interests, histories, demands
- Historical patriacal society
- Costs
- Benefits
- Control
- Ownership
- Participation

Conservation Costs & Benefits

- Crop raiding
- Foregone benefits
- Displacement without compensation
- Comparison of economic benefits
- Non tangible benefits eg ecological services, Research opportunities, cultural values, identity

Implications

- Conservation strategies should take into consideration community diversity:
- Different categories affected differently by protected areas
- Some categories are left out: one size fits all?
- Loss of protected areas will severely impact different categories

Recommendations

- Apply a gender lens in planning/ designing conservation all strategies
- Keep abreast with National Gender policy
- Mainstream gender equality throughout project phases: design, implementation, monitoring, evaluation
- Strategic partnership

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