



A good place to start: The IDS knowledge services guide to finding development information online

by Gabrielle Hurst and Cheryl Brown (eds.), 2006. 85 pp. ISBN 1858646243. Institute for Development Studies, University of Sussex, Brighton BN1 9RE, U.K. E-mail: info@ids.co.uk

There are thousands of websites you could go to when looking for the latest information on international development, but what if you only have time to visit five? This guide will point you to some good places to start your search. This booklet, also available online, presents

five websites for many development topics, selected by people who have spent countless hours searching the internet for the latest development information to share with their readers. The websites they have chosen are easy-to-use, offer a broad range of free material and many of them include materials in different languages. The booklet also contains tips on how to get the best out of your internet searches. The LEISA website is one of the five recommended agriculture websites in this useful IDS guide.

Farming and the fate of wild nature: Essays in conservation-based agriculture

by Daniel Imhoff and Jo Ann Baumgartner (eds.), 2006. 252 pp. ISBN 0970950039. Watershed Media/Wild Farm Alliance, P.O. Box 2570, Watsonville California 95077, U.S.A. <http://www.watershedmedia.org>; <http://www.wildfarmalliance.org>

This book is a collection of more than 20 essays about agriculture and conservation in the U.S.A. These essays are collected by Wild Farm Alliance, a group of conservationists and ecological farming advocates who want to bridge the gap between stewardship farming and wildland conservation by promoting agriculture that helps protect and restore wild nature. The essays highlight the scientific, philosophical, economic, and cultural underpinnings for conservation-based agriculture. The aim is to promote a farming system which is connected to the larger landscape through wildlife corridors, protected waterways, hedgerows, and other natural habitats. The essays cover a range of topics examining the often difficult relationship between agriculture and conservation in the context of today's changing world.

Social learning towards a sustainable world

by Arjen Wals (ed.), 2007. 538 pp. ISBN 9789086860319. Wageningen Academic Publishers, P.O. Box 220, 6700 AE Wageningen, The Netherlands. E-mail: sales@wageningenacademic.com This comprehensive volume, containing 27 chapters and contributions from six continents, presents and discusses key principles, perspectives, and practices of social learning in the context of sustainability. Social learning is explored from a range of fields challenged by sustainability including: organisational learning, environmental management and corporate social responsibility; multi-stakeholder governance; education, learning and educational psychology; multiple land-use and integrated rural development; and consumerism and critical consumer education. An entire section of the book is devoted to a number of case studies of people, organisations and communities using forms of social learning in moving towards sustainability.

People, land and water: Participatory development communication for natural resource management

by Guy Bessette (ed.), 2006. 313 pp. ISBN 1844073432. Earthscan / James & James, 8-12 Camden High Street, London NW1 0JH, U.K. E-mail: orders@earthscan.co.uk In natural resource management research, a best practice implies the participation of community members, research or development teams and other stakeholders to jointly identify research and development priorities and contribute to decision making. This process is known as Participatory Development Communication, and can be described as a planned activity based on participatory processes, methods, media and interpersonal communication. Each chapter of the book presents in-depth and very practical experiences, from Asia and Africa in particular, to highlight the different ways in which this process can be achieved. Through

the examples, the book describes the major issues involved in applying Participatory Development Communication to natural resource management practices and research, discusses the challenges and the difficulties linked to such an approach and offers insights and lessons from research and experience in the field.

ICTs for agricultural livelihoods: Impact and lessons learned from IICD supported activities

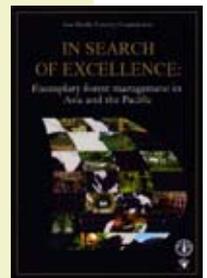
by Nele Blommestein et al., 2006. 41 pp. IICD, P.O. Box 11586, 2502 AN The Hague, The Netherlands. E-mail: information@iicd.org

This booklet highlights the lessons learned and achievements of the International Institute for Communication and Development (IICD) and its partners in using Information and Communication Technology (ICT) to enhance agricultural livelihoods through a variety of projects over six years in nine countries in Africa and Latin America. This booklet, available online, shows IICD's experiences of using ICTs to contribute to poverty alleviation, with development partners, policy makers and ICT practitioners.

In search of excellence: Exemplary forest management in Asia and the Pacific

by Patrick B. Durst, Chris Brown, Henrylito D. Tacio and Miyuki Ishikawa (eds.). 2005. 404 pp. ISBN 9747496688. RAP Publication 2005/02. FAO, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, 39 Phra Atit Road, Bangkok 10200, Thailand.

Instead of dwelling on the failures and the negative, this book celebrates the "good" and the many positive forestry management efforts in the Asia-Pacific region. It highlights the many people who are striving for excellence in forest management and seeks to encourage others to emulate these positive efforts. This publication describes a diversity of management approaches that have proven innovative and successful in meeting challenges. It reaches out to foresters, policy-makers, planners and anyone interested in the future of forestry in Asia and the Pacific.



DARCOF II Danish research in organic food and farming systems 2000-2005

by Linda S. Sørensen and Claus Bo Andreasen (eds.), 2006. 168 pp. ISBN 8799134314. Danish Research Centre for Organic Food and Farming (DARCOF), Foulum, P.O. Box 50, DK-8830 Tjele, Denmark. E-mail: darcof@agrsci.dk; <http://www.darcof.dk>

The aim of this book is to provide an overall picture of the Danish research in organic farming during 2000 until 2005. Part of the research can be used for improving products and processes at organic farms and organic businesses. Other results demonstrate how organic agriculture can contribute to common goods like clean drinking water, less spillages of greenhouse gases and a more versatile nature. Detailed information on the research can be obtained from the website mentioned above.

