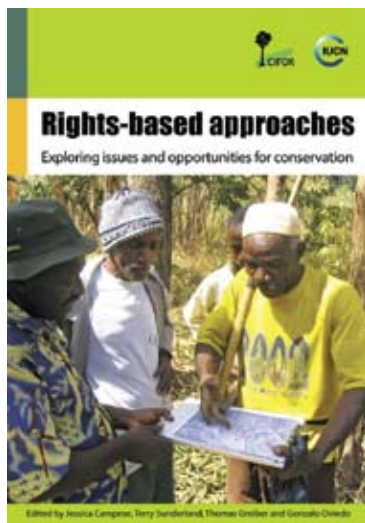


Book launch

Rights-based approaches

Exploring issues and opportunities for conservation

At the International Congress for Conservation Biology in Beijing, China
Room 88, Jiuhua International Conference and Exhibition Center
Sunday, 12 July, 15:30-15:45



In recent years, the conservation community has begun to explore the relationships between biodiversity conservation and human rights protection.

The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) have brought together a collection of diverse lessons and perspectives in understanding and addressing the links between conservation and human rights in a new book: **Rights-based approaches: Exploring issues and opportunities for conservation**.

The book examines new challenges and questions to determine what rights-based approaches mean for conservation policy and its implementation.

Terry Sunderland, one of the editors, will provide a brief overview of the book's rationale, objectives and content followed by audience discussion.

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Case studies overview

Chapter 1. Rights-based approaches to conservation: An overview of concepts and questions

Campese provides an overview of key issues and develops a broad conceptual framework for RBAs to conservation.

Chapter 2. Conservation and human rights – Who says what? A review of international law and policy

Siegele *et al.* give an overview of rights and social justice related standards and policies of major international organisations.

Chapter 3. The *conversatorio* for citizen action: Fulfilling rights and responsibilities in natural resource management in Colombia

Springer and Studd describe the *conversatorio*, a process facilitated by the World Wide Fund for Nature and partners in Colombia which focuses on enabling rights holders and duty bearers to more effectively engage and make agreements on the use of coastal resources.

Chapter 4. Enhancing rights and local level accountability in water management in the Middle East: Conceptual framework and case studies from Palestine and Jordan

Laban *et al.* describe a participatory, stakeholder-led water planning and management approach, illustrated by case studies from Jordan and Palestine.

Chapter 5. Conservation and human rights in the context of native title in Australia

Strelein and Weir review strengths and weaknesses of RBAs and Australian native title law as a mechanism for respecting indigenous people's rights in conservation areas.

Chapter 6. Where conservation and community coincide: A human rights approach to conservation and development in the Cape Floristic Region, South Africa

Crane *et al.* examine an effort to uphold farm dwellers' rights in the process of bioregional conservation under the new South African democratic order.

Chapter 7. Rights-based conservation and quality of life of indigenous people in the Bolivian Chaco

Painter shares experiences on an alliance between an indigenous organisation that represents the Isoceño people, and the Wildlife Conservation Society in Bolivia.

Chapter 8. Rights-based approaches to natural resource management in buffer zone community forests: Learning from the grassroots

Jana explores emerging policy arrangements for community access, use and (in limited cases) ownership of buffer zone forest resources around protected areas in Nepal.

Chapter 9. Seeking respect for a Sherpa community conserved area: Responsibility, recognition and rights in the Mt. Everest region of Nepal

Stevens presents an ongoing struggle for expanded recognition of rights and conservation stewardship in the Mt. Everest region of Nepal.

Chapter 10. My rights, your obligations: Questions of equity in Indonesia's protected areas

Moeliono and Yuliani describe successes and challenges in enhancing individual and community rights and meeting conservation objectives around protected areas in Indonesia.

Chapter 11. Integrating gender equality and equity in access and benefit-sharing governance through a rights-based approach

Mata and Sasvári argue for a rights-based approach to mainstreaming gender equality within the Convention on Biological Diversity.

Chapter 12. Reduced emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD) and human rights

Lawlor and Huberman explore theoretical and practical implications of rights-based approaches to REDD.

Chapter 13. What have we learned and where do we go from here?

The editors identify and analyse common themes and lessons emerging from the publication as a whole.