



ENGAGING LOCAL COMMUNITIES
IN NATURE CONSERVATION
DEVELOPING A TOOLBOX
10-11-12-13 OTTOBRE 2012 / FONTE CERRETO - L'AQUILA

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Engaging local communities in nature conservation - developing a toolbox

L'Aquila, October 10 – 13, 2012

Wednesday– October 10, 2012

The theory and practice of participatory management

9.00 – 9.30

Greetings and introduction

From Theory...

9.30 - 11.30

The origins of human dimensions in nature conservation, it's role and it's theoretical background -
Michael Manfredo, Colorado State University

The human dimensions in an environmental governance perspective: new challenges for conservation –
Angelo Turco, University of L'Aquila

The emotional component in the Human Dimensions –
Jerry Vaske, Human Dimensions of Natural Resources, Colorado State University

The rules of participatory and decisional democracy -
Alessandra Valastro, University of Perugia

11.30 – 11.45 Coffee break

...to practice

11.45 – 13.15

Why stakeholders refuse participation? Understanding the conflicts between local communities and nature conservation -
Serena Cinque, Center for Public Sector Research, University of Gothenburg.

Practical methods for participatory decision making -
Marianella Sclavi, Free-lance negotiator



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Stockholders roles for preserve and enhance protected areas – Greg Moore, Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, San Francisco, CA, USA

13.15 – 14.30 Light Lunch

14.30 – 16.00

Interactions between indigenous rights and the requirements of nature conservation - Camilla Sandstrom, Department of Political Sciences, Umea University

Promoting sustainable development and nature protection in the Tombali Region, Guinea Bissau - Carlos Schwartz, Project Ecocantanez

Participatory techniques used in the development of Bear management plans in Bulgaria and Croatia - Alistair Bath, University of Newfoundland- Canada

16.00-16.15 Coffee break

16.15 – 17.45

Techniques you used to gain the support of Massai for lion management in Kenya – Leela Hazzah, Lionguardians Project, Kenya

Delivering Nature's Services - The Ecosystem Approach from Concept to Delivery in the English Uplands - Ruth Waters, Natural England

The lynx round table - Lessons learnt from a participatory conflict management approach in Southwest Germany - Angela Luechtrath, University of Freiburg

Thursday – October 11, 2012 Developing a toolbox

From theory...

9.00 – 10.45

The case study of the LIFE EX-TRA Project

- (9.00 /9.15) LIFE EX-TRA PROJECT – **Annette Mertens** (project manager)
- (9.15/10.00) Presentation of stakeholder analysis in Romania, Bulgaria, Greece (local coordinators)
- (10.00/10.45) Problem Definition - construction of knowledge -.stakeholder Analysis in Italy (**Lina Calandra** – Cartolab -Univaq)

10.45 – 11.45

Discussion, in which all the participants will be asked to point out criticisms and suggestions about the used procedure.

11.45 – 12.00 Coffee break

12.00 – 13.30

- (12.00 – 12.40) Presentation of the participatory process for communication, confidence , accountability (returning data analysis, workshops, meeting, ...) **Davide Tamagnini** – free-lance
- (12.40 – 13.30) Results as perceived from stakeholders (Park technicians, farmer, hunters, foresters, Municipalities ...)

13.30 – 14.30 Light Lunch



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....to practice

14.30 – 18.00

Thematic working groups (details to be identified in the morning session)

Group 1

Developing a regulation (e.g. park regulation, management plan etc.)

Group 2

Enhancing local economic activities (e.g. sustainable tourism, traditional products etc.)

Group 3

Implementation of practical interventions on the territory

Group 4

If needed, to be defined upon request

18.00

Wrap up

Friday - October 12, 2012

Practical experiences in Human Dimension and conservation

9.00 – 13.30 *Invited papers from other LIFE Projects and upon call*

13.30 - End of working sessions

EXCURSIONS

Friday- October 12, 2012 - afternoon

½-day excursions at choice:

1. Visit to the centre of L'Aquila

Saturday- October 13, 2012

Excursions at choice

1. Visit to the laboratories of INFN (1/2 day)
2. Visit to the centre of L'Aquila (1/2 day)
3. Visit to the high plains of Campo Imperatore
4. Hiking excursion, offers to be defined (1 day)



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Information about the offered excursions:

1. Visit to the laboratories of INFN

INFN is the Italian National Institute of Nuclear Physics, which is hosting our conference. Its laboratory, located in the heart of the Gran Sasso Mountain Massif under 1.400 mt of rocks, is the largest underground laboratory in the world for experiments in particle physics, particle astrophysics and nuclear astrophysics.

http://www.lngs.infn.it/lngs_infn/index.htm?mainRecord=http://www.lngs.infn.it/lngs_infn/contents/lngs_en/public/about/

The visitor number is restricted, reservations are taken until the maximum number is reached.

2. Visit to the centre of L'Aquila

On 6 April 2009 a heavy earthquake has struck the area of L'Aquila, causing huge damage and many victims. The city of L'Aquila, one of the main former cultural centers of Italy with an amazing ancient centre, got almost completely destroyed. The city centre is still inhabited.

3. The high plains of Campo Imperatore

A cable-car takes you to "Campo Imperatore", a huge high plain at 1.800 mt. altitude in the heart of the Gran Sasso e Monti della Laga National Park (www.gransassolagapark.it). Also called "Little Tibet", it is a very fascinating place characterized by thousands of hectares of grasslands surrounded by the highest peaks of the Apennines. From the arrival point of the cable care there are several opportunities for long or short walks.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Campo_Imperatore