

**Environment, Identity and Community Based Natural Resource  
Management: Experiences of the San in Southern Africa**

Workshop, Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2006 2.00-5.30pm  
Oxford University Centre for the Environment (OUCE)  
MSc Teaching Room 1

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**Please note this is a draft programme: there may be some modifications.**

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**Lorraine Moore (Research Student, Lancaster):** Devolution of natural resource management and CBNRM in Namibia: Experiences of elephant management amongst the Khwe in West Caprivi.

**Julie Taylor (Research Student, Oxford):** Collaborations and Contestations: Natural Resource Politics and the Rise of Safari Hunting in Namibia's West Caprivi".

**Chasca Twyman (University Lecturer, Sheffield):** Reflecting on CBNRM in Western Botswana: where does the future lie?

**Michael Taylor (International Land Coalition, Rome):** CBNRM and pastoral development: Implications for San land rights

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**Some of the themes and questions that this workshop will address include the following:**

**1. Environmental Discourses and Identity**

What are the dynamics of recent 'alliances' between conservation and indigenous peoples?

Can an 'alliance' argument be made for southern African cases?

To what extent have environmental discourses revolving around CBNRM been used by San and other groups to construct or reinforce particular identities?

In turn, how have 'local communities' strategised within environmental discourses as a way of securing land tenure and increasing/improving livelihood options?

How have San groups been simultaneously incorporated into, and marginalized from, CBNRM, in Namibia and Botswana?

**2. CBNRM and the Private Sector**

What are the dynamics of relationships between 'local communities' and private sector operators (tourism and trophy hunting)?

Does the rise of conservancies in Namibia allow private operators a greater foothold in terms of access to natural resources? In turn, can this be considered a form of dispossession for local residents despite financial revenue accrued?

What can be said of the relationship between private sector operators and San communities in particular?

**3. CBNRM in the context of wider land policy**

How do national movements towards decentralisation of natural resource management fit into the wider landscape of policy and demand on land and natural resources?

How do, or can, San groups situate themselves within these different, and at times conflicting, policy processes to retain access to land?

#### **4. San in National Parks: Continuities and Change**

In some cases, such as that of Botswana's CKGR, San continue to be dispossessed of land and access to natural resources. In other cases, such as that of Namibia's West Caprivi (Bwabwata National Park), San have been allowed to remain in the park and to a large extent have their 'land rights' protected due to park legislation, despite being subject to a host of other rules and regulations, and in general have a cooperative relationship with the Ministry of Environment and Tourism.

What can these two cases, and their similarities and differences, contribute to the 'people and parks' debate?