SANREM-COMACO Workshop June 24-26, 2009



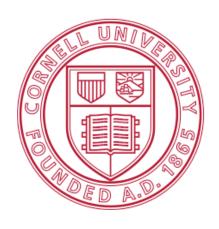


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Agenda

DAY 1

- Introduction
- COMACO overview
- SANREM-CRSP overview
- tea and coffee break
- business economic analysis
- lunch
- biodiversity impacts
- ecosystem services and added benefits

DAY 2 (soils and crops)

- soil amendment trials and intercropping
- soil amendment experiments
- tea and coffee break
- biochar
- Agriculture Bridge
- lunch
- approaches to limit human-wildlife conflicts (successes, failures, and new approaches)
- poultry, nutrition, household finances, & public health: topics for farmer education
- description of carbon markets and discussion of opportunities for COMACO's participation

DAY 3 (food processing and markets)

- accomplishments, impacts, and future
- broadening market access and product exposure
- closing discussion

Introductions

COMACO overview

SANREM-CRSP overview

Problems Affecting Conservation Are the Same Problems Affecting Rural Development



COMACO mission

- "triple bottom line"
 - -economically
 - -socially
 - -environmentally sustainable

- 1. To determine the extent to which the COMACO model can be economically self-sustaining and the effectiveness of the different COMACO model components.
 - business economic analysis
 - historical analysis
 - profit and cost centers
 - natural resource economic valuation--What is the "cost" of biodiversity conservation by this model?

- 2. To identify and integrate new technologies into the COMACO model to improve its profitability, food security, and rural incomes.
 - food sciences
 - crop and soil sciences
 - veterinary sciences (poultry and goats)

- 3. To determine the extent to which the COMACO model provides self-sustaining social institutions and meaningful roles for COMACO participants.
 - COMACO baseline surveys

- 4. To determine the extent to which the COMACO model improves biodiversity and watershed conservation.
 - aerial wildlife surveys (COMACO core and control areas, hippos)
 - watershed, canopy and bushfire analysis





