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United States foreign policy, as articulated by the Department of State (Deputy Secretary Clifton R. Warton Jr. 2/5/93), addresses the following key transnational and cross-cutting priorities: democratization, non-proliferation, **environmental protection**, peacekeeping, and promoting American business overseas. The USDA Forest Service, working in partnership with the U.S. Agency for International Development and the USDA Office of International Cooperation and Development (OICD), carries out numerous environmental protection activities, through the following administrative mechanisms:

Resources Support Services Agreements (RSSAs)

Forestry Support Program RSSA (DHR-5556-R-AG-1002-00) which implements a significant portion of the **Forest Resources Management Project (FRM II #936-5556)** of the Office of Environment and Natural Resources, of the U.S. Agency for International Development's Bureau for Research and Development (USAID R&D/ENR).

OYB Buy-in. AFR Policy Analysis Research and Technical Support (PARTS)
OYB Buy-in. USAID/Yaounde Cameroon

Energy and Environment RSSA (DHR-555-R-AG-1301-00) of USAID/R&D/ENR.

Disaster Assistance Support RSSA (BOF-0000-R-AG-5091) of USAID/FHA/OFDA

Africa Natural Resource Management RSSA (BAF-0135-R-AG-2200) of USAID/AFR

Participating Agency Service Agreements (PASAs)

ROCAP RENARM PASA (LAC-0150-P-AG-0023) of USAID/Regional Office for Central America and Panama

Honduras Forestry Development PASA (IHN-0000-P-AG-3060) of USAID/Tegucigalpa

Caribbean Regional Forestry PASA (LAC-0780-P-AG-0044) of USAID/LAC

Brazil Global Climate Change PASA (512-0784-P-AG-1044-00) of USAID/Brasilia

Guatemala Rural Roads PASA (LAC-0332-P-AG-9002) of USAID/Guatemala

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The **International Forestry Periodic Report** is a networking mechanism to keep USAID Bureaus, Missions, key natural resources contractors implementing USAID projects, and others, advised about ongoing efforts to support policy objectives common to both the Forest Service and the Agency for International Development. The phrase "Caring for the land and serving people" characterizes the **FS mission statement** which is "to achieve quality land management under the sustainable multiple-use concept to meet the diverse needs of people". This includes "provision of international technical assistance and scientific exchanges, to sustain and enhance global resources, and encourage quality land management".

The **USAID mission statement** is "to administer economic assistance programs that combine an American tradition of international concern and generosity with the active promotion of America's national interests". USAID meets its objectives by following several key principles, including "responsible environmental policies and prudent management of natural resources". Broad USAID forestry policy objectives are expressed in its "Initiative on the Environment" (1980), its "Policy Paper on Environment and Natural Resources" (1988), and its "Forestry Sector Strategy" (1984).

The USAID environmental strategy for the 1990s, developed in 1992 by the Central and Geographical Bureaus and distributed by its Office of External Affairs at the UNCED "Earth Summit" in Rio de Janeiro, focuses on the following **constraints to development** worldwide:

- loss or degradation of tropical forests and other critical habitats for biological diversity;
- urban and industrial pollution;
- degradation and depletion of water and coastal resources;
- environmentally unsound energy production and use; and,
- unsustainable agricultural practices.

USAID emphasizes three **approaches** to dealing with these problems. **First**, it encourages and supports efforts to adopt policies that are both economically and environmentally sound in the countries it assists. **Second**, it helps strengthen the capacity of institutions that work on environmental matters by providing training and technical assistance, and by encouraging grassroots efforts to protect the environment. **Third**, USAID helps countries determine an appropriate role for both the private and public sectors in protecting the environment.

The **International Forestry Periodic Report** emphasizes our support to the USAID Bureaus and Missions. It highlights our efforts to pursue these **approaches** in dealing with the **constraints** identified, especially ones associated with tropical forest and biodiversity degradation. The **International Forestry Periodic Report** also includes related information on upcoming events and newly released publications.

I. INTERNATIONAL FORESTRY OPERATIONS (M. Martin)

USAID Coordination (G. Wetterberg)

FS Chief Recognizes USAID and OICD Partners

In mid-June, F. Dale Robertson, Chief of the Forest Service, presented walnut plaques containing Certificates of Appreciation to Dr. Carl Gallegos (USAID/R&D/ENR); and, to Mark Smith and Bruce Crossan, both of the Natural Resources and Environment Branch the Office of International Cooperation and Development (USDA/OICD). The accompanying letters of recognition cited their "dedicated guidance and excellent service to our Forestry Support Program (FSP)", through which, the Forest Service mission of "caring for the land and serving people" has been elevated to a global level". They went on to point out that the FS/OICD/USAID partnership has "...helped the International Forestry Staff evolve into a separate Deputy area, and stimulated a new major mission for the agency". Bob Mowbray, Project Officer for the Forest Resources Management Project (FRM II), represented USAID/R&D during the ceremony, and, Arlene Mitchell, Director of the Development Resources Division, represented OICD. The presentation was made during a Standard Session of the FS Chief and Staff.

Input Provided on USAID Unified Report to Congress

IFO has provided technical reviews of drafts of relevant sections of the "Unified Report to Congress on USAID's Environmental Portfolio". DATEX contractor Pamela Cubberly, forwarded a draft copy of the text for the 1992-93 Report, which is expected to eventually include a special box highlighting the Forestry Support Program, and how USAID nurtured incipient international forestry efforts of the Forest Service during the early 1980s. This section of the Report deals with the 10-year \$45 million Forest Resources Management Project (FRM II), and summarizes FS support to USAID field missions and Bureaus.

Brownbag Seminars

During May/June, the International Forestry Operations Staff (IFO) sponsored one lunch-time seminar for the Washington, D.C. based environment and development community. Christian Mersman, Senior Forestry Advisor for the German Technical Assistance Agency (GTZ) and Chair of the TFAP Forestry Advisors Group, spoke on "German International Forestry Assistance: Donor Cooperation in Forestry and the TFAP Forestry Advisors Group".

IFO also provided its Brownbag Seminar mailing labels to Mike Benge (R&D/ENR) to help advertise a noon seminar by Dr. Rick Van Den Beldt, Team Leader with the USAID Forestry/Fuelwood Research and Development Project (F/FRED). The seminar included a video on the relationship of farm-level forestry to preserve tropical forests and biodiversity.

II. POLICY AND PLANNING (B. Gillam, G. Larsen, J. Burchfield, R. Hendricks, W. Helin, K. Theophile, T. Geary, J. Morris, W. Dunn, J. Lyke)

FOREST SERVICE FOCUSES ON INTERNATIONAL FORESTRY IN STRATEGIC PLANNING

The Forest Service is directed to conduct strategic planning under the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 (RPA). Under the act, the Agency is directed to conduct a Renewable Resources Assessment every ten years, with an update at the fifth year. The assessment includes "an analysis of present and anticipated uses, demand for, and supply of the renewable resources of forest, range, and other associated lands with consideration of the international resource situation, and an emphasis of pertinent supply, demand and price relationship trends." (Section 3(a))

Under RPA, the Forest Service is also directed to develop and recommend a Forest Service program every five years in response to the anticipated future outlook of renewable resources articulated in the assessment. The RPA calls for a President's Statement of Policy which transmits the Assessment and Program to Congress describing how the recommended RPA Program will be considered in development of Forest Service budget requests. In addition, the agency is required under RPA to make an Annual Report to Congress that indicates how the Forest Service's annual accomplishments compare with the program guidance proposed in the RPA Program. Strategic planning under RPA has been effective in shaping appropriations.

The Forest Service is currently preparing the 1995 RPA update, which is the first update since Congress directed that the Forest Service add a new mission of International Forestry to its existing three missions which are administering the National Forest System, conducting Research, and collaborating in State and Private Forestry activities.

As part of the update, Chief and Staff, Regional Foresters and Research Station Directors recently focused on International Forestry. International Forestry is considered under a mission element described as:

"Providing international technical assistance and scientific exchanges to sustain and enhance global resources and to encourage quality land management."

Priorities are established for the Forest Service International Forestry Program through a framework of "focused" and "flexible" country programs. Focused programs are in countries that include large areas of forested land significant to the reduction of greenhouse gases, protection of biodiversity, generation of benefits to the United States, or promotion of world sustainable development and global environmental stability. Mexico, Russia, Canada, Indonesia, and Brazil have been identified by the Forest Service for focused programs.

Flexible programs, on the other hand, involve any country where there is congruence between agency goals and those of other organizations or countries. Scientific collaboration with other countries will generally be part of the flexible program. It also includes responding to foreign governments' requests for assistance if they can provide the funding, responding to urgent human needs, and responding to opportunities for a leadership role.

The Forest Service is making a long term commitment to leadership in international forestry. That leadership will be implemented through the following objectives:

- o - The Forest Service will generate collaborative multi-agency initiatives working through the international forestry community of interest including partners from industry, the environmental community, professional organizations and U.S. government agencies;
- o - The Forest Service will become more active in international forestry and natural resource diplomacy, and serve as a catalyst and leader in development of U.S. foreign policy related to forests and associated natural resources;

- o - The Agency will continue to participate in discussions of international issues and selectively adopt international agreements where there is a good fit with Agency programs or activities and resource availability; and
- o - The Agency is committed over the long term to developing its institutional capacity to engage in international forestry across a broad spectrum of disciplines, organizational levels and locations. This commitment includes training, language skills development, details, assignments, and Inter-governmental Personnel Assignments to other agencies and international organizations.

With regard to the framework for internal operations, the Agency will be guided by the following objectives:

- o - Corporate policy direction will be issued from the national level, but direct control of field operations is not intended. Authority will be delegated to the field for technical assistance and scientific exchange through a variety of programs, consistent with corporate objectives and policies, including ecosystem management;
- o - Scientific exchanges are encouraged and constrained only by foreign policy, law, and program emphasis. Scientists would continue to be free to develop and maintain collaborative relationships where they serve the needs of the research program; and
- o - Deputy Area programs and activities (Research, State and Private Forestry, National Forest Systems, and International Forestry) will be designed and executed in an integrated fashion to serve corporate goals and priorities.

International Forestry: Organizations, Policies, and Funding Workshop

This workshop was held on June 1-2, 1993 in Bethesda, Maryland. Primary sponsors were the International Society of Tropical Foresters, the Society of American Foresters, the the American Forest and Pulp Association, Audubon Society, American Forests, and the TFAP - Forestry Advisors Group. Funding for the workshop was provided by the USAID Forest Resources Management Project (FRM II) and USDA Forest Service. The Workshop followed up on the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) by helping contributors identify gaps in international forestry policies, funding, and assistance activities. It was facilitated by the Keystone Center. Walter Dunn, Donor Collaboration Coordinator, and William Helin, Peace Corps/NGO Coordinator, were both closely involved in the process. Three other International Forestry staff members, Jamie Watts, Julie Lyke, and Jim Burchfield, facilitated small group sessions.

Approximately sixty persons attended, representing several countries and organizations, including multilaterals, bilaterals, industry and NGOs. Presentations were made by: UN/FAO, UNDP, World Bank, Canada, Germany, and the United States. Jeff Sirmon, Deputy Chief, made a presentation on the Forests for the Future Initiative. Small group discussions focussed on major issues. In advance of the workshop two papers were completed. They include: "An Overview of International Forestry Funding" and "Principles for Sustainable Management of Global Forests: Review of the Forest Principles and Agenda 21 - Chapter 11 Combatting Deforestation". Two International Forestry staff members, Gary Larsen and Julie Lyke, were primary contributors to these publications. The first paper can be obtained from Julie Lyke at (202) 205-4952; Fax: (202)205-1603. The second can be obtained from Howard Heiner at (301) 897-8720; Fax: (301)897-3690.

Donor Collaboration in Panama: ITTO Project Support

The Donor Collaboration Coordinator, Walter Dunn, traveled to Panama in April of 1993 to evaluate a proposal submitted to the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) by the government of Panama. The US Delegation to ITTO requested the evaluation as a means of determining if the Panamanian proposal merited a US contribution. The Government of Panama requested US \$222,000 to develop an Integrated Manage-

ment Plan for District No. 1 of the Kuna Yala Indian Region. The Association of Kuna Employees (AEK) is the implementing organization with technical guidance from the Panamanian Institute of Natural Resources (INRENARE).

In a report to the US Delegation to ITTO, the Donor Collaboration Coordinator concluded that the project would be an appropriate recipient of a US contribution. At the request of INRENARE, FRM II funds were made available to send a representative of the Kuna implementing organization to the fourteenth session of the International Tropical Timber Council in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in May of 1993. At that meeting, the United States approved \$122,000 in funding for the Kuna Yala Integrated Management Plan. The Japanese delegation matched that contribution with an additional \$100,000.

The ITTO Kuna Yala project complements the USAID-Panama Forestry Strategy, the National Forestry Action Plan, and the National Development Plan for Panama. The plan may also provide a valuable model for indigenous groups throughout the world who are developing natural resource management plans for their lands. The proposal meets ITTO objectives by improving tropical forest management and wood use and by encouraging international trade in tropical timber.

Project Coordination Workshop on the Environment for Peace Corps Programs in Central and Eastern Europe

This workshop was held in Hungary from May 12-15, 1993. Fifty-one participants included Peace Corps Volunteers and their Counterparts from the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, and Slovakia; Peace Corps programming officials and their counterparts from these countries as well as Kazakhstan, Russia, and Washington, DC; a Peace Corps Volunteer from Bulgaria; representatives of the US Embassy and USAID in Hungary; staff from the USDA Forest Service and OICD; and representatives from the Man in the Biosphere Program (MAB). Primary funding for the workshop came from USAID via the Forest Resources Management Project II. William Helin, the Peace Corps/NGO Coordinator, was closely involved in the process and co-authored the proceedings. Ben Steinberg, Acting Russia Programs Coordinator, was a resource person at the workshop.

The primary goal of the workshop was to improve Peace Corps' environmental programming in Central and Eastern Europe. Large group informational presentations and small group working sessions were included in the design. Small group sessions focussed on three main themes: Current activities, Regional and National opportunities for cooperation, and Country project planning.

Africa NGO/NRM Analysis

This on-going, year-long, study funded through the Africa Bureau PARTS Project continues to move forward. First, a contract was awarded to World Resources Institute (WRI) to focus on "USAID-NGO Collaboration in Environmental Policy Reform in Africa". WRI has completed its field investigation and their final report should be completed by July 31; Second, all current USAID-funded projects in Africa that have both an NRM and NGO component have been identified and project summaries completed. A desk analysis of these projects is now planned; Third, an initial list of African regional NGOs was developed and letters sent to the respective groups asking for input on a number of subjects. The final result will be a directory, including a brief analysis, of African regional NGOs that are involved in NRM; and Fourth, the proceedings of the conference held last November are now being "revisited" to analyze them in more detail. A mini-workshop is planned to take place around this analysis. It is tentatively planned for early August.

III. DISASTER ASSISTANCE BRANCH REPORT (G. Garbinsky, T. Frey, R. Libby)

Disaster Assistance Response Team Training (DART)- Atlanta, GA

DASP is conducting a second DART Training June 22 - 24, 1993, for Forest Service personnel interested and qualified to participate in potential international disaster response assignments. Thirty participants from across the U.S. took part in the course, which was designed to orient them in interagency roles/relationships, cross-cultural awareness, personal preparation, health and safety, disaster response procedures, DART structure and function. The training concluded with a disaster simulation desktop exercise. Forest Service funded the majority of the training costs for this program, while the A.I.D./Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) covered the travel costs and preparation time of the presenters/instructors.

Joe Bistrzski, District Ranger from the Ashley National Forest in Utah, assisted DASP in the preparation of the DART training during a two-week detail to Washington in May.

OFDA Initial Disaster Assessment Training

DASP assisted OFDA in the development of an Initial Disaster Assessment Training Course which was given June 13 - 18, 1993. DASP provided facilities and attended a course faculty meeting May 7, and assisted with identifying and developing materials for the course.

OFDA Symposium on Civilian/Military Involvement in International Humanitarian Interventions

DASP provided two members to the OFDA staff which coordinated the development and presentation of a Symposium on Civilian/Military Involvement in International Humanitarian Interventions. The meeting was held May 26 and 27 in Arlington, Virginia. The objective of the meeting was to review collaborative efforts in humanitarian interventions and identify lessons learned, strengths of different players, overlapping mandates, and key considerations for future involvement. Ron Libby from the DASP staff and Ken Koon on detail from the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest in Oregon identified and contacted participants and assisted in developing the objectives and other support materials for the meeting.

OFDA Initial Disaster Assessment Course

Tom Frey and Ron Libby attended the OFDA Initial Disaster Assessment Course held in Orkney Springs, Virginia, June 13-18. The purpose of the course was to train the participants to conduct an initial disaster assessment, review assessments conducted by subject matter experts, and to properly report the findings of an initial disaster assessment. Instructors for the course were from OFDA, Water and Sanitation for Health Project, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, private contractors specializing in disaster relief and displaced persons issues, and OFDA regional advisors from Africa and Latin America.

United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination Team (UNDAC) Training

Ron Libby is attending the UNDAC Team Training Course held outside Geneva, Switzerland June 28-July 9. The course is developed and presented by the UN Department of Humanitarian Affairs-Geneva (DHA). The purpose of the course is to train international participants how to conduct an initial disaster assessment for the UN and how to assist UN offices and the affected country when a disaster occurs. Those individuals who participate in the training, may be called upon by DHA to support and expand DHA's capabilities in carrying out it's mandate to assist in the coordination of international disaster situations. Ron participated as an observer for OFDA.

IV. TECHNICAL BRANCH REPORT (S.Huke, A. Moad, R. Maille, L. Lind, M. Higgs, G. Man, J. Witherspoon, S. Witkowski, A. Turner, L. Ford, J. Welzenback)

Work Planning Timeline Developed for FS/IF Staff

Gloria Silva, District Ranger from the Angeles National Forest in California, served as Acting Assistant Director for Technical Operations in IFO during May and June. One effort she undertook was a "Program of Work Planning Timeline" (see next page) which was an initial attempt to align planning for FS-funded projects with ongoing implementation of USAID-funded activities, in a way that both meets fiscal requirements and meshes with employee performance evaluation requirements. The former Forestry Support Program staff members draft Annual Work Plans, vet them with FS supervisors and AID Bureaus as appropriate, and circulate them to Missions. In FY 93 they were sent with the FSP Periodic Report for September/October 1992 on October 30, with requests for feedback, since our technical assistance efforts are continuously modified to meet evolving USAID priorities. The final copies of the Annual Workplans were distributed as Appendix F of the 1992 FSP Annual Report to USAID. The "Timeline" produced by Gloria will help us progress in our administrative blending of personnel in the new IFO Staff.

Guatemala Rural Roads Project Supports Environmental Interpretation Course

Alex Moad traveled to Guatemala in early May to participate in an environmental interpretation workshop for staff of the USAID-supported Rural Roads Project and representatives of several Guatemalan NGOs. Dr. Sam Ham, of the University of Idaho, taught much of the course. Alex was highly impressed with both the course and its participants, and had several discussions with Dr. Ham and Jerry Bauer, a USDA RSSA assigned to the Roads Project, about future Forest Service support for these types of workshops. In addition, Alex met with Keith Kline (USAID, Guatemala City), Wayne Williams (ROCAP) and Steve Gretzinger (CI, Flores) to discuss possible Forest Service technical support for the USAID Proyecto de la Biosfera Maya Project.

CIFOR Board Liaison for R&D/IARC

Alex Moad attended a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), held in Jakarta, Indonesia May 8 -13. Alex went at the request of USAID/R&D/IARC Staff in his capacity as Scientific Liaison Officer to CIFOR. Much of the meeting was devoted to the development of a medium-term (5-year) research strategy and plans for a permanent headquarters in Bogor, near Jakarta. CIFOR will be organized around four principal program areas: policy analysis and development; forest management and conservation; rehabilitation of degraded lands; and forest goods and services marketing and utilization. In addition, a program in research support and information services will be developed.

Mexican Energy Conservation

FS employee Steve Witkowski lead a delegation of nine people from USAID, Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory, International Institute for Energy Conservation, and RCG/Hagler, Bailly, Inc., to meet with representatives from CFE, FIDE, CONAE (Mexico City Electric Utility, Mexican Federal Utility, the joint energy efficiency organization), and the Mexican Electric Research Institute. They met in Mexico City to formalize a collaborative agreement and discuss specific projects, in cooperation with USAID/Mexico City and R&D/ENR.

Dalbergia Workshop

Richard Calnan and Gary Man attended a workshop on the genus *Dalbergia* in Hetauda, Nepal from May 31 to June 4, 1993. Although the workshop focused on the species *D. sissoo*, papers were presented on other species in the genus such as *D. latifolia* and *D. nigra*. The workshop was attended by 60 researchers and field practitioners from 16 countries. Papers were presented on the silviculture, genetic tree improvement, agroforestry uses, utilization and socio-economic aspects of the genus. A key task of the workshop participants was to synthesize a field manual for the management of *D. sissoo* by forestry extensionists. This

PROGRAM OF WORK PLANNING TIMELINE

FOREST SERVICE FUNDED PROJECTS

USAID FUNDED

JANUARY

- Ongoing project responsibilities such as:
- monitor projects
 - monitor project budgets for inservice projects
 - develop outyear projects as time allows.

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FEBRUARY

- Ongoing program responsibilities such as:
- communicate program status (e.g. geographic biweekly)
 - financial reviews and adjustments
 - project workload adjustments as needed (flexibility)

- Ongoing program responsibilities such as:
- communicate program status (e.g. FSP Quarterly);
 - coordinate with OICD on FRMII and other project budgets;
 - respond to USAID requests;
 - maintain roster.

MARCH

APRIL

Request for project proposals. This year letters sent out 5/14/93—See Attached.

MAY

JUNE

Assemble submitted projects and prepare for Line Review.

Prepare Annual Work Plans. Primary funding from FRMII project for Forestry Support Program. Example of past plans in Annual FSP Report for USAID.

JULY

Line Review of projects. Decision: 1994 Program of Work (project), including new/carryover projects for 1994. Also select list of projects to pursue for outyear projects, time permitting.

AUGUST

Project Managers further develop project proposal. Project must pass project level (detailed) review of completed proposal before moving onto grant preparation or inservice implementation.

Forest Service management review of plans.

SEPTEMBER

Prepare and enter Project Work Plans for upcoming fiscal year. Close out budget for fiscal year. Report accomplishment for prior fiscal year.

Clearance from Bureau

OCTOBER

USAID (vice Gallegos/Mowbry), OICD (Crossan, Smith) and USFS determine 1994 FRMII budget and breakdowns for FSP..

NOVEMBER

workshop was funded in part by the USAID's FRM II and F/FRED projects and the USDA Forest Service's Tropical Forestry Program. The Workshop was managed by NFTA and was the first in a series of five to be held at various sites around the world, all on multipurpose tree species.

Environmental Assessment Workshop Planning

While in Nepal, Richard Calnan and Gary Man met with the Institute of Forestry Project (IOF) personnel Tom Hammett (COP) and Bill Buffum (Curriculum Development Advisor), USAID/Nepal staff, and IOF faculty members to discuss an introductory environmental assessment workshop in Nepal. The primary objective for the course is to provide the Institute and Nepal with the institutional capacity to teach the methodology and conduct environmental assessments on planned development projects in natural resources. The project and Institute Faculty are interested in working with FSP on such a workshop. Planning for the workshop is now underway. The tentative timing to hold the workshop is early in 1994.

10th Annual International Seminar on Forest Administration and Management

Nomination and selection is in process for the 1993 International Seminar on Forest Administration and Management co-sponsored by USFS/IF and the University of Michigan scheduled for September 12 through October 8th. This program targets government executives from throughout the world to provide in-the-field exposure to US natural resource management agencies' administration and management techniques. USAID field missions have provided strong support to this program with past funding of many attendees. Seminar Director, John Witherspoon, indicates that 18 of the 32 slots are were filled as of the 15th of June with attendees representing 12 countries.

Spanish Translation of CARE Agroforestry Extension Training Sourcebook

FSP will be supporting the Spanish translation of CARE's Agroforestry Extension Training Sourcebook. The Sourcebook has been used extensively in Africa for the training of community extension agents in agroforestry extension techniques. Its translation into Spanish will make it a valuable tool for training in Latin America.

Agroforestry Extension Training in Tanzania

Norman Alley, District Ranger, Winoia District, Ouachita National Forest, traveled to Tanzania to support Heifer Project International in the conduct of an agroforestry extension workshop. FSP funded Alley's travel as well as that of two other instructors. The focus of the workshop was the use of multipurpose trees for fodder production.

USAID/Fiji, Western Pacific Forestry Training Needs Assessment

Mike Higgs, Education and Training Coordinator, led a USAID directed joint USFS-FAO/UNDP training assessment team to a series of island nations across the Western Pacific 20 March to 5 April. Their objective was a survey of the small wood processors, and in particular coconut wood processors, regarding their needs for technical training. Islands in Tonga, Samoa, the Cooks and Kiribati as well as Niue were visited in a plan coordinated in conjunction with FAO/UNDP's joint office for the South Pacific in Suva. Lars Gjerum, a forester from that office and Bill Von Segen, USFS Utilization and Marketing Specialist, State and Private Forestry, Portland, Ore. were also team members. Findings will be presented at the 1993 Pacific Islands Heads of Forestry Meeting as a response to their initial request for this assessment.

V. GEOGRAPHICAL BRANCH REPORT (R. Calnan)

Latin America (S.Lampman, C. Andrews, J. Bauer)

Brazil - USAID Global Climate Change Program

Fire Science and Management Project:

Project Leader: Phil Riggan, Pacific Southwest Station, Forest Fire Laboratory

Project members met in Brasilia in April to discuss the details of the next aircraft mission that will happen in September. The objective of this mission is to continue to collect data on fire radiance as well as greenhouse gases and particulates emissions resulting from burnings and wildfires in central Brazil and the Amazon. During the April visit to Brasilia, details of the establishment of air quality monitoring stations in the Amazon basin were also discussed. The first of these stations was inaugurated by the Minister of the Environment, Coutinho Jorge, on June 3.

Socio-Ecological Assessment in the Amazon:

Project Leader: Bob Walker, International Institute of Tropical Forestry

In April, data on the decision making process of small farmers in the Amazon began to be collected in the region near Maraba, alongside the Transamazon road. This project has already identified a behavior of land use that might be an impediment for the adoption of agroforestry: to small farmers, subsistence farming implies less risks than perennial crops. The project also observed that farmers use fire for as many as 15 different purposes.

Brazilian Environmental Assessment Training Program:

Coordination: USDA-FS, World Wildlife Fund, Environmental Law Intitute, and Environmental Protection Agency.

The final preparations for the training program for 12 Brazilians on Environmental Assessment are underway during the month of June. The Forest Service is preparing a three day session on environmental assessment applications on forest management that will be held on the George Washington National Forest. The Forest Service is also providing a Portuguese speaking facilitator for the "Principles of Environmental Assessment" course, developed by EPA. This group of Brazilians, after receiving the training in the U.S., will be delivering the same course to natural resources mangers from environmental agencies and NGOs working throughout the Amazon. This training program will be held from July 12 to 30.

Brazil Program Newsletter

A USDA FS "Brazil Program News" quarterly has been initiated by Christina Andrews, Acting IF Brazil Coordinator. Its purpose is to "establish a network among FS researchers and specialists" concerning Brazil, and to stimulate interactions and cooperative work. The first (April-June) issue, shared directly with USAID/ Brasilia, addresses in somewhat greater detail the projects summarized above, and includes travel tips and acronyms. Persons interested in receiving this 5pp document, or future editions, should contact Christina directly at USDA-Forest Service (IFO), P.O. Box 96090, Washington, D.C. 20090 (703) 235-9461.

Bolivian National Park Management Effectiveness Review

At the request of USAID/La Paz Environmental Officer Michael Yates, Dr. Jim Reiger (AAAS Diplomacy Fellow at R&D/ENR) and Dr. Gary Wetterberg (USDA-FS IFO), carried out a management review of Noel Kempff Mercado National Park in the Bolivian Amazon. Visits were made to key institutions and offices associated with the park, to local communities near the park, and to nearly all of the park's guard stations. Particular attention was paid to the respective roles of the Friends of Nature Foundation (FAN) and to the Regional Center for the Conservation of Nature (CERCONA), the entity responsible for the park's management. A synthesis of management strengths and weaknesses, in accordance with international criteria utilized for such studies, was provided to USAID and Bolivian authorities.

In addition, Mission officials and Peace Corps officials were briefed on the R&D/ENR portfolio of projects, and on the International Deputy Area of the FS. A preliminary proposal from USAID/La Paz, the Ouachita National Forest (lead), and several non-governmental organizations to participate in the incipient "Sister Forests Program" of the FS, was reviewed. That proposal, out of 29 received by the FS, subsequently was one of only 7 approved by the Sister Forests Steering Committee. It pairs the Ouachita and Ozark National Forests in Arkansas with Bolivia's Ambaro National Park/Chore Forest Reserve.

Costa Rica RENARM Coordination Meeting

Gary Wetterberg, IFO, attended the May Coordination Meeting of the USAID, Central American, "Regional Environmental and Natural Resources Management Project"(RENARM). A related PASA exists between OICD and USAID, through which we expect to increasingly involve FS technical assistance in the region. Besides bringing back and sharing, both in the FS and in R&D/ENR, various materials from the meeting, Wetterberg returned with requests for technical assistance from USAID/Guatemala, USAID/Belize, and ROCAP. Proposed Sister Forest arrangements between USFS and Central American sites were discussed with appropriate authorities, as was a proposed "Environmental Impact Assessment Training Package", anticipated through the FRM II.

Environmental Education Workshops Planned with FAO

Lampman travelled to Mexico City June 13-16 to work with UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) consultant, Chris VanDam, to identify environmental education (EE) case studies in preparation for two USFS Tropical Forestry Program funded workshops under the FAO Trees for Life Programme. The two October workshops will be held in San Jose, Costa Rica and possibly, Cochabamba, Bolivia. The total of six EE case studies have been identified from Brazil, Mexico, Guatemala, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru. In the case of Guatemala, the USAID Rural Roads Project may be used as the successful EE case study. All information collected will assist with a parallel initiative undertaken by U.S. Peace Corp when they hold a Regional EE Workshop in Quito, Ecuador in late August.

Three USFS Detailers Assist with LAC Activities in Washington Office

Larry Ford, AAAS Fellow with USAID/R&D, is team leader on a project to undertake an Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) of the 16 components of the Mexico USAID Global Climate Change Project. FSP detailer, David Fogerty, has been assisting Larry full-time with the environmental review action plan for the project. Other FSP detailers include Jerry Davis, Forest Planner on the Humboldt National Forest and Rick Scott, District Ranger on the Willamette National Forest. Both Jerry and Rick have worked on the production of an environmental assessment training video for use in USAID assisted countries, the development of a LAC activities tracking database, and a proposal for an environmental mitigation handbook for use by USAID environmental advisors. In addition, Georgie Medina, a summer intern from the Hispanic Colleges and Universities, has been assisting with Spanish translation of environmental assessment training materials.

PACA Consortium Assistance

USFS employee stationed in Guatemala, Jerry Bauer, has used USFS Tropical Forestry Program funds to sponsor Guatemalan CARE employee, Hilda Rivera, of the USAID sponsored PACA consortium to attend a month-long training in Management of Wildlands and Protected Areas at Colorado State University. Hilda manages CARE's buffer zone component of the Sierra de las Minas Protected Area which has recently been identified as a counterpart land management unit to the Hiawatha National Forest through a pilot Sister Forest arrangement.

Asia & Pacific (P.Durst, J. Watts, J. Culbert)

Forest Service Assistance to USAID/Indonesia

The Forest Service has expanded its program of technical assistance and training to USAID/Indonesia and to the Indonesia Natural Resources Management Project. This program is in conjunction with the Forest Service's program of cooperation with the Indonesia Ministry of Forestry and focuses on the subjects of Global Positioning Systems (GPS) technology as it applies to natural resources management, fire prevention and control, and natural forest management. Highlights of the training and technical assistance include:

* A four person Forest Service team trained 25 USAID staff and Ministry of Forestry cooperators in the use of GPS technology in natural resources management at Pontianack and Manado on June 7-10. This training generated a letter of thanks from Colin MacAndrews, Chief of Party and an invitation to return in September for additional training.

* A Forest Service training in fire control and prevention to the Ministry of Forestry generated a request by USAID for a training to ARD and USAID in August or September. This training is in the planning stages now.

* A Forest Service employee has been identified as a consultant to USAID/Jakarta in natural production forest management, to provide technical recommendation on silviculture and environmentally sensitive harvest methodologies. The details for this assignment are being worked out now for probable travel in early August.

* A Forest Service employee has been identified as a consultant to NRM/ARD Jakarta to help the concessionaire improve the effectiveness of their inventory methods. The details for this assignment are being worked out now for probable travel in September.

* Pat Durst is on TDY to Indonesia in support to these and other Forest Service/USAID activities and to the Forest Service's program of cooperation with the Ministry of Forestry. Pat left for Indonesia on June 6th and is expected to return in mid-August.

US-Asia Environmental Partnership Proposal

The Forest Service has proposed to collaborate with US businesses, Asian counterparts and OICD through the USAEP to foster sustainable forest management and promote environmental technology in Asia. Through this collaboration, the Forest Service proposes to transfer appropriate technology and expertise to Asian natural resources managers and scientists. The proposal focuses on three areas of collaboration: application of global positioning systems (GPS) technology to natural resources management; fellowships in forest products technology; and timber utilization and market efficiency technology. The proposal is presently in the draft stage and will be moved through a review process over the next few months.

Africa (A. Gessert, B. Fischer -Acting)

Burkina Faso

Dr. Edouard Bonkougou, ICRAF West Africa, will be sending in a proposal for funding by IF (TFP) of an "International Symposium on Farmed Parklands in the Sudano-Sahelian Region" to be held in Ouagadougou in October, 1993.

Cameroon

Jean Aube, consultant, conducting an evaluation of forest products/private sector for CAMPER project (USAID/Cameroon). Activity was extended to June 15.

Fred Swartzendruber, WRI, will be traveling to Cameroon to conduct a study on USAID-NGO collaboration in environmental policy reform in Africa and an assessment of PVO-NGOs in Cameroon. (BSP funded)

Guinea-Bissau

Susan Gray, FS R-2 Regional Silviculturist, has just returned from two weeks in Guinea-Bissau, where she provided technical assistance on a World Bank project appraisal.

Kenya

Working with Winrock International on a project proposal (cooperative agreement with OICD using NRMS money) to conduct a series of workshops in Nairobi and on Mt. Kenya. Workshops will allow resource managers throughout East Africa to become more familiar with resource information management systems, such as GIS, and how they might meld biophysical and socioeconomic information within a system.

Robin Maille, IFO, recently returned from a week and a half long trip to Kenya where she helped ICRAF develop existing proposals and document ideas for future collaboration. She met with representatives from USAID, CARE, and Winrock International to identify technical assistance needs of USAID in the forestry area.

Mozambique

Request for assistance by AID/ARTS/FARA to find individual to travel to Mozambique to facilitate a protected areas rehabilitation workshop in October, 1993. A list of potential candidates has been forwarded to Walter Knausenberger.

Niger

Dr. Hodges and Barry Rands, USAID/Niger, have confirmed the total amount requested to complete the identification of two possible pathogenic fungi related to the decline of Neem in West Africa. This is one of the follow-up activities recommended by Hodges and Beatty after their trip to Niger in March 1992 to investigate the Neem disorder. The International Mycological Institute would like a letter from OICD guaranteeing payment.

Tanzania

Norman Alley, District Ranger, Winona District, Ouachita NF, was in Tanzania from May 12 to June 2 helping AID in the implementation of a workshop to train community forestry extension agents. Susan Huke was the technical contact in IF for this activity.

Uganda

The 6 - 10 week TDY for Trail Construction/Improvement for USAID/Uganda, originally scheduled for June-July 1993, may be pushed back to October-November. A list of potential candidates and their qualifications for this detail is being reviewed and selection may be made soon.

Euro/Russia (B.Steinberg)

Forest Service Assistance to World Bank Projects in the NIS

Bill Sexton, FS employee, funded by a PIOT issued by ENR to the NIS Bureau, went to Russia on a World Bank Russia Environmental Management Project. Sexton provided technical assistance as the forest policy and management specialist on the nature protection team. As a team member, Sexton provided expertise to: establish priorities in both environmental quality and forest and natural resources management; identify crucial stakeholders in the highest priority areas; mobilize financial and human resources for concerted action; and develop a nation-wide plan of environmental action similar to the National Environmental Action Plans (NEAP) used primarily in Africa. Debriefings and a written report will be provided to AID.

Guy Lewis and Dick Stauber, both FS funded employees, travelled with a World Bank Assessment team to Belarus to examine the impact of fire in forests contaminated by heavy metals and radiation following the Chernobyl disaster. Particular attention will be paid to determine whether fire lead to a contamination of new areas and the steps that may be used to mitigate this potential effect.

Forest Service Assistance to the State Department and AID

Tom Nygren, FS employee, joined an AID/State Department team that assessed projects in the Bikin Valley in the Russian Far East and the Lake Baikal area. Nygren examined forest management practices, harvesting and utilization issues for the team. His finished report will provide an assessment of the options for assistance and the priority needs.

Russia Coordinator Vacancy Position

International Forestry has announced and closed a new GS 12/13 vacancy position that will be co-funded with AID. The Russia coordinator's portfolio will include the NIS and Eastern and Central Europe, with the emphasis on the former. Responsibilities will include the planning, development, and implementation of the natural resources management program included in the portfolio.

VI. ROSTER SEARCHES (E.Caplan)

A summary of roster searches conducted during May-June 1993 on behalf of USAID Missions, Bureaus and collaborators, is shown below:

| Requester | Assignment | Location | Funding | Candidates | Action | Duration |
|-------------|---|--------------------------|---------------|------------|----------|------------|
| USAID | Evaluation Team Forester | Costa Rica, E. Caribbean | PADF/AID | 21 | Referral | Short Term |
| World Bank | Review Project Proposal | Guinea-Bissau | World Bank | 3 | Referral | Short Term |
| USFS | Recreation Specialist | Uganda | FRM II/FSP | 9 | Referral | Short Term |
| USAID/ROCAP | Land Use Planner, Forest Inventory | Salama, Guatemala | RENARM PASA | 26 | Referral | Short Term |
| USFS | Policy & Planning | Washington DC | USFS IF | 16 | Referral | Short Term |
| USAID Term | Informational Search | Washington DC | USAID/ASIA | 61 | Referral | Short |
| USAID Term | Informational Search | Washington DC | USAID/ASIA | 24 | Referral | Short |
| USAID R&D | Tropical Forester | Bolivia | USAID/Bolivia | 35 | Referral | Long Term |
| USAID R&D | Tropical Forest Ecologist | Bolivia | USAID/Bolivia | 26 | Referral | Long Term |
| FAO | Senior Officer | Rome, Italy | FAO | 48 | Mailing | Long Term |
| World Bank | Consultant Forest Sector & Institutions | Washington DC | World Bank | 27 | Referral | Short Term |
| World Bank | Consultant Forest Conservation | Washington DC | | 6 | Referral | Short Term |
| USFS | Russian Program Coordinator | Washington DC | FRM II/FSP | 22 | Mailing | Long Term |
| USAID | Entomologist | Guinea | USAID | 3 | Referral | Short Term |

| Requester | Assignment | Location | Funding | Candidates | Action | Duration |
|-------------------|---|---|---------------------------|------------|----------|---------------|
| USAID/ AFR/ENR | Workshop Facilitator | Maputo, Mozam- bique | USAID | 28 | Referral | Short Term |
| USAID | Natural Production Forest Management Consultant | Indonesia | USAID/ Jakarta | 29 | Referral | Long Term |
| NRM/ARD | Consultant in Timber Cruising | Indonesia | USAID/ Jakarta | 70 | Referral | Short Term |
| USFS/IPIF | Forestry Program Manager | Tutuila, American Samoa | USFS/ Research S&PF | 47 | Referral | Long Term |
| ICRAF | Natural Resource Policy Economist | Indonesia or Thailand | ICRAF | 34 | Mailing | Long Term |
| FAO | Project Operation Officer | Rome, Italy | FAO | 639 | Mailing | Long Term |
| FAO | Senior Project Operations Officer | Rome, Italy | FAO | 639 | Mailing | Long Term |
| USAID | Extension Specialist | Kenya, Uganda, Burundi, Rwanda | FRM II/ ICRAF | 70 | Referral | Short Term |
| FAO | Senior Forestry Officer | Geneva, Switzerland | FAO | 33 | Mailing | Long Term |
| USAID | Consultant | Brazil, Amazon | USAID/ Brazil | 1 | Referral | Short Term |
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VII. UPCOMING EVENTS AND VISITORS

July 2 S. Muttiah, FAO Rome, to visit International Forestry at the Auditors Building in Washington, D.C. (Contact: Julia Morris or Doug Kneeland at 202 205-1571).

July 14 Biodiversity Support Program Seminar by Caroly Shumway. USAID South Pacific Suva, Fiji. "Problems in Paradise: Challenges and Opportunities for Biodiversity Conservation in the South Pacific". World Wildlife Fund. 1250 24th Street NW. Washington, D.C. 5th floor Conference Room. 5-7PM (Contact: Margaret Bjerklie at 202 861-8313).

July 21 USAID Environmental Forum. TBA in Washington, D.C. (Contact: Bill Boyer 703 235-4905).

July 25 Gary Smith, FS Intergrated Pest Management Regional Specialist in Portland, Oregon (R-6) expected to enter on duty as Acting Agroforestry Program Coordinator through August 20. (Contact: Susan Huke or Robin Maille at 703 235-9461).

August 8-13 Asia-Pacific Forestry Conference in Sri Lanka. (Contact: Pat Durst 703 235-9461).

August 18 USAID Environmental Forum. TBA in Washington, D.C. (Contact: Bill Boyer 703 235-4905).

September 12-October 11 Tenth International Seminar on Forest Administration and Management, co-sponsored by the USFS and the University of Michigan. USAID Panel Session October 8 from 3-5PM in the Training Room of the Auditors Building at 14th and Independence in Washington, D.C. (Contact: John Witherspoon at 313 747-4337 or Mike Higgs at 703 235-9461).

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS (IF PERSONNEL, OICD, etc.)

International Forestry Positions Announced In Support of USAID

Although the USDA and FS "freezes" on hiring new employees has continued throughout this two month reporting period, several related actions have been taken. Deputy Chief Jeff Sirmon and IF Administration Officer Doug Kneeland have met with FS Personnel authorities on various occasions. A Decision Memorandum for USDA Assistant Secretary James Lyons pointed out that, unless relief were obtained, the FS and OICD could fail to meet the various RSSA and PASA obligations to USAID. Specific exemption to the hiring freeze was requested for positions associated with the Forest Resources Management Project (FRM II), and with the Caribbean Regional Forestry PASA (vice Bruce Bayle). This was under consideration in late June. In the meantime, authorization was granted to announce various vacancies listed below by Position Title, Series and Grade, Number, Area of Consideration, and Opening/Closing Dates:

Position: Staff Director, International Forestry Operations

Series/Grade: GM-101/401/1301-15

Announcement Number: WO-IF10-93G

Area of Consideration: Government-wide

Opening Date: June 7

Closing Date: July 7

Position: Director, International Forestry Policy and Planning

Series/Grade: GM-101/401/1301-15

Announcement Number: WO-IF11-93G

Area of Consideration: Government-wide

Opening Date: June 10

Closing Date: July 9

Position: Branch Chief, Latin America and Caribbean
Series/Grade: GM-101/401/1301-14
Announcement Number: WO-IF06-93G
Area of Consideration: Government-wide
Opening Date: June 6
Closing Date: July 7

Position: Branch Chief, Asia and the Pacific
Series/Grade: GM 101/401/1301-14
Announcement Number: WO-IF08-93G
Area of Consideration: Government-wide
Opening Date: June 14
Closing Date: July 13

Position: Indonesia Program Coordinator
Series/Grade: GM 101/401/801/1301-13/14
Announcement Number: WO-IF134-93G
Area of Consideration: Government-wide
Opening Date: June 14
Closing Date: July 13

Position: Brazil Program Coordinator
Series/Grade: GM-401/1301-12/13
Announcement Number: WO-IF18-93G
Area of Consideration: Government-wide
Opening Date: June 10
Closing Date: July 9

Position: Educational Specialist
Series/Grade: GM-1701-12/13
Announcement Number: WO-IF113-93
Area of Consideration: Forest Service-wide
Opening Date: June 14
Closing Date: July 13

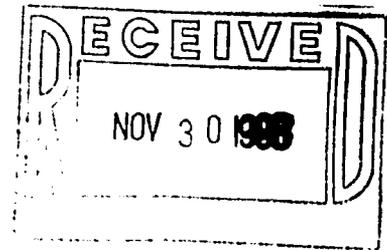
Position: Russia Program Coordinator
Series/Grade: GS-401/1301-12/13
Announcement Number: IF-008-93G
Area of Consideration: Government-wide
Opening Date: May 4
Closing Date: June 3

Position: Mexico Program Coordinator
Series/Grade: GS-401/1301-12/13
Announcement Number: IF-005-93G
Area of Consideration: Government-wide
Opening Date: May 4
Closing Date: June 3

Position: Land Use Plan/GIS Coordinator
Series/Grade: GS-401-11/12
Announcement Number: WO-IF75-93
Area of Consideration: Forest Service-wide
Opening Date: June 7

Closing Date: July 7

Position: Operations Assistant, DASP
Series/Grade: GS-303-5/6
Announcement Number: WO-IF13-93
Area of Consideration: Forest Service-DC Local Commuting Area
Opening Date: June 14
Closing Date: June 28



Position: Operations Assistant, ADM
Series/Grade: GS-303-5
Announcement Number: IF-012-93
Area of Consideration: Government-wide
Opening Date: May 20
Closing Date: June 18

Detail Assignments and Other Short Term Personnel Actions

Todd Chirko will be supporting agroforestry activities through August, working with Susan Huke and Robin Maille in IFO. He is a PhD Candidate from Michigan State University, who is working as a volunteer. The R&D/ENR FRM II Project paid for his travel to Washington, D.C. One of his major focus areas will be on the long-pending overview of agroforestry efforts and training opportunities within the USA. Todd has worked in Papua New Guinea and Swaziland for the Peace Corps. His nearly completed PhD dissertation at Michigan State is in Agroforestry, and his research involves an agroforestry system (*Paulownia* and wheat intercropping) in China.

Autumn Gessert is Acting Africa Program Coordinator during June and July. She is on loan from the Information Systems and Technology Staff of the FS in Washington, D.C. where she is a Local Area Network Manager. She has had a wide range of work experience as a supervisory department head, in both the federal government and the private sector. From 1981-86 Autumn was the Corporate Translator for a French-owned firm which worked with various agents and customers in both Paris and Algeria. She is conversationally fluent in French and has lived in Germany for two years.

IX. PUBLICATIONS, REPORTS, AND OTHER NEW DOCUMENTS (Publisher indicated, generally not available from FS/IF unless FS documents)

USDA FS. 1993. Report of the Forest Service FY92. USGPO. Washington, D.C. 20402-9328. 214pp.

USDA FS. 1993. Tropical Forestry Annual Report FY92. International Forestry Operations Staff. P.O. Box 96090. Washington, D.C. 20090. 24pp + appendices.