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Parallel Session 6: Sustainable Livelihoods and Biodiversity-Based Products

Synthesis



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Key Points and Recommendations

- The implementation of BBP projects in Cambodia, Lao PDR and Viet Nam has created positive impacts on biodiversity and livelihoods of community
 - Reduction in slash and burn activities (Lao PDR)
 - Reduced dependence on forest products (Viet Nam)
 - Controlling the spread of invasive alien species (Cambodia)
- The Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) is a feasible and cheaper option to provide added value to rattan farmers and promotes locally focused quality assurance systems and monitoring
- The projects enhanced the awareness of community on the importance of conserving and protecting biodiversity while improving their livelihoods
- In developing BBPs along value chains including certification, there is a need to ensure the balance between economic and ecological perspectives



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- Multi-stakeholder approach is necessary – community, government ministries, private sector, NGOs....
- Most countries lack policies and regulations to support development and trading of BBPs
- Sustainable consumption - Certification schemes are important as consumers become conscious of the product they buy
- The governments should provide legal support/enhance policies on production and marketing of biodiversity-based products
- Research and analysis of the markets are necessary to ensure successful selection of product and value chain development
- Need to ensure feasibility within project timeframe, available budgets and sustainability of the projects



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- There is an opportunity for local villages to partner with the tourism sector to promote PGS and biodiversity-based products
- Important to highlight and recognize business and biodiversity connection
- Need to strengthen BBP economies in AMS, including enabling conditions for development and trading of BBPs, such as policies, cheap and accessible certification, etc.
- Develop AHP Certificate (certification) for BBPs from AHPs to strengthen branding and marketing of products and trust in product by buyers
- Strong interest by AMS in expanding models to other AHPs and regional approaches, e.g. marine BBPs at the Coral Triangle, and further support to new BBP projects with the ACB



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