

Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI)

Report of the Grenada Forest and Livelihoods Workshop

September 22nd – 24th 2009 Grenada National Stadium, Grenada



Fig1: Workshop participants at Grenada National Stadium, Grenada.

1. Background

This workshop is part of a regional programme on Forests and Livelihoods currently being conducted in Barbados, Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, Saint Christopher (St. Kitts) & Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent & the Grenadines, and Trinidad & Tobago under CANARI's Forests and Livelihoods Programme.

CANARI'S Forests and Livelihoods Programme seeks to enhance the contribution of forest goods and ecological services to sustainable livelihoods of the rural poor in the islands of the Caribbean. The programme encompasses research and analysis as well as building capacity at local, national and regional level for equitable participation and effective collaboration of stakeholders in the management of forest resources.

2. Funding

The workshop was funded by a grant from the European Commission's Programme on Tropical Forests and other Forests in Developing Countries [2007-2009].

3. Participants

The workshop targeted non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and community-based organisations (CBOs) involved in the use of forest and forest products in Grenada. The list of participants is attached as Appendix 1.

4. Goal/Objectives

The **goal of this workshop** was to build the capacity of CBOs and NGOs for participatory forest management that enhances the contribution of forests to sustainable livelihoods.

Objectives of the workshop were to:

- (a) build understanding and appreciation of how forests can benefit livelihoods;
- (b) assess relevant and feasible potential opportunities for strengthening or developing projects that can benefit livelihoods;
- (c) build capacity to effectively design projects on forests and livelihoods;
- (d) identify existing initiatives and opportunities for increased coordination and collaboration among stakeholders with particular emphasis on opportunities for funding and technical assistance for forests and livelihoods projects.

- (e) identify gaps in institutional arrangements relevant to sustainable forest-based livelihoods;
- (f) contribute to the development of a consensus on applicable tools to address national needs and priorities.



Fig 2 – Workshop participants at Green House in Clozier

5. Key Outcomes

Key outcomes of the workshop included:

- Enhanced capacity of participants to identify and analyse the relevance and feasibility of strategic opportunities for their group to implement projects that benefit forests and livelihoods, with each CBO identifying some specific project ideas to take forward;
- Built partnerships with other CBOs, NGOs, donors and government officials, and identification of some potential areas for collaboration;
- Identification of potential partnerships with national and regional partners who can provide funding and technical assistance through one-on-one meetings facilitating discussion of concrete ideas;
- Identification of relevant options for funding and assistance of their current or proposed projects, with one group submitting an application to one of the donors one month after the workshop.
- institutional arrangements for forest-based livelihoods Analysis and recommendations necessary to enable the further development of sustainable forest-based livelihoods.

6. Methods



Fig 3. CANARI staff and Danessa Joseph role playing.

The workshop was participatory and interactive and used a combination of methods including whole group discussion, small group work, presentations and field visits to familiarize participants with key definitions and concepts, to stimulate ideas for development into projects that contribute to sustainable livelihoods and to analyse lessons from forest-based livelihoods. While, institutional arrangements were analysed The programme is attached as Appendix 2, the using participatory mapping. PowerPoint presentations for all of the sessions are in Appendix 3 and the handouts are in Appendix 4.

7. Lessons and recommendations

Lessons

Key to managing conflicts in newly formed groups is learning from conflicts of former groups in the region.

More organized groups attract more opportunities for funding and partnerships.

Networking with other civil society groups brings useful information, access to money and technical assistance.

Groups need to clearly define what they want and stay focused on that identified goal.

CBOs need to invest in strategic planning to maximize the likelihood of achieving their

identified goal/ goals.

Newly formed CBOs require investments of time and money to get off the ground.

CSOs should acknowledge the value, for example time, experience, relationships, they contribute to projects.

CSOs need to identify key people to engage them in processes to develop their groups.

Ideas to develop CSOs must come from the members of the CSOs.

Project ideas for CSOs should support broad based livelihood opportunities.

8. Analysis of institutional arrangements

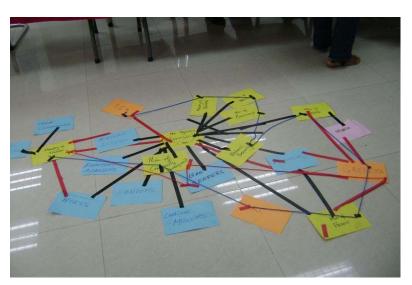


Fig4. Map of relationships with the Forestry Department

The exercise attempted to analyze the relationships of stakeholders in forest-related livelihoods in Grenada and the relationships related to the Forestry Department. Pictures of the maps and the associated keys are in Appendix 5. The discussion was lively and the analysis focusing on key points and recommendations is listed below.

Key Points

Stakeholders and conflicts were easily identified and participants were able to describe how the stakeholders use the resource.

Of the government ministries identified as stakeholders, Forestry Department was the only department working directly with forest users.

With the exception of the Forest Department, participants found it difficult to describe the relationships between Government ministries identified and forest resources.

Government authorities utilizing forest resources need to engage in participatory planning about sustainable use of forest resources.

CSOs need to clearly define their area of work and make other stakeholders aware of their area of work.

CSOs utilize their knowledge about and relationships formed in communities to ease implementation of projects.

Forestry Department clearly identified the stakeholders.

There needs to be a clearer understanding of the value of Grenada's forest among key policy makers.

Recommendations

Further analysis should be done to identify the type of influence the stakeholders have on forest resources and this could advise the development of strategies to maximize the opportunities for the sustainable use of forest resources.

There should be a mechanism established for improving awareness and understanding of the value of forest among key government decision makers. e.g. the creation of a position of a forest technical officer to directly liaise with top decision makers.

9. Evaluation

All participants welcomed the opportunity to discuss forest-based livelihoods in Grenada and many were openly amazed that their were so many forest types in Grenada. One participant in particular, reported that he went home on the first evening and discussed with his grandson the types of forest and the locations across the island. While another remarked that they were not aware that so many other groups utilize forest products in Grenada. All participants valued the time spent and viewed the workshop as a valid educational experience.

10. Conclusion

The workshop provided an opportunity to educate participants, analyze relationships and network among stakeholders and distill recommendations which could provide a useful basis to initiate activities for the review of the national forest policy.

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Appendix - 2 - Agenda



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Workshop on forests and livelihoods Grenada National Stadium, Grenada Tuesday 22nd to Thursday 24th September, 2009

AGENDA

Tuesday 22nd September

8:30 a.m.	Registration
	Welcome, introductions, participant expectations, workshop overview, participant presentations and discussions on what groups are doing in the area of forests and livelihoods
	Break
	Forest types and uses in Grenada
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:30 p.m.	Defining what we mean by "forests", "livelihoods", "stakeholders" etc.
	Discussion on opportunities for forest-based livelihoods in Grenada
	Preparation for field trip
4:00 p.m.	Close

Wednesday 23rd September

8:00 a.m.	Meet at conference room for transport to field trip.	
	Field visit to Clozier, St. John.	
	Lunch	
	Small group discussion on forests-based livelihoods in Clozier, St. John.	
4:00 p.m.	Close	

Thursday 24th September

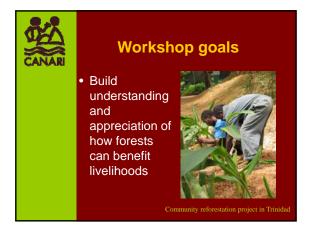
8:00 a.m.	Participants work in pairs to discuss ideas for developing sustainable forest-based livelihoods
	Group discussion
	Analysis of what is required for developing sustainable forest-based livelihoods.
	Lunch
	Panel presentations by technical assistance and funding agencies on opportunities to get
	assistance with developing projects on sustainable forest-based livelihoods
	Questions and group discussion
4:00 p.m.	Workshop evaluation, close and thanks

Forest and Livelihoods

Appendix-3- Presentations















Overview of the project



Forests & Livelihoods Programme

 To enhance the contribution of forest goods and ecological services to sustainable livelihoods of the rural poor in the islands of the Caribbean.



Research Capacity building



European Commission (EC)	FAO National Forest Programme Facility
"Practices and policies that improve forest management and the livelihoods of the rural poor in the insular Caribbean"	"Participatory Forest Management: Improving policy and institutional capacity for development"
2007-2009	2006-2008/9



Project countries

- 1. Dominica
- Grenada
- St. Kitts and Nevis
- Saint Lucia
- St. Vincent & the Grenadines
- Trinidad & Tobago
- Jamaica





FAO project activities

- Regional workshop on PFM
- Regional forest policy review
- Concept notes for national forest policies
- 4 Action Learning Projects
- Small grants programme
- for NGOs and CBOs Regional conference
- Country training workshops





EU project activities

- Review of status of forest policy &
- Action Learning Group (ALG)
- Case studies to quantify socio-economic benefits derived by rural poor from a range of fores management arrangements
- Development and dissemination of recommendations for forest institutional arrangements that optimise socio-economic benefits to rural poor



- 8 exchange visits
- Regional conference



Benefits to participants

- enhanced capacity to identify strategic opportunities for their group to implement projects;
- analysed the relevance and feasibility of specific project opportunities;
- enhanced skills in project planning;
- built partnerships with other CBOs and NGOs;
- identified potential partnerships with national and regional partners who can provide funding and technical assistance;
- identified relevant options for funding and assistance of their current or proposed projects.



Thank you

• Any questions ???



Definitions of key concepts



Key terms & concepts

- Forest
- Forest management
- Stakeholder
- Participation
- Livelihoods
- Sustainable livelihoods



Reforestation of ganga clearing St. Vincent Credit: Fitzgerald Providence



Forest?



Forest

- Presence of trees
- Other biodiversity
- Not used any other primary purpose (e.g. housing, agriculture)
- Areas of degraded / destroyed forest
- Areas of recovering / planted forest







Forest management?

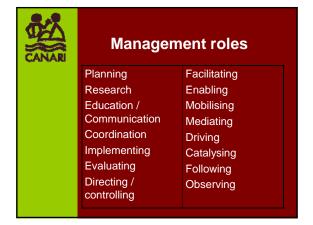


Forest management

- Active purposeful intervention
- Impacts on forest and use of forest

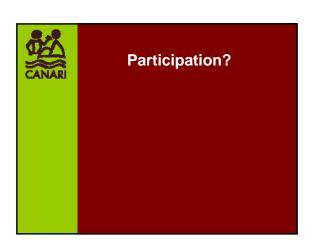


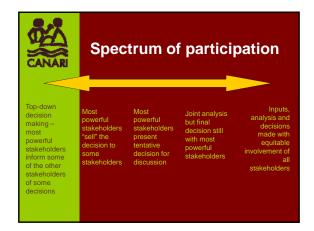
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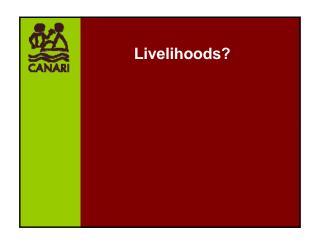








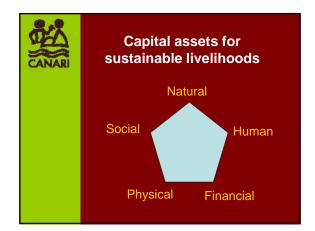






Livelihoods

- The capabilities, assets (including both material and social resources) and activities required for a means of living.
- Includes concept of well-being and quality of life.





Livelihoods are sustainable when they...

- are resilient to stresses and shocks
- do not depend on external support
- do not compromise the productivity of the resource base
- do not undermine the livelihoods of others



Banana farm, Saint Lucia



Thank you!

FORESTS AND LIVELIHOODS WORKSHOP 22-24 SEPT.09 NATIONAL STADIUM GRENADA

PRESENTATION ON FOREST & FOREST TYPES IN GRENADA BY **GORDON PATERSON**

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- Definition of Forest
- •What constitutes a Forest
- •Types of Forest in Grenada

Definition of Forest

Forest are lands of more than 0.5 Ha. With a canopy cover more than 10% which are not primarily under agriculture or urban land use. Trees should be able to reach a minimum height of 5m.

What Constitutes a Forest

- •Forest Nurseries
- Seed orchards
- •Forest Roads
- •Fire breaks
- •Forest in National Parks
- •Forest in Nature Reserves and other Protected Areas that constitutes an integral part of the forest

FOREST AND WOODLAND AREAS IN GRENADA / CARRICOU

FOREST TYPES (GDA.)	AREA (HA.)	LAND AREA (HA.)
FORESTS	9317	31335
OTHER WOOD LANDS	1730	
SUB-TOTAL	11407	
CARRICOU		
DECIDUOUS FOREST	295	3178
OTHER WOODLANDS	1819	
SUB-TOTAL	2114	

1. CLOUD FOREST

- Upper summit of highest mountain
- Upper regions of Grand Etang and Mt. St. Catherine
- Precipitation greater than 4000mm per/yr, RH & exposure increases
- Consist of Mountain thicket and Elfin Woodlands
- Some differences exist in floristic composition



Cloud Forest in Grand Etang

CLOUD FOREST CONT'D

MONTANE THICKET

- Covers summit of main watersheds from : Mt. Qua-qua, towards Mt. Sinai
- And lesser ridge tops in the area

CLOUD FOREST CONT'D

ELFIN WOODLANDS

- •Exist intimately with Montane Thicket
- •Slopes of Mt. St. Catherine
- •Windward Sides of Mt. Qua- Qua and Fedon Camp
- •Covered With Patchy Growth with traces of Land Slides running up and down the slope

Rain Forests and Montane Rain Forests

- Occurs below cloud Forests where:
- Rainfall exceed 2500 mm/yr
- These formations have minor differences in floristic composition
- Upper montane contains smaller trees than lower montane
- dacryodes excelsa (Gommier) is the dominant specie (30-35m) in height palms are also found within this association
- Most Gommier have been exploited
- Remnants found in Grand Etang,qua-Qua,Fedon
- Ivan inflicted damage



Rain Forest and Montane Rain Forest in Grand Etang

EVERGREEN & SEMI-EVERGREEN FOREST

- •Found in Mt. Delice (a 20 acre block of moist forest)
- •Located in the south
- $\bullet A$ cloud track, gets more rain than expected
- •Average rainfall 2000mm-2500mm per/yr.
- $\bullet \mbox{Bois Bande}$ is the dominant species
- •Some variation in floristic composition

3. SECONDARY TROPICAL RAIN FOREST

- •Secondary re-growth of lands formerly cut over by shifting cultivators
- •Regrowth varies from dense herbaceous Heleconia to young forest according to stages of succession
- •Major differences in floristic composition
- •Trees are less than 20m. High
- •Rainfall less than 2000mm/yr.



Secondary Tropical Rain Forest

5. DECIDUOUS FOREST / DRY SCRUB WOODLANDS

- Remnants of this forest type occupy the lower elevations on the island
- \bullet Exist in the north and south of the island
- Rainfall ranges from 1000mm-2000mm /yr. For five months
- Major areas are Mt. Hartman, Perseverance & Levera
- Grows to 10m-15m in height (deciduous)
- Major species include Maruba /Naked Indian
- Dry Scrub Grows to 5m-10m high and main species is Accacia
- Threats include: Housing development, Hotel Development, Charcoal production and illegal agricultural practices including livestack



Deciduous Woodlands (Levera)

6. LITTORAL WOODLANDS

- •Very little of this formation remains in Grenada
- •Found in north and south (Parts of Levera & Point Saline)
- •Dominant species: White cedar, Sea grape, Mapou(Levera)
- •Manchanele (Point Saline)
- •Species grow less than 5m. Heigh
- •Rainfall less than 1000mm /yr.



Littoral Woodlands Manchinele Trees

7. MANGROVES

- •Island contains 21 pockets (190ha.)
- •Found along:
- •North Eastern coast Telescope, levera, Conference, Upper pearls.
- •South- Mt. Hartman Bay, Woburn Bay, Calivigny,
- •Four Species are found (White, Red, Black & button)
 •Threats Include: In fractural development, Charcoal production



Mangroove Photo before hurricane Ivan Surrounding Levera pond



Mangroove Cleared for Charcoal Production

Appendix -4- Hand outs



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USEFUL DEFINITIONS

BIODIVERSITY: means the variability among living organisms from all sources including, inter alia, terrestrial, marine and other aquatic ecosystems and the ecological complexes of which they are part; this includes diversity within species, between species and of ecosystems. (Source: Convention on Biodiversity)

FORESTS: (FAO and the UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE). Land with tree crown cover (or equivalent stocking level) of more than 10 percent and area of more than 0.5 ha. The trees should be able to reach a minimum height of 5 m at maturity in situ. A forest may consist either of closed forest formations where trees of various storeys and undergrowth cover a high proportion of the ground, or open forest formations with a continuous vegetation cover in which tree crown cover exceeds 10 per cent. Young natural stands and all plantations established for forestry purposes which have yet to reach a crown density of 10 percent or tree height of 5 m are included under forest, as are areas normally forming part of the forest area which are temporarily unstocked as a result of human intervention or natural causes but which are expected to revert to forest. Includes: Forest nurseries and seed orchards that constitute an integral part of the forest; forest roads, cleared tracts, firebreaks and other small open areas; forest in national parks, nature reserves and other protected areas, such as those of special scientific, historical, cultural or spiritual interest; windbreaks and shelterbelts of trees with an area of more than 0.5 ha and width of more than 20 m; plantations primarily used for forestry purposes, including rubberwood plantations and cork oak stands. Excludes: Land predominantly used for agricultural practices. Other wooded land: Land either with a crown cover (or equivalent stocking level) of 5-10 percent of trees able to reach a height of 5 m at maturity in situ; or a crown cover (or equivalent stocking level) of more than 10 percent of trees not able to reach a height of 5 m at maturity in situ (e.g. dwarf or stunted trees); or with shrub or bush cover of more than 10 percent. (Source: FAO (1998). FRA 2000 Terms and Definitions. Forest Resource Assessment Programme Working Paper number 1, Rome, Italy)

FOREST PRODUCTS: The term "product" corresponds to goods that are tangible and physical objects of biological origin such as plants, animals and their products. (Source: http://www.fao.org/forestry/site/nwfp/en/ Accessed on 20th September 2007).

LIVELIHOODS: A livelihood comprises the capabilities, assets and activities required for a means of living. A livelihood is sustainable when it can cope with and recover from stresses and shocks, and maintain or enhance its capabilities and assets both now and in the future, while not undermining the natural resource base. (Source: www.fao.org)

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NON-WOOD FOREST PRODUCTS (NWFP): NWFP are products of biological origin other than wood derived from forests, other wooded land and trees outside forests. NWFP may be gathered from the wild, or produced in forest plantations, agroforestry schemes and from trees outside forests. NWFP include products used as food and food additives (edible nuts, mushrooms, fruits, herbs, spices and condiments, aromatic plants, game), fibres (used in construction, furniture, clothing or utensils), resins, gums, and plant and animal products used for medicinal, cosmetic or cultural purposes. (Source: http://www.fao.org/forestry/site/nwfp/en/ Accessed on 20th September 2007)

PARTICIPATION: is a process through which stakeholders influence and share control over development initiatives and the decisions and resources which affect them. (Source: www.worldbank.org/afr/particip/keycon.htm



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Some things to consider to get started...

Feasibility- Can it work?

What do you know about the theme (global and island specific information)?

Is this an economically feasible idea – is there a market in Grenada?

Is this ecologically/environmentally feasible – can it be sustainable?

Can this product be provided in a sustainable manner from the forest? How will you know that you are extracting at a sustainable level?

Is this socially feasible - will it be supported by government, communities, etc?

Do you know about this activity – do you have the knowledge and skills? Do you have the tools (physical)?

What other resources do you need? Do you have them? If not, do you know where you can get them or how they can be made?

Beneficiaries

Who will benefit? (one person? the group? The village? Others?)

How will it benefit livelihoods? (natural, physical, human, economic, etc)

Relationships

Are these products drawn from state or private lands?

Do you have permission to access and extract?

Are there any laws applicable/ or permits required for the activity?

Who do you need to work with to make this happen?

PROPOSAL WRITING

1. GOALS AND RESULTS

- What do you want to achieve with the project?
- What specific action do you want to achieve
- What things will have changed or will have been influenced through this project?
- What will be different as a result of this project?

2. NEEDS PRESENTATION

Why are you implementing this project?
Why are you undertaking this project?
Why is this the best method?
What problems and needs will be met?
Who will be the direct and indirect beneficiaries of the project?

3. ORGANISATION BACKGROUND

Why your organisation?/Are you in the best position to lead this project? What have you or your organisation done before? What are your resources, strengths, reputation, experience, etc?

4. ACTIVITIES

What, When, Where, Who?

What are/will be the main project activities?

Main activities	Partial results

How is the project going to be administrated?/Who is going to	carry out the	project? (staff,	responsible pe	rsons,
outside support, etc.)				

When and where will activities be developed and what are the key dates during the project cycle?

Main activities	Dates	Type of supp	ort

When and how will the organisation/the responsible group coordinate the activities with mentors, donors, partner agencies, other organisations, beneficiaries? What are the expected contributions?

Which people/organisation are/is needed for implementing the activities and what are the specific responsibilities for the implementation and execution.

Persons/organisation	Responsibilities
responsible	

What material resources/financial resources are needed for the project activities?

5. MONITORING, EVALUATION AND REPORTS

- How will project implementation be monitored? Who will be responsible?
- How will you measure effectiveness?
- How will you record the lessons learned (for example good experiences, unexpected results or problems etc.)?

6. **BUDGETS**

- How much will the project cost?
- What financial resources are needed for each project activity?

7. SUSTAINABILITY

- What next?
- What will happen once the initial project is completed?
- How will the project continue maintaining itself?
- What will happen once the project funded activities have been carried out?
- How will the project be managed after completion of funded activities?
- How will the project be funded in future?
- How will the beneficiaries be able to continue to work?

FAO TeleFood Programme

(FAO - Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations)

About the Programme

- Launched in 1997, the TeleFood Special Fund (TSF) funds small projects in developing countries and countries in transition.
- The programme raises awareness of the problem of hunger and collects funds to finance projects that provide sustainable and environmentally safe solutions.
- TeleFood was established as annual campaign of broadcasts, concerts, sporting events and other activities to harness the power of media, celebrities and concerned citizens to help fight hunger.

TeleFood Projects

- The goal of TeleFood projects is to support disadvantaged families and small-scale farming communities.
- Donations to the TeleFood Fund go directly to poor farmers, especially women and young people, to pay for tools, seeds and other essential supplies required to grow the food their families and communities need.
- Not a penny is spent on administrative costs.
- The budget of each project does not exceed US\$ 10 000 and a duration of 12 months.
- Projects categories range from crop production to fish and animal production, including support to school garden initiatives and apiculture.

Examples

Crop Production (cereals, roots and tubers, vegetables, fruits and others, e.g. agroforestry, small irrigation, apiculture, agroprocessing): inputs include seeds and planting materials, fertiliser required for one or maximum two seasons, and hand tools. Heavy equipment is not provided by TSF. Some 55% of TeleFood projects funded to date have been of this category.

Small Animal Production (chicken, geese, ducks, guinea fowls, rabbits, small ruminants, pigs): inputs include start-up stock (day-old chicks, sheep, piglets, etc.), animal health supplies, feed resources in quantities sufficient to cover the first rearing period, and hand tools. Small animal production projects have comprised 33% of TeleFood projects.

Fish Production (Small-scale fish culture and improved artisanal fisheries): inputs include fry for water stocking, fishing gear (but no boats), products for fish feeding, and hand tools. This category has accounted for 12% of all TeleFood Projects.

Key elements of successful applications

- Low-income persons in rural communities
- Group participation and sustainability

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Appendix 5- Stakeholder Mapping and Analysis

1) Forest related livelihoods and related Stakeholder



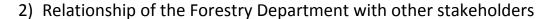
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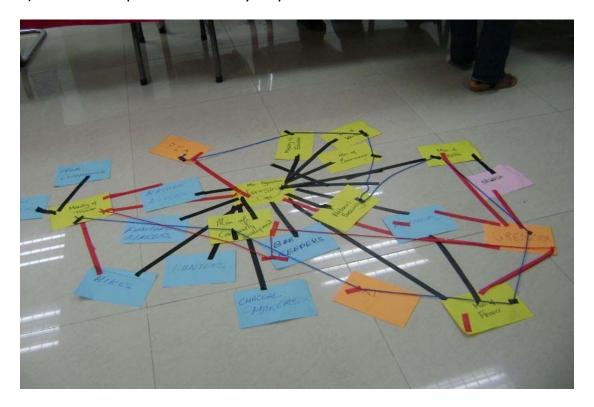
- ➤ Local Groups&Users and CSO Blue cards: Farmers, nature lovers, hikers, hunters, fishermen, craft producers/NTFP harvesters, charcoal makers, tour companies, tourists, taxi drivers, bee keepers, furniture makers,
- Government agencies Yellow cards: Ministry of Works, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Community Development, Ministry of agriculture forestry department, national security, Ministry Tourism
- > Private sector/NGO Orange cards: Art, GRENED, Friends of the earth, P.I.A., GRENCODA,

Pink cards: NAWASA, IAGDO (?? group of Development organisation),

Thread-line:

- **Blue thread**-line means that these stakeholders have a "direct" relation e.g. use of forest resources, management of the forest
- Yellow thread means that these stakeholders have an indirect relation with the forest
- **Red thread** means that these stakeholders have conflicts of interest on the use forest resources with ministry of finance, tourism, NAWASA and with squatters
- Green thread-line marks the networking relation between stakeholders in the use of forest resources





Key

- ➤ Government -Yellow Cards: National security, Ministry of Community Development, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Works, Ministry Tourism
- > Local Groups & Users and CSO Blue: Farmers, nature lovers, hikers, hunters, fishermen, charcoal makers, tour companies, tourists, taxi drivers, bee keepers, furniture makers,
- > Directly related with Forestry Dept (black tape):

from the yellow group: National security, Ministry of Community Development, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Works;

(from blue group) Farmers, nature lovers, hikers, hunters, fishermen, craft producers/NTFP harvesters, beekeepers charcoal makers, bee keepers, furniture makers

- Conflicts with Forestry Department (Red Thread) Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Community Development, GRENCODA
- Relationship between stakeholders (Blue Thread) Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Community Development, ART, Ministry of Finance, GRENCODA, Ministry of Health, National security, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Works, P.I.A.