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1. Capacity Building and Technology Transfer
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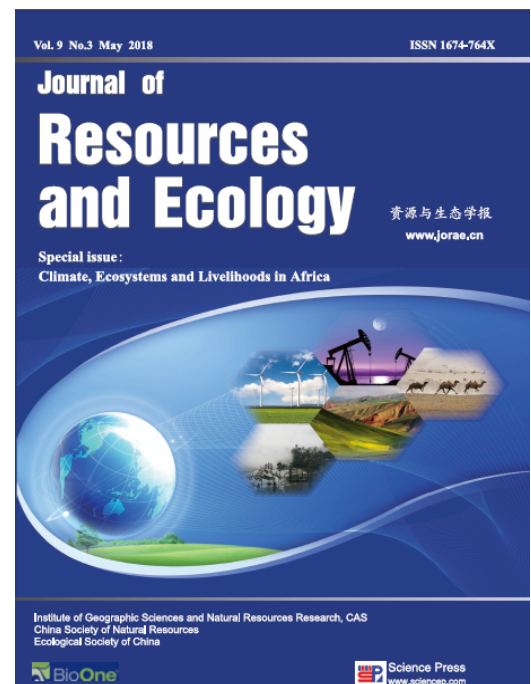
The Special Issue on Climate, Ecosystems and Livelihood in Africa in the Journal of Resources and Ecology was published, May 2018

The Journal of Resources and Ecology published a special issue on Climate, Ecosystems and Livelihood in Africa in May 2018 in Volume 9, No. 3 for UNEP-IEMP. The Journal is hosted by the Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research (IGSNRR) of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), China

Society of Natural Resources, and the Ecological Society of China. The Journal is indexed by BioOne, Chinese Science Citation Database (CSCD), China Academic Journal Network Publishing Database, Chinese Academic Journal Comprehensive Evaluation Database, and Wanfang Data Digital Periodicals.

The guest editors for this special issue are Dr. Jian Liu, Chief Scientist of United Nations Environment, Dr. Linxiu Zhang, Director of the United Nations Environment International Ecosystem Management Partnership (IEMP) and Professor Fadong Li, Researcher in IGSNRR of CAS. The special issue includes a series of articles from the scientists and researchers of the UNEP-IEMP, covering the areas that IEMP have been engaged in, particularly research within the framework of the decade-long Flagship Program on Climate, Ecosystems and Livelihoods (CEL). UNEP-IEMP has launched several major initiatives that lay the foundation for delivering the nexus approach of CEL in Africa. More ambitious cooperation should be taken through a broad China-Africa partnership, based on existing institutions, networks, and on-going programmes in both Africa and China.

The Journal begins with three articles that introduce the Flagship Program of CEL and its nexus approach and then presents a number of more country-specific research works.



South-South exchange workshop: ecosystems for climate change adaptation and sustainable livelihoods knowledge sharing, April 2018



On April 23rd–24th, 2018, a “South-South exchange workshop: ecosystems for climate change adaptation and sustainable livelihoods knowledge sharing” was successfully organized in Beijing, China. This workshop was sponsored by the United Nations Environment Programme, the Chinese Ecosystem Research Network (CERN), and the National Ecosystem Research Network of China (CNERN). It was organized by UN Environment-International Ecosystem Management Partnership (UNEP-IEMP). Over 50 participants from the Greater Mekong Sub-Region (namely Cambodia, China, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam) and different international organizations participated in this workshop by exchanging knowledge, experiences, and tools on ecosystem-based approaches towards climate change adaptation and sustainable livelihoods.

This workshop allowed exchange of Governmental and UN officials, practitioners, and scientists and development agency officials on the topics of ecosystem assessment, ecosystem-based interventions, ecosystem based planning, and evaluation of interventions. Participants appreciated CERN and CERN’s sharing of decades-long experiences on ecosystem monitoring, research, and management, which proved that long-term investment in the ecosystem can be rewarded with both enhanced ecosystem services and better livelihoods. The workshop identified a couple of follow-up actions to enhance south-south cooperation within the GMS and to obtain policy buy-in, including capacity building on ecosystem approaches by sharing China’s experiences, building concrete demo sites in a few identified areas, regular policy exchanges, organizing exchange visits to field sites, and using inter-disciplinary approaches to address stakeholder concerns.

Consultation Workshop: Improving Ecosystem Management for Sustainable Livelihood in the Framework of Lancang-Mekong Environmental Cooperation, April 2018

On 25 April 2018, Consultation Workshop: Improving Ecosystem Management for Sustainable Livelihood in the Framework of Lancang-Mekong Environmental Cooperation was organized by UNEP-IEMP in Beijing. Participants from the Ministry of Environment (MoE) of Cambodia, LMEC, and the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) participated in the workshop, with colleagues from the UN Environment Headquarters connected by video.

The project sought funding from the UNEP-China Trust Fund Phase 2 for a duration of 3 years, and is aimed



at increasing awareness and the institutional, technical, and financial capacities of countries in the Lancang-Mekong region to adopt an integrated ecosystem management approach, with demonstrated ecosystem management for sustainable livelihoods through pilot activities at selected transboundary areas in China, Cambodia, and Lao PDR.

At the workshop, representatives from Cambodia and China presented their ideas on pilot site activities in Phnom Kulen National Park (Siem Reap province of Cambodia) and Jingtai green industry rubber plantation of Xishuangbanna prefecture (Yunnan province of China), respectively. Moreover, the project team compiled additional information in order to complete the project document, and explored technical and management perspectives for the implementation of the regional component. A roadmap was also developed for the project document finalization phase. The workshop successfully developed a cohesive understanding of the project with key partners, and ensured their full support to the project. Next, UNEP-IEMP, UN Environment Headquarters and LMEC will work together to complete the project document and ensure the project receives official endorsement.

Regional consultation for “Mekong EbA South: Enhancing Climate Resilience in the Greater Mekong Sub-Region through Ecosystem-based Adaptation in the Context of South-South Cooperation”, April 2018

On 26 April 2018, UNEP-IEMP organized a regional consultation for full proposal development of the project “Mekong EbA South: Enhancing Climate Resilience in the Greater Mekong Sub-region through Ecosystem-based Adaptation in the Context of South-South Cooperation” in Beijing, China. The proposal aims to seek funding from the Adaptation Fund, with the UN Environment as the Implementing Agency and UNEP-IEMP to lead the implementation of regional components. The participants included representatives from the Mekong countries, the Lancang-Mekong Environmental Cooperation Center (LMEC), UNEP-IEMP, and the UN Environment Headquarters. Its overall objectives were to introduce the project overview, background, and latest status on the full proposal development, as well as to discuss the design of the regional components for the benefit of individual countries and the region as a whole.

The workshop was very fruitful in discussions and advice on finalizing the regional component design as well as implementation arrangements. The participants actively shared their valuable ideas from both national and regional perspectives. The full proposal will be submitted at the next submission round in August 2018.



II. UPCOMING EVENTS

OUTLOOK

August 10th to 16th - Lijiang, Yunnan Province, China

Study “ Sustainable Livelihood and Green Development Strategies in Environment-Economic Vulnerable Areas ” launch event and field visit

September 2nd to 7th - Xining, Qinghai Province, China

The Project “ Strengthening Qinghai Women Farmers’ Income Security and Resilience in a Changing Climate ” launch event and field visit

September 10th to 16th - Nepal

Study “ Sustainable Livelihood and Green Development Strategies in Environment-Economic Vulnerable Areas ” field visit

III. STAFF UPDATES

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