

Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resource Management Collaborative Research Support Program

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Trip Report: Bolivia

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Purpose of Trip:	To meet with research counterparts and colleagues to:
	(1) Lead training activity on policy analysis;
	(2) Work on jointly-authored research papers, and
	(3) Support and review field research activities.

Sites Visited: Cochabamba and Santa Cruz, Bolivia

Description of Activities:

(1) Lead training activity on policy analysis

The project organized a training session event on Institutional Analysis of Forest Policy for policy makers and practitioners working on community forestry in Bolivia. The purpose of the training session was to engage a larger group of policy actors as partners in our analysis of how national policy decisions influence local practices. The event, which was held on November 22 in Santa Cruz, brought together fifteen individuals (see appendix A) from a variety of backgrounds and professions. The event started out with an introductory presentation by the PI on the institutional analysis and development (IAD) framework, which lays out the conceptual structure for the research activities carried out in LTR1 (see appendix B). This was followed by a discussion of how the on-going research may be used to re-assess some aspects of Bolivian policy for community forestry, such as the role of central, regional and municipal governments as well as the structure of property rights reforms for forest products. Participants agreed that there are currently a dearth of opportunities for reflection, analysis, and dialogue in the field of community forestry in Bolivia. The participants welcomed the initiative taken by the SANREM LTR1 to provide such space, and encouraged the project to continue this effort of research-focused meetings that mix training components with discussion about practical applications.

(2) Work on jointly-authored research papers

The PI spent three days working with CERES staff on two jointly authored papers. Both will be presented at the upcoming biennial conference of the International Association for the Study of the Commons in Cheltenham, England on July 13, 2008. The two papers use SANREM data to analyze the impacts of the 1996 decentralization reforms on (1) decision making and resource use patterns and (2) what those emerging patterns mean for sustainability in terms of both



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people's livelihoods and the condition of the resources that these depend on. We finalized a first draft of the first of the two papers and an outline of the second paper, which will eventually be posted on the SANREM resource site.

(3) Support and review field research activities

The PI discussed progress made in data collection activities on two fronts: a) national surveys and b) case studies in LTR 1 SANREM sites. At the time, approximately 50 of all 150 local communities had been visited. Field staff had filled out coding forms and data were being entered centrally by CERES project management. Issues with data cleaning and quality control were being discussed. One of the difficulties has to do with logistics and the challenges that the current political situation present to the project. It is sometimes difficult to get access to communities for the researchers and we talked about ways in which those barriers might be dealt with. Another logistical problem related to the national survey is the lack of access to the rural communities in the department of El Beni, many of which are inaccessible because all the major roads in the department are currently under water. The team estimates that the data collection there will be able to resume in April 2008. As far as progress on the five SANREM sites, the Bolivian team has negotiated access to sites # 4 and 5. These were selected for comparability to sites 1-3, and constitute two more examples of indigenous groups seeking to manage their forests as common property. Fieldwork in site # 4 is scheduled to begin in March of 2008. Data collection in site 5 will begin in June, 2008.

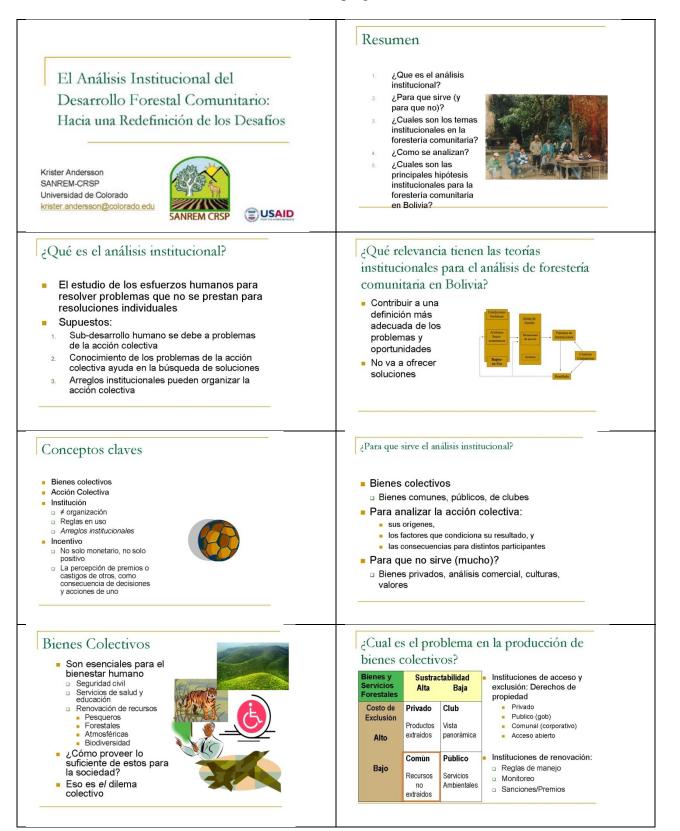
Program type (workshop, seminar, field day, short course, etc.)	Date	Audience	Number of Participants		Training Provider (US university, host country	Training Objective
			Men	Women	institution, etc.)	
Workshop	22	National	7	1	Krister Andersson	how national policy
	Nov	Advisory			University of Colorado	decisions influence
	2008	Committee			and CERES staff	local NRM practices

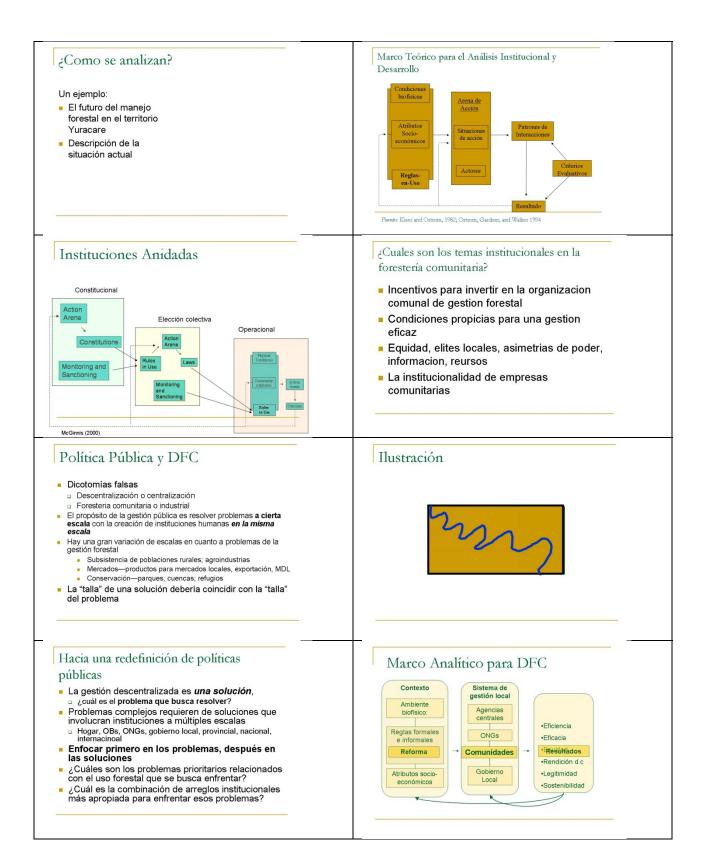
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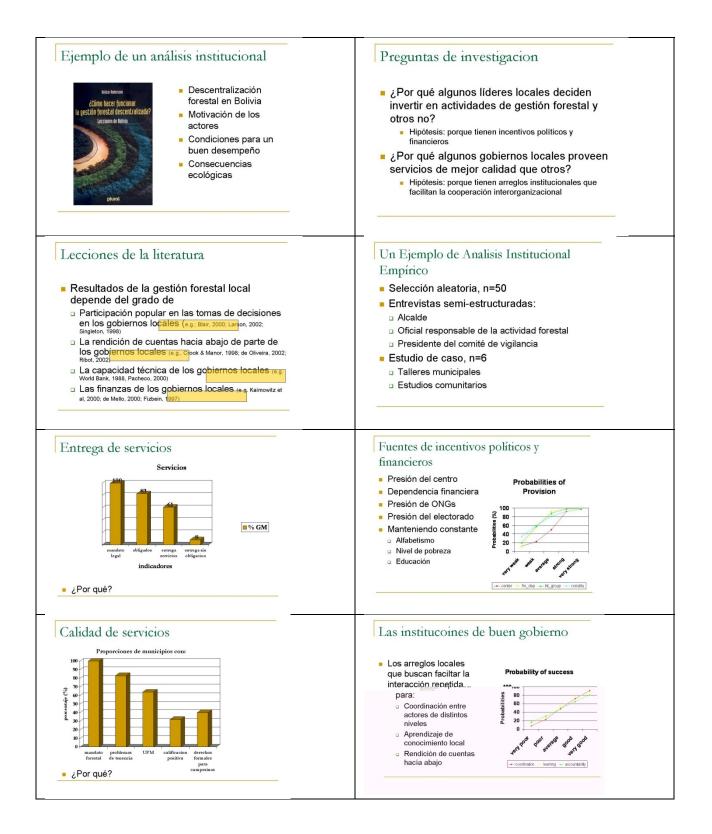
APPENDIX A: List of participants at SANREM training event on Institutional Analysis (Santa Cruz, Bolivia; November 22, 2007)

Name	Organization				
Krister Andersson	University of Colorado (research team)				
Ms. Rosario León	CERES/PIIF "				
Jean Paul Benavides	CERES "				
Ms. Gilda Maritinez	CERES "				
Erick Hinojosa	CERES "				
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Gerard Raessens	Jatun Sach'a (National Advisory Commit	tee)			
José Martinez	UAGRAM "				
Ms. Zulema Lehm	CADEFOR/BOLFOR "				
José Luis Osinaga	Superintendencia Forestal "				
Juan C Medrano	Superintendencia Forestal "				
Dennis Cortes	La Dirección Nacional Forestal "				
James Johnson	ForLife Foundation "				
Rudy Guzmán	Centro Amazónico de Desarrollo Forestal " (CADEFOR)				

APPENDIX B: Introductory presentation for Institutional Analysis Training Workshop Krister Andersson (Hotel Kolping, Santa Cruz, Bolivia; November 22, 2007)







Conclusiones

- La contribución de la foresteria comunitaria y la descrntralizaion hacía mejores soluciones depende de
 - Los problemas
 - El diseño de la reforma
 - Incentivos de actores locales
 - Redes

 - Datos, monitoreo, aprendizaje, y reajustes



¡Gracias!

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