



## Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resource Management Collaborative Research Support Program

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### Trip Report: Costa Rica 6 – 18 May 2007

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**Purpose of Trip:** To attend a training course on Sustainable Livelihood Approach (SLA), Community Capital Framework (CCF) and Appreciate Inquiry (AI), 7-11 May 2007, and the 5<sup>th</sup> Wallace Conference “Sustainable Livelihood Approach to Agricultural and Rural Development”, 14-17 May 2007, organized by the Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Center -CATIE and Iowa State University–ISU

**Sites Visited:** Turrialba, Costa Rica

#### **Description of Activities:**

**Training course:** A training course on Sustainable Livelihood Approach (SLA), Community Capital Framework (CCF) and Appreciate Inquiry (AI), was conducted from 7-11 May 2007 at CATIE. During the course, the two SANREM members were introduced to the theoretical background of SLA and CCF, and had the opportunity of learning from local experiences using both tools. They also practiced both approaches with the SANREM data.

**Conference:** During the 5<sup>th</sup> Wallace Conference, international researchers and practitioners from the United States, Latin America, Asia, and Africa shared their knowledge and experiences with the SLA in the context of sustainable agriculture and natural resource management, rural development and poverty reduction. Applications and modifications, presented by international institutions, were evaluated and analyzed in order to look for findings and achievements with this framework. A poster with the experience of SANREM project in Peru was presented during the poster session at the conference.

**Recommendations:**

**Course:** the knowledge and experiences acquired with SLA were incorporated to a research proposal in Peru's project. A training session was conducted with the Peru SANREM team to share the new knowledge acquired.

**Conference:**

Look for more scenarios to promote SANREM project work but also to share information and experiences of working with CCF with other SLA practitioners and researchers.

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