



Trip Report: Natural Capital and Poverty Reduction

Indonesia: March 1-28, 2009

Travelers: Gerald Shively, Purdue University

Objectives:

The objective of this trip was to meet with collaborators/co-PIs (Dick Sserunkuuma, Makerere University; Arild Angelsen, CIFOR and UMB; Monica Fisher, CIFOR; Pam Jagger, Indiana University) to discuss project progress, plans for upcoming training workshop at University of Malawi, and summer 2009 fieldwork in Malawi. This trip was planned to coincide with the annual meeting of CIFOR's Poverty-Environment Network (PEN), for which Shively serves as a resource person to support the PEN partners conducting field research.

Activities:

- 3/20 Departed the U.S. for Indonesia, traveling via Singapore, staying overnight en route in the transit hotel at Singapore Changi airport.
- 3/22 Arrived in Jakarta and transferred to Hotel Salak in Bogor via Blue Bird Taxi. Hotel Salak is basic, with limited wireless connectivity and a small business office with restricted hours. I spent the remainder of the day resting at the hotel.
- 3/23 Transferred to guest house on CIFOR campus and began week-long participation in the PEN partner meeting. As part of our AMA BASIS CRSP activities we will be working in collaboration with several PEN partners. One goal of the BASIS project is to use the PEN multi-country global database. Conversation therefore focused on ongoing cleaning of individual country datasets and steps that will be required to begin analysis with the global data. This analysis, which is likely 12-18 months away will be coordinated by co-PI Arild Angelsen.
- 3/24 I continued my participation in the PEN meeting and made a formal presentation to the PEN partners regarding strategies for publishing academic research in scholarly journals. I met briefly with CIFOR Director General Frances Seymour. Later this year CIFOR will be serving as institutional host for Christopher Chibwana, a Borlaug-LEAP fellow who is also a MS student at Purdue in Agricultural Economics.
- 3/25 In addition to taking part in the PEN meeting I engaged in several meetings with Angelsen, Sserunkuuma and Jagger to discuss research progress in Uganda. In 2008 we conducted three surveys in Uganda. Data from all three have been entered and we reviewed a draft paper and research results for the charcoal value

chain study. Two student theses are being finalized using the household survey data and Pam Jagger will begin analysis of the fundi survey this summer. We agreed that Dick Sserunkuuma would travel to Boston for the BASIS annual meeting in October and that we would focus efforts on reporting research findings from Uganda at that time.

3/26 PEN meeting continues. Angelsen and Shively discussed plans for fieldwork in Malawi to be undertaken in June 2009. As in Uganda in the summer of 2008 we will conduct a week-long research workshop and also coordinate data collection with the NORAD-funded NOMA project. The AMA BASIS CRSP project is working in parallel with the NOMA project (which is directed by BASIS co-PI Arild Angelsen). This collaboration provides considerable administrative, financial, logistical, and research synergy. The NOMA project is designed around a two-year M.Sc. in Development and Natural Resource Economics, with courses and data collection in a host country (last year Uganda, this year Malawi) followed by courses and thesis write-up in Norway. The NOMA project enrolls approximately 12 students each year studying topics of direct relevance to the BASIS project. Two NOMA students are currently being supervised by Shively with topics focused on AMA BASIS themes in Uganda. The current plan is for two NOMA participants in the Malawi component to conduct theses under Shively's supervision.

3/27 PEN meeting wrap-up followed by departure for return trip to US.

3/28 Return to duty station.

Miscellaneous notes:

- Unable to meet with Monica Fisher as her schedule did not permit participation. Will follow-up by email.
- Dick Sserunkuuma requested assistance in securing Stata for installation on computers at Makerere University. We discussed whether network or stand-alone licenses would be required and the likely number of computers involved. Once Dick has some clarification on these issues we will pursue.

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