

WHY ARE WE HERE?

Or:

What on Earth has Climate
Change to do with Poverty and
Conservation?

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Conservation and Poverty – a new debate?

- 2002: Conservationists challenge the development agenda
 - UK Bushmeat Campaign, SCB 2002 etc
- 2003: Human rights advocates challenge protected areas
 - Increasing literature documenting social impacts of protected areas
 - WPC 2003; CBD PoWPAs
- 2004: “BINGO”s accountability questioned in popular media
 - WorldWatch, Orion

Or “old wine in new bottles”?

Conservation in development policy

- 50s and 60s: Little interaction
- 1970s: Stockholm Conference (1972)
- 1980s: World Conservation Strategy (1980)
UN World Charter for Nature (1982)
WCED (1987)
- 1990s: Rio Earth Summit (1992)
CBD (1992)
IDTs (1997)
- 2000s: MDGs (2000)
WSSD (2002)

Parks and People

- 50s and 60s: Nascent debate
- 1970s Man and Biosphere (1972)
- 1980s Bali WPC and Action Plan (1982)
Emergence of community
conservation, ICDPs
- 1990s “Back to the Barriers”?

Conservation NGOs and Local People

- 1960s Little interaction
- 1970s IUCN Zaire Resolution (1975)
- 1980s Bali WPC (1982)
COICA - Two Agendas (1989)
- 1990s Iquitos Declaration (1990)
International Alliance Charter (1992)
Amazon Alliance (1993)
Ecologically Noble Savage

Three Key Concerns

- Concerns about the disappearance of biodiversity from the development agenda
- Concerns about the protectionist focus of conservation and the social impacts
- Concerns about the activities and accountability of NGOs and impacts on local people

2004 on: Policy Convergence

- Development agenda – increased convergence (eg PEP, MEA, OECD, Potsdam, bilateral policy etc)
- Protected Areas – increased focus on equity, livelihoods, benefit sharing (eg CBD PoWPAs, PAEL etc)
- NGO accountability – internal and external processes reviewing policy on indigenous rights and relationships, poverty etc (eg WWF-US; Conservation Charter, SCB)

Diversity at Practical Level

- Existence
- Nature
- Scale
- Different dimensions
 - Geographical overlap
 - Dependence of “poor” on biodiversity
 - Degree to which biodiversity can reduce rather than prevent poverty
 - Mutual undermining or mutual support

Common Ground in Climate Change?

- Development Policy – climate change supercedes all other environmental issues
- Protected Areas – Implications of RED debate: increased protectionism or de-gazettement?
- Indigenous and local communities – impacts of RED, af/reforestation, carbon offsets