

# Community-Based Natural Resource Management: A Cross-Cutting Initiative

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# Introduction

- Presentation of CBNRM
- Myself

# Topics of discussion

- Background: CPRNet
- Background: The May 1998 workshop on CBNRM
- The importance of sust. mgmt. of natural resources
- The potential of community-based approaches to management of natural resources
- For the community-based management of natural resources to be effective it needs to be institutionalized
- What is the World Bank Presently doing?
- How can the Bank become more effective in supporting CBNRM?

# Background: CPRNet

- Founded 1995
- A global network linking Bank staff with practitioners working on common property resource management
- Aiming at increasing awareness among Bank staff
- An informal network
- Collaborating with, e.g. IASCP

# Background: The May 1998 workshop on CBNRM

- Part of an ongoing annual series of workshop focusing on institutional reform
- The 1998 workshop focused on institutional reform in the mgmt. of natural resources
- Organization of the workshop
- Output

# The importance of sust. mgmt. of natural resources

- Land, water and other natural resources play a key role in human welfare, yet are often poorly managed utilized
- Traditional subsistence practices provide the major source of income for meeting basics needs of the poorest
- Natural resource use affects ecosystem viability and sustainability
- Tying together env. concerns with the Bank's priority on promoting sust. rural dev.

# The potential of community-based approaches to mgmt. of natural resources

- Starting with communities, taking them into confidence and having confidence in them
- Engaging their ideas, experiences, values and capabilities on behalf of resource conservation objectives
- At the same time it seeks ways for communities to become better remunerated and served
- It accomodates local interests, needs and norms compatible with long-term preservation of ecosystems and their biological resources
- Main reason 1: protection of biodiversity
- Main reason 2: maintenance of ecosystems with their multiple benefits to communities, regions, nations and the world

# For community-based mgmt. of natural resources to be effective it needs to be institutionalized

- CBNRM initiatives as a rural development strategy need to address several issues:
- The process of estbl. an enabling policy and institutional environment, at macro and micro levels, forstering the emergence of community-based institutions to manage natural resources
- The participatory process of organizing effective community-based groups, both at the local and the regional level
- Effective operational linkages, both horizontal and vertical, between the public sector, the private sector, and community-based groups in the mgmt. of natural resources
- Alternative approaches to conflict mgmt. with regard to use of natural resources, at all levels
- Capacity building



# What is the World Bank presently doing?

- Individual staff are involved in a number of operations
- Non-lending services not addressed
- Networking, informally and formally
- Problem: activities not embedded in an institutional framework. No sharing of experiences across regions, etc. Not institutional learning and memory

# How can the Bank become more effective in supporting CBNRM?

- Research and dissemination
- Non-lending services
- Lending services

# Next steps

- The EDI CBNRM initiative
- CPRNet
- The joint CPRNet - EDI collaboration
- Other needs