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Dear Ecoagriculture Partners,

Our Partners have directed us to some excellent new resources for work on ecoagriculture:

- 1) **Wildlife-Domestic Livestock-Human Health Interactions.** Steve Osovsky informed us that the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) has just completed a general guide called "Animal Health Matters: Improving the Health of Wild and Domestic Animals to Enhance Long-Term Development Success in USAID-Assisted Countries." The guide's purpose is to raise awareness, in largely non-technical terms, regarding the critical role animal health plays in national economies and family livelihoods, in conservation as well as development. The document emphasizes a "one health" perspective, and includes an Executive Synopsis as well as sections such as "Selected Examples of Animal Health Issues of Importance in North America," "Applying the Lessons Learned at Home to Foreign Assistance Programs," as well as a basic "Checklist for Mitigating Wildlife Health Impacts in USAID-Assisted Projects." Additional literature references and a range of web resources are also provided. To view the document, go to www.fieldvet.org. An HTML version is viewable online, and a pdf version (92 pp and ~3MB) is also downloadable.
- 2) **Projects on Wildlife Habitat on U.S. Farms.** Pete Heard alerted us to excellent new materials are now available on wildlife habitat on farms from the United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service Wildlife Habitat Management Institute. Materials can be downloaded at: <http://www.whmi.nrcs.usda.gov/>. A summary description of 48 field projects in the U.S. on agriculture-wildlife interactions is there, with full contact information.
- 3) **Ecoagriculture Distance Training Courses.** This same website links to several distance training courses, with extensive videotape materials, on "understanding the landscape" and "wildlife in agricultural ecosystems", and other technical support materials. These will be of particular interest to our Training Materials Task Force, and other partners involved in education and extension.
- 4) **New Bushmeat Website.** The Overseas Development Institute has just launched their Bushmeat website: A new project researching the human and social dimensions of hunting wild meat for consumptive use in tropical forests' and can be found either: directly at <http://www.odi-bushmeat.org> or via the link on ODI homepage <http://www.odifpeg.org.uk/> under **What's New** Activities "Wild meats, livelihoods security and conservation in the tropics"
- 5) **Priorities in Environmental Science.** EP Tom Tomich of ICRAF brought to our attention a book published by the U.S. National Research Council: Committee on Global Challenges in Environmental Science. 2001. *Grand Challenges in*

Environmental Science. National Academies Press: Washington, D.C. A process involving thousands of the world's leading environmental scientists identified the following priorities, of which #s 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 are all important for in developing ecoagriculture systems:

1. Biogeochemical processes
2. Biological diversity & ecosystem functioning
3. Climate variability
4. Hydrological forecasting
5. Infectious disease & the environment
6. Institutions & resource use
7. Land-use dynamics
8. Reinventing the use of materials

The scientists recommended immediate investments in research on biodiversity, hydrological systems, disease and environment, and land-use dynamics. The book can be browsed or ordered at <http://www.nap.edu/catalog/9975.html>

I hope you find some of these materials of use in your work. Please do let us know of other important new resource materials for ecoagriculture that come your way, or that you and colleagues are developing.

Best regards,

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