

PROTECTED AREAS MANAGEMENT: INTEGRATING COMMUNITIES, CONSERVATION, AND DEVELOPMENT

Integration of communities, conservation, and development represents a promising approach toward successful protected area management. The goal of integration has received considerable attention in recent years, yet the number of protected areas where it is being achieved are few. In this section, management of protected areas in Ecuador, the Congo, Uganda, and Nepal is examined, and recommendations are made to improve the management process in each location. The case studies provide a spectrum of approaches to meet the twin goals of conservation and development. Each location shows unique problems based on the local context, and varying degrees of success at integration. The analyses make it clear that communities must be meaningfully involved in the management process. However, community involvement alone does not necessarily lead to success simultaneously on both the conservation and development fronts.

The first of the four papers in this section is presented in its entirety, along with an appendix showing the visual aids used in the oral presentation of the paper to the class. The remaining three papers are presented in one-page abstract format.