

Dear Ecoagriculture Partners,

Here are some resources, recommended by Partners, that you may find useful in your work (details below):

1) New Publications:

- * Literature Review: Landscape indicators
- * New Books: Change Process, Agrobiodiversity, Farming with the Wild
- * Newsletter: Agroecolandes Bulletin

2) Call for Nominations: Equator Initiative Prize

3) Policy: Mexican Action Summit on Agriculture, Biodiversity and Poverty

4) New Data: Millennium Assessment

5) Positions Open: Rainforest Alliance, USAID-Africa

1) NEW PUBLICATIONS

* Literature Review: Landscape Indicators

Andy Gillison sent a set of references on the use of plant functional types as landscape indicators that provides an excellent overview of this literature. The paper is attached.

* New Books

David Suzuki and Holly Dressel. 2002. "Good news for a change: How everyday people are helping the planet". Greystone Books: Vancouver, Toronto, New York.

Don Peden comments: "I picked up a really interesting book that would fit right in with what you are trying to do. It brings out many principles related to the justification and implementation of ecoagriculture. It covers more than just agriculture, but brings out an interesting mix of ethical and economic issues."

CIP-UPWARD. 2003 Sourcebook on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Agricultural Biodiversity. (See attached flyer.)

This 3-volume sourcebook is a really valuable resource on agrobiodiversity, with emphasis on crop and livestock genetic diversity, but with a wide range of other perspectives as well.

Dan Imhoff and Roberta Carra. 2003. Farming with the Wild: Enhancing Biodiversity on Farms and Ranches. Sierra Club Books. (cover attached)

This just-published book provides one of the most comprehensive examinations of cases of ecoagriculture available. It's also a beautiful book, and one that provides practice guidance to ecoagriculture innovators.

2) CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: EQUATOR INITIATIVE PRIZE 2004

The Equator Prize 2004 is a prestigious international award that will honor six outstanding local community efforts to reduce poverty and conserve biodiversity in the equatorial belt. Each of the winning projects will receive a cash award of US \$30,000. In the past, many of the nominees were practicing ecoagriculture. Many of you or your collaborators may be eligible.

Sean Southey of the Equator Initiative invites all Ecoagriculture Partners to help ensure that as many deserving community initiatives as possible are considered by

the Equator Prize Jury. For more information, see attached. For nomination materials in several languages and more information about the Initiative, go to www.equatorinitiative.org. The deadline for nominations is October 5, 2003.

3) POLICY: MEXICAN ACTION SUMMIT

Jason Wettstein sent this article from Future Harvest Bulletin: 27 June 2003, on: The Mexico Action Summit: A Call to Action. Many Ecoagriculture Partners participated in or attended this Conference, which strongly promoted the integration of agriculture, biodiversity conservation and poverty reduction in public policy.

The Mexican Government and the Monterrey Bridge Coalition convened the Mexico Action Summit at the same time as the G8 Summit. The Summit is part of the continuing global momentum for sustainable development, spanning the Millennium Development Compact, the Doha Development Round, the Monterrey Consensus, and the World Summit for Sustainable Development, the G8 and the WTO Ministerial in Cancun and beyond. The participants issued a call to action challenging the G8 and other developing and developed world leaders to address hunger and poverty while protecting and restoring the world's natural environment for future generations.

Read more and download background documents and presentations at
<<http://www.futureharvest.org>>

Read Sustainable Developments in-depth summary report on the Mexico Action Summit at <<http://www.iisd.ca/linkages/sd/sdmex/sdvol86num1.html>>

6) DATA: MILLENNIUM ECOSYSTEM ASSESSMENT

Tom Tomich of ICRAF let us know that the following core datasets are now available for viewing, querying and

downloading from the Millennium Assessment Intranet:

- * Sub-national agricultural statistics (preliminary release)

- * Climate (0.5 degrees and 10-minute)

- * Global Land Cover 2000 (Beta version)

- * Protected Areas 2000

- * 8 out of the 10 system boundaries including: coastal, cultivated, dryland, forest, island, marine, mountain and urban. (Most are beta versions waiting final confirmation from CLA's, but can be used in the interim as a guideline)

Attached is a note with the contact information at the MA. Data are available to those working on the MA; some of our Partners do have access.

7) BULLETIN: AGROECOLANDES

A useful resource for ecoagriculture innovators working in the Andes is the Boletín Agroecol-Andes, published by the Centro de Información e Intercambio para la Agricultura Ecológica (Information and Exchange Center for Ecological Agriculture). See attached.

8) POSITIONS: RAINFOREST ALLIANCE, IRG

Tensie Whelan of Rainforest Alliance sent a position announcement for the Asia-Pacific Forester

position that will be located in the Indonesia office. All resumes and job inquiries should be sent to personnel@ra.org or faxed to 212-677-2187 (New York, USA). Also attached is the announcement for the SW Technical Specialist position that will be located in Vermont office in the U.S.

The International Resources Group (IRG) is looking for strong candidates for Manager of our support to USAID's Africa NRM/Environment programs, including FRAME. Attached is a brief description of the work along with a list of qualifications for the position.