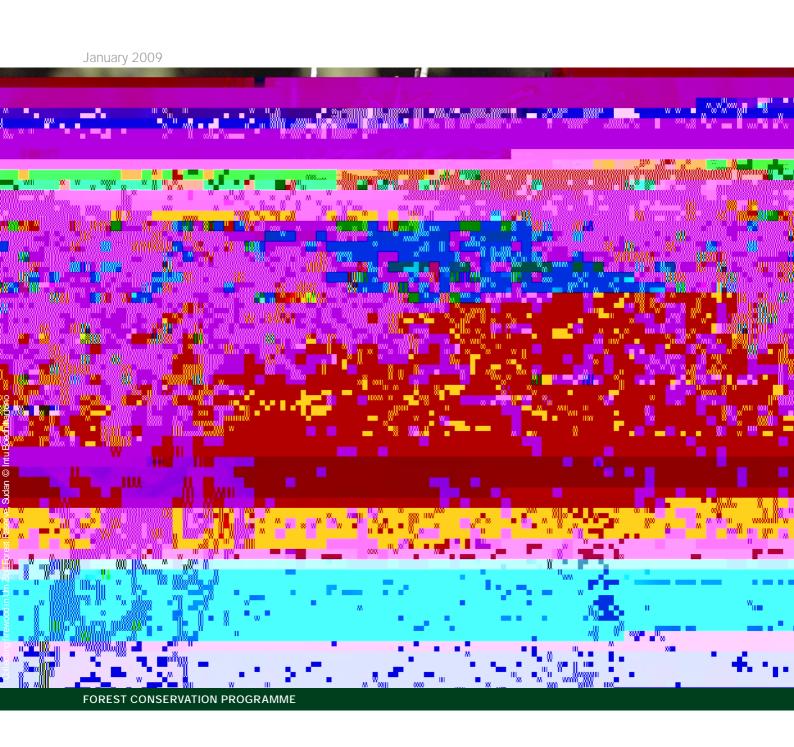


Voting on REDD

Why and how should we invest in forest governance?

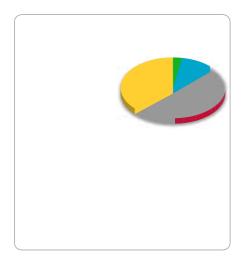


Introduction

The world is currently negotiating what REDD (Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation) will look like, how it will be translated on the ground, and how it will be incorporated into the post-2012 climate change regime. Several countries have already started creating the building blocks for a REDD-ready plan, but the majority still have a long way to go.

Which is why IUCN seized the opportunity to continue the discussions at the World Conservation Congress in October, 2008, with a live "cast your vote" workshop entitled "What does it take to make REDD a viable proposition? The case for investing in forest governance."

The workshop was moderated by British journalist Liz Barclay, and featured two panels of professionals currently working on REDD. As many as 300 participants discussed what has been learned from recent forest governance reform processes, how REDD mechanisms can best make use of these lessons and experiences, and what ingredients are needed for successful REDD recipes. The live voting system empowered participants with a democratic process that made their choices heard. Inputs and reflections on those choices, illustrated by several case studies of REDD preparations from around the world, were provided by the panelists.



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