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FFI and Livelihoods

What are we doing and
what have we learnt?

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FFI Overview



- Background to FFI
- Why do we 'do livelihoods'?
- How do we 'do livelihoods'?
- What have we learnt?
- How can we learn better?





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FFI's Mission



Fauna & Flora International acts to conserve threatened species and ecosystems world-wide, choosing solutions that are sustainable, are based on sound science *and take account of human needs*

FFI FFI and the ‘livelihoods’ issue



- **2004:** ‘Biodiversity Conservation and the Eradication of Poverty’ - *Science paper*
- **2006:** Conservation, Poverty and the Millennium Development Goals – how should international conservation NGOs negotiate the minefield? - *SCB paper*
- **2007:** Measuring the impact of livelihoods initiatives in a conservation context - *Workshop*



FFI Position Statement



FFI will endeavour to ensure that its conservation activities do not disadvantage or undermine poor, vulnerable or marginalised people that are dependent upon or live adjacent to natural resources, and wherever possible will seek to conserve biodiversity in ways that enhance local wellbeing and social equity.



What do we mean by 'poverty'?



- Not just lack of resources...
- Vulnerability to shocks
- Disadvantage
- Lack of voice
- Lack of 'well-being'





What do we mean by 'livelihoods intervention'?



- Reducing vulnerability
- Building skills
- Strengthening networks





Why worry about livelihoods?

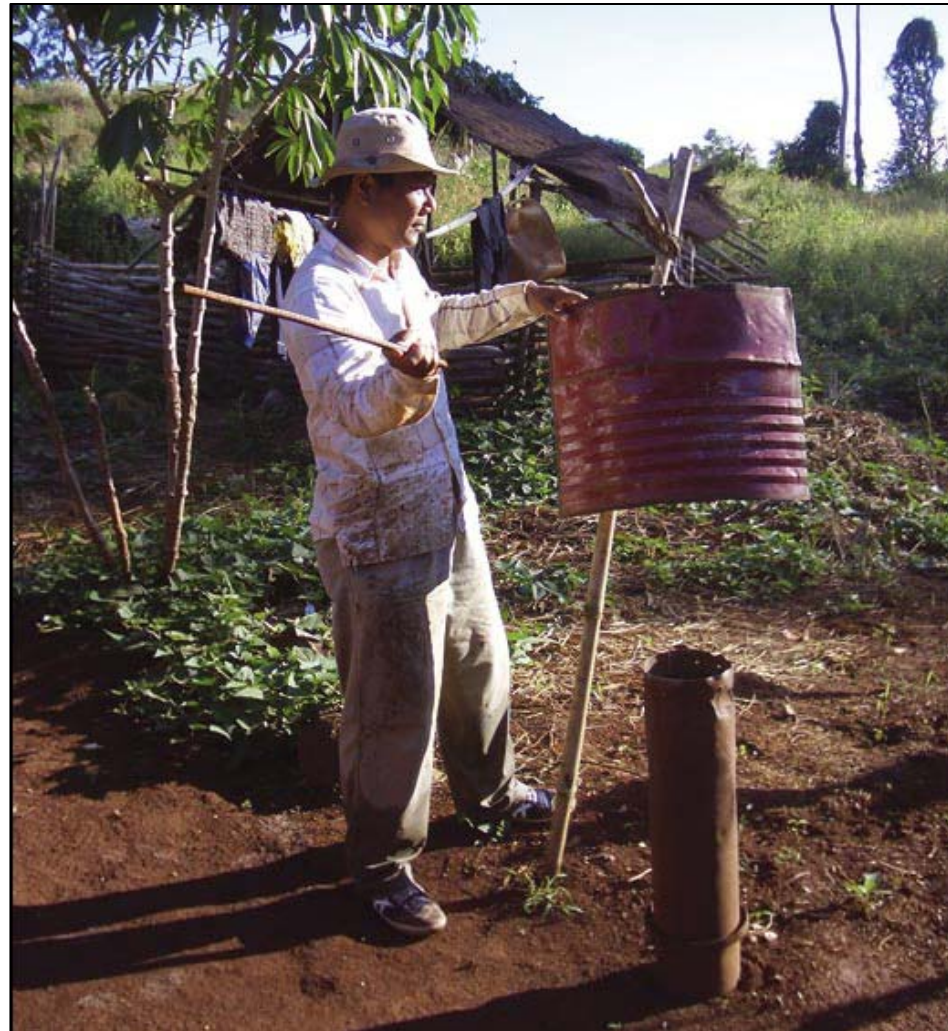


- Ethical arguments
- Strategic arguments





Mitigating the costs



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Trade-offs



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Linked livelihoods



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Strengthening civil society



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Policy Interventions





What have we learnt?



- Clear conservation link
- Understand community
- Demand driven
- Manage expectations
- Build trust





What have we learnt?



- Long term
- Build capacity
- Build social institutions
- Partnerships & networks
- Learn lessons...



FFI Learning effectively



- Plan
- Monitor outcomes
- Understand causal links
- Adapt





Looking beyond numbers



Key changes...

- Attitudes towards conservation
- Awareness of issues
- Social structures
- Capacity
- Well-being



FFI 'Most Significant Change'



- Systematic collection of stories
- Participatory
- 'Domains', not indicators
- Discussion and analysis
- Adaptive management
- Feedback to field



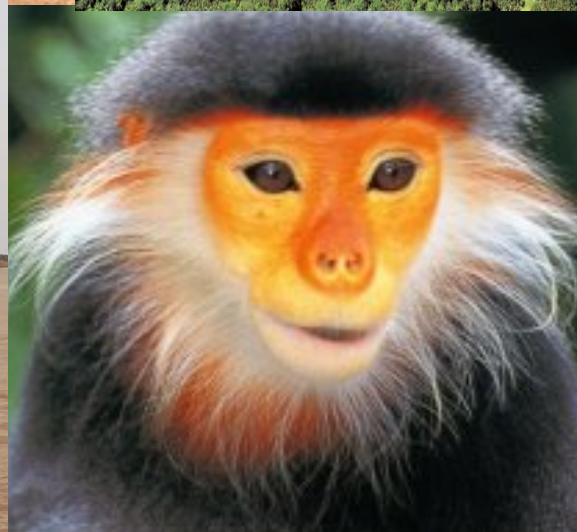
FFI Bedding in



- Biodiversity & Human Needs team
- Providing technical advice and support
- Gathering and synthesising lessons
- Cross-fertilization
- Guidance notes
- Briefing notes



FFI 'Livelihoods' is one of many issues...



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