

Greetings and welcome to the latest edition of **Trendlines**, a periodic update on activities and news from Forest Trends.

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NEW PUBLICATION—A report entitled *Making Markets Work for Forest Communities* has been published with the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR). The paper recently was launched at a press conference held in London.

RECENT MEDIA COVERAGE—Already the new report is drawing attention, including an article in *The Economist*.

THE KATOOMBA GROUP—The fourth meeting hosted by The Katoomba Group and Forest Trends occurred in London last month. Preparations are underway for Katoomba V in Japan this fall.

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Making Markets Work for Forest Communities, authored by Andy White and Sara Scherr of Forest Trends and David Kaimowitz of the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), highlights the inextricable link between the futures of the world’s forests and millions of the world’s poorest people. The report includes sections on reconciling conservation with commercial development, potential competitive advantages held by poor producers and commercial opportunities for low-income producers. It also contains a framework for action, describing roles for key actors such as privately owned businesses, governments, development and conservation organizations and research organizations.

On March 7, Scherr and Kaimowitz were joined by John Hudson of the Department for International Development (DFID) and Bjorn Roberts of Tropical Forest Trust (TFT) in an event to launch the new report at the Foreign Press Association in London. The event generated significant interest and media coverage.

To receive copies of the report or for further information, please contact Whitney Painter at wpainter@forest-trends.org. You can also click here for more information on the report: <http://www.futureharvest.org/news/forests.shtml>

MEDIA COVERAGE:

The March 16-22 edition of *The Economist* featured an article on page 100 entitled “Pulp Friction,” which reports on the London launch of *Making Markets Work for Forest Communities*, stating: “In fact, hundreds of millions of people, most of them poor, live in or near forests. Many more rely on forest products such as charcoal for survival. The notion of saving forests by putting them under lock and key would thus be hard to pull off. The best way to conserve forest is to give locals an interest in doing so, by granting them meaningful property rights over the habitat. That encourages cropping for a regular income, rather than a general scramble designed to carry off as much timber as possible, before someone else does so.”

In addition, Luis Gamez of Costa Rica’s Ministry of Environment and Energy and Jim Shields of Australia’s State Forests of New South Wales have joined Forest Trends President Michael Jenkins in co-authoring an article appearing in the March issue of *Environmental Finance* magazine. Entitled “Green Gold,” the article lays out examples of the “innovative financial expressions and real markets” developing around environmental services and biodiversity.

For more information on this coverage, or to receive copies of these or other articles related to Forest Trends and its work, please contact Whitney Painter at wpainter@forest-trends.org.

THE KATOOMBA GROUP:

The public Katoomba IV meeting, entitled “Capturing the Value of Ecosystem Services” and sponsored by The Katoomba Group and Forest Trends, was held March 13 and 14 at Stationers’ Hall in central London. Co-sponsors for the event included the Department for International Development, Global Forest Products, Forum for the Future, Hancock Timber Resource Group, Aon risk management, the Kew Royal Botanic Gardens, the Center for Environmental Leadership in Business, the International Institute for Environment and Development. The conference also received support from Ethical Investment Research Service, U.K. Social Investment Forum, EcoSecurities and *Environmental Finance* magazine. Following the public event, members of The Katoomba Group held a two-day gathering at The Kew Royal Botanic Gardens. Presentations delivered at the conference are available on the Forest Trends Web site (<http://www.forest-trends.org>).

Scheduling and plans are now underway for Katoomba V, to be held in Tokyo, Japan, in autumn of this year. Dates, information and details will be provided in upcoming updates and made available on the Web sites for Forest Trends (<http://www.forest-trends.org>) and The Katoomba Group (<http://www.katoombagroup.org>).

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