Searching for Success in Connecting Communities, Conservation & Livelihoods





Community Conservation Research Network



How do communities protect their environment and sustain their local economy at the same time? How can governments help local communities?





Community Conservation



Community Conservation and Sustainable Livelihoods



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+ Positive
Government
Engagement





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CCRN links local communities, conservation and sustainable livelihoods to address environmental and economic challenges, and find best practices of governance.

The CCRN is a partnership of indigenous, community, university, governmental and NGOs based at Saint Mary's University in Halifax.

The CCRN is using an SES framework to compare and synthesize research worldwide... community experiences in conservation that benefits the well-being of local residents.

PURPOSE

RESEARCH **LENS**

SYSTEMS

OGICAL

THEMES & ASSOCIATED RESEARCH QUESTIONS

APPROACHES

SHORT- TO LONG-TERM RESEARCH OUTCOMES

1. Understand and improve local-level environmental conservation & stewardship initiatives and cross-scale

SOCIAL-ECOL governance 2. Understand and monitor how local initiatives interact with policy and instruments TEGRATE implemented at other scales

THEME 1: MEANING

- Differences across locations. cultures, ecosystems?
- Interactions of environmental aspirations with economies and livelihoods?

THEME 2: MOTIVATION

- Relative importance of determinants? · Match between community and governmental interests & approaches?
- Variations across resource sectors?

THEME 3: GOVERNANCE

- · How to recognize and support effective & equitable local initiatives and practices?
 - Interests match involvement in decision-making processes?
- Scope of more integrated approaches through community perspective on sustainable livelihoods?

THEME 4: OUTCOMES

- · What is success and who judges?
- ·Lessons learned for monitoring?
- · Effective combination of methods as a template?

Community-based study site focus Multi-scale, mixedmethods approach Participatory & iterative monitoring

Cross-cutting insights and principles:

Enngagement in community conservation, socioeconomic & livelihoods. policy-level support

Development and implementation of indicator & monitoring frameworks to improve local engagement

NETWORK-WIDE **ACTIVITIES**

Comparative analysis Synthesis of results Training and capacity-building Communications Networking Adaptive learning

CCRN Knowledge mobilization outputs:

website, creative tools (e.g., film), academic articles & prsentations, insights for policy & practice, database, research & environmental management modules

'Capstone' products: film, book, conference

Highly-trained personnel



Mainstreaming climate change in the Coquimbo Region, Chile



Why do communities conserve? Lessons from Samudram Women's Federation in **Odisha**, **India**



Recognising rights and integrating local knowledge into an estuary management plan in the Olifants Estuary: South Africa





Aboriginal fishing rights, livelihoods, and resource conservation. Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council, Vancouver Island, Canada



Developing a community-based Innu Nation environmental policy in **Natuashish**, **Labrador**, **Canada**



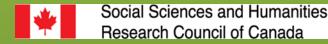
Strengthening the capacity for ecosystem change in coastal communities: the spiny lobster fishery of **Punta Allen, Quintana Roo, Mexico**



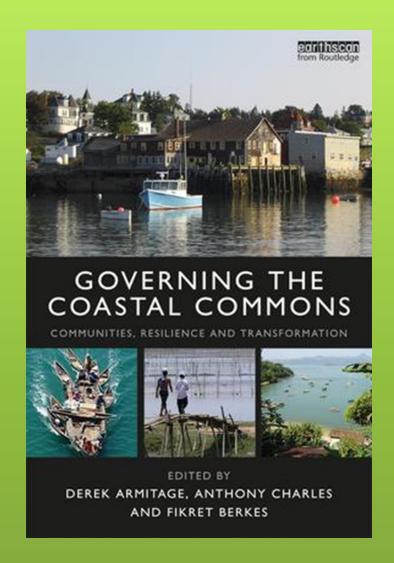
Key Messages from the CCRN

- 1. Community conservation essential to livelihoods & economies.
- 2. Involving local communities leads to better sustainability results.
- 3. Excluding communities leads to conflict and management failure.
- 4. Conservation efforts must properly use community knowledge.
- 5. Must learn to 'scale up' and 'scale down' to maximize benefits.

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Resource Centre

The CCRN provides a global learning and resource platform on community-based conservation and broadly, the relationships between Community, Conservation and Livelihoods. Please take some time to browse our ever-growing resources which include an interactive Communities in Action map, Community Stories from around the world, Publications on a wide range of environmental topics, Webinars, Videos, Radio clips, etc.



Communities Conservation Livelihoods

Community Stories

Stories that showcase a fresh perspective & insightful approach to community conservation & sustainable livelihoods, within a local environmental, cultural & political context.

BROWSE COMMUNITY STORIES



Webinars

The Community Conservation Research Network's 10 part webinar series is an in-depth exploration of the themes central to the CCRN: communities, conservation and livelihoods.

BROWSE WEBINAR VIDEOS



Communities in Action

Contribute to our growing, global database and share the efforts of a local community with this unique, knowledge-sharing network and interactive map.

EXPLORE OR CONTRIBUTE



Community Conservation Guidebooks

View our community conservation guidebooks. These resources focus on Governance and Social-Ecological Systems respectively. View these frameworks in PDF or interactive format.

SOCIAL ECOLOGICAL SYSTEMS GUIDEBOOK

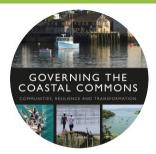
GOVERNANCE GUIDEBOOK



Videos

The following videos and short documentaries are produced by researchers and organizations of many forms, all conveying important insights and experiences on the linkages of Communities, Conservation and Livelihoods.

VIEW CCRN VIDEOS



Governing the Coastal Commons

An examination of how coastal communities adapt to environmental change, approaches to governing the coastal commons, emphasizing a social-ecological systems perspective, and the role of resilience and transformation

READ BOOKLET

Communities in Action

A World of Communities, Conservation & Livelihoods

Around the world, local communities are working hard to keep their environment healthy and their economy and livelihoods sustainable.

What is "Communities in Action"?

An online initiative to showcase these experiences of local communities working to protect their environment and their livelihoods.

An interactive map highlighting the global extent of community conservation.



To submit a community story to Communities in Action, go to:

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