

Mainstreaming Biodiversity into Poverty Eradication and Development Policies:

Experiences from German Development Cooperation

Relevance, Concepts and Lessons Learnt

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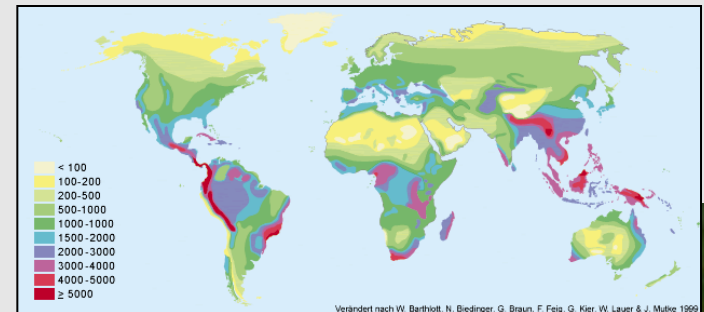
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Relevance of Biodiversity and the Environment in the Context of Development Cooperation

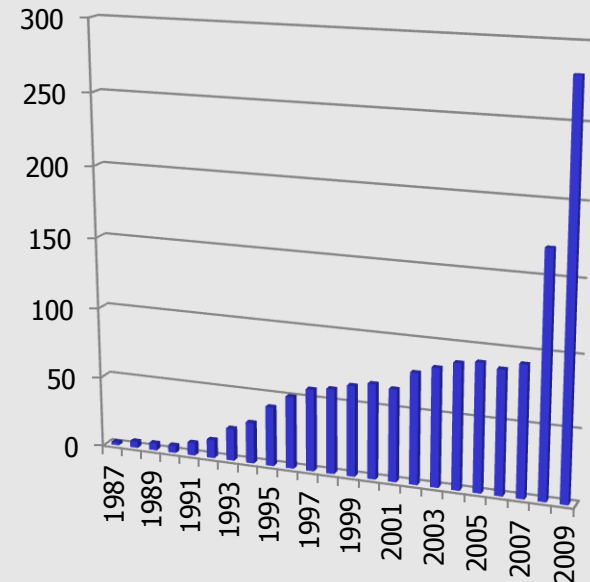
- Humanity benefits from a large number of **ecosystem products and services**
- Remarkable **inequality** in distribution and utilization of genetic resources
- Large-scale benefits of healthy ecosystems and **social & economic** values are often **underestimated**
- Loss of biodiversity and ecosystem services **endanger livelihoods** - particularly of the poor



Relevance ... Programmes and Funding

- **Legally** binding character of the CBD
- Critical **success factor for MDGs**
- Since 1985, > **550 projects** in **35 partner countries** by **BMZ**
- Since 2008 **International Climate Initiative** (with Forest and Biodiversity windows) – as an **innovative** funding mechanism (through German Environment Ministry **BMU**)
- **Life Web Initiative** supported by Germany to increase international efforts and partnerships for protected areas

Funding Biodiversity and Forests in million € 1987-2009



Concepts and Approaches



- Dedicated technical cooperation **projects** to support Rio Conventions (after 1992)
- **Sectoral** Concept (1997), and **Cross-Sectoral** Concept (2008)
- **Poverty and Environment Partnership** - PEP (2003)
- **Communication** (education, action days, MDG-posters, media, CEPA, etc.)
- **Collaboration with NGOs**

Tools and Instruments (selection)

- **Environment and Climate Assessment in German DC**
(binding from 2011 on for all policies, programmes and projects)
- **Capacity Building Programmes**
(e.g. „Meadows Workshops“ & ABS Initiative for Africa)
- **Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)**
- **2010: New NGO Funding Facility**
– Biodiversity & Forests



Critical Reflections & Lessons Learnt

- Scientific **networks** & think-tanks (“allies”) remain challenging
- Some experiences with **strategic partnerships** with private sector and media
- Growing need for **accountability** (impacts of programmes and projects on biodiversity, reliable indicators)



Critical Reflections & Lessons Learnt

- **Combining biodiversity with other sectoral themes**, selecting intersectoral activities in accordance with responsibilities of institutions
- Better understanding of **social & economic** implications (i.e. EbA)
- A **more comprehensive** approach: **Integrating biodiversity** as “**sectoral components**” into projects and programmes of other sectors (e.g. water, agriculture, energy, education, governance, etc.)



Exp.: The Concept of “Sectoral Components”:

- **Facilitate** the integration of biodiversity aspects into other sectors
- BMZ is in the process of developing a series of **technical policy guides** (to illustrate realistic **potentials** for biodiversity mainstreaming into other sectors)
- Used as **guidance** for counterparts, project developers and country officers when it comes to the design of new activities and components
- Based on the established and recognized definition of **Rio Markers** for biodiversity and the corresponding criteria
- Reflected in **project implementation** (specific measures / services) as well as **(impact) monitoring** (being captured by one or more specific indicators).



The Way Forward ...

- Increase biodiversity & forest **funding** (to 500 Mio € / a starting in 2013)
- Make use of “**sectoral components**” concept to mainstream biodiversity into other sectors
- Use **synergies** with climate protection programmes (EbA und REDD+)
- Develop **new tools and frameworks** (Integrating Environmental Services into DC)
- Increase **support base** & accountability

Thank you very much!!