

Recommendations:

- Develop new concepts.
- Build upon the Office achievements: the natural resources conservation and management model incorporates traditional and local know-how as well as modern methodology.
- The Office capacities should be strengthened concerning project / programme development and management, with the recruitment of a Programme Officer and improved budgetary and financial monitoring. Increased support from BRAO Regional Office.
- Increase management participativeness in order to encourage individual initiatives.

Lessons learned:

- Large support from government, administrative, and traditional authorities (opinion leaders), for natural resources conservation and management. Cooperative work has been put into place while taking into consideration the stakeholders' respective interests.
- Mitigation of conflicts between natural resource users.
- Biodiversity management may have unexpected impacts, e.g. an improvement in local communities life: better living conditions, schooling for girls, less burden for women, etc.

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