

To what extent can the policy trends towards commercialization – with increasing reliance on markets and non-state actors – deliver positive local and national conservation and development outcomes?

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Key issues discussed:

- Policies changes towards commercialization of natural resources
- Overview of natural resource markets –different types of biodiversity markets (payment for ecosystem services –e.g. REDD & REDD+, watershed services; biodiversity offsets; forest certification; trade in genetic resources and related knowledge; ecotourism; and commercialisation of park management)
- Supporters of biodiversity markets
- Positive and negative sides of biodiversity markets
- Way forward-whether market-based conservation is the best option for biodiversity conservation and economic development

Short biography

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