

IFAJ Congress

Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development in Mountain Regions

Making SARD operational

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The Adelboden Group



Did you know?



80 % of 720 million mountain people (12 % of world population) live below poverty line



270 million, mostly rural, lack food security



78% is not suitable for growing crops



Mountains have significant potential: e.g

- **provide freshwater to half of the world's population**
- **provide a wide range of other goods and services**

World Society Commitment: The Millennium Development Goals

MDG 1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger

- Reduce by half the proportion of people living on less than a dollar a day and of people who suffer from hunger

MDG 7. Ensure environmental sustainability

- Integrate the principles of sustainable development into **country policies** and programme

MDG 8. Creating a global partnership for development

Challenges For Mountain Agriculture



International developments affect agriculture more than ever



Mountain regions face similar **obstacles** but offer also **potentials**



The **need for sustainability** is acute in mountain regions, encompassing **economic, social** and **environmental** aspects

The Adelboden Conference

International Conference on Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development - June, 2002 in Adelboden, Switzerland



Organized in close cooperation with FAO



Adopted by consensus the **Adelboden Declaration** on SARD Mountains



Established an “**Adelboden Group**” on SARD in mountains

The Adelboden Group

Specificity: a global multistakeholder group



Governments or regional groups all over the world



Civil society: Euromontana, Major Groups of farmers, NGO's, women, workers and trade unions, PASOLAC, Plan Bleu,...



International organizations: CIHEAM, CIP, FAO, ICARDA, ICIMOD, IFAD, ILO, UNEP, ...



Other partners: Mountain Forum, Mountain Partnership, Carpathian Convention...

A Framework for Future Major Issues



Improve policies

- Response to the specific needs of mountain regions
- Coherence among all types of policies



Improve institutions

- Decentralisation
- Participatory process
- Community-driven approaches



Promote participation of private sector

Means of Actions



A platform for discussion of policies and policy instruments



Exchange of experience



Preparation of initiatives

A major example: contribution to formulation and implementation of FAO SARD-M Project

Communication



Communication is an **essential feature** of the “Adelboden process”



Journalists have a major responsibility to:

- **raise awareness** on SARD and Mountains
- contribute to the **dissemination** of Adelboden Group and SARD-M Project outputs

We rely on you to reach out all groups of society!



The SARD-M Project



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A Call for New Policy Packages



Multi-stakeholder & Participatory Process

1st Adelboden Group Bureau Meeting
Rome, Dec. 2005

First Steering Committee Meeting
Rome, Feb. 2005

2nd Adelboden Group Meeting
Rome, Oct. 2004

1st Adelboden Group Meeting
Rome, Sept. 2003

Multi-stakeholder brainstorming
Rome, June 2003

SARD-M Conference
Adelboden, June 2002

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The Project Addresses Policy Issues and Bolsters Institutions



Strengthening mountain populations' livelihoods with improved policies for sustainable agriculture and rural development

Making SARD Operational

Three Interlinked Priorities



Analysis of existing mountain relevant policies - **P1**

- assessment of the **strengths and weaknesses** of relevant existing mountain policies for SARD



Strengthening of local institutions - **P2**

- capacity building and governance



Analysis of mountain externalities - **P3**

- comparative analysis of **positive & negative** mountain externalities

A Network of Regional Focal Points



- **PASOLAC** in Central America - Carlos Perez
- **CIHEAM-IAM Bari** in collaboration with Plan Bleu in the **Mediterranean Basin** - Lamberto Lamberti
- **EUROMONTANA** in Europe - Kristiina Urpalainen
- **ICIMOD** in Hindu Kush Himalaya - Pema Gyamtsho
- **GMF/CIP** in collaboration with CONDESAN in **South America** - Peter Trutmann

Project Specificities



An integrated cross sectoral vision



Building on existing structures, networks, projects and programmes



A multi-stakeholder approach



A participatory process



Action-oriented



Practical outputs

P1. Analysis of Existing Policies

On-going Activities



Collection of policy-related documentation, design and development of a database



Country assessments in 5 regions, including institutional aspects



Workshops at regional level

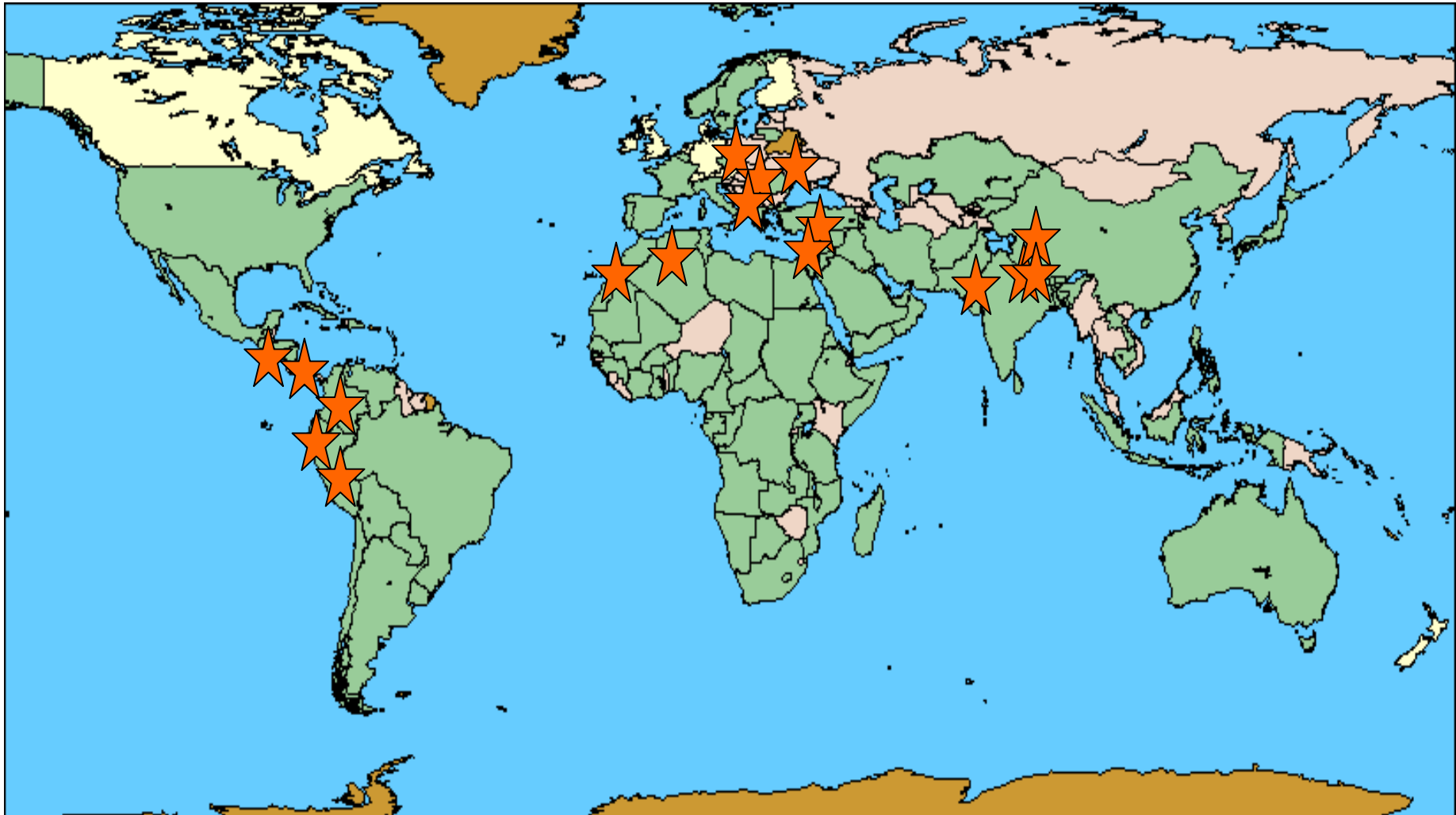
- Carpathian region (24 – 26 October) and Central America (November)



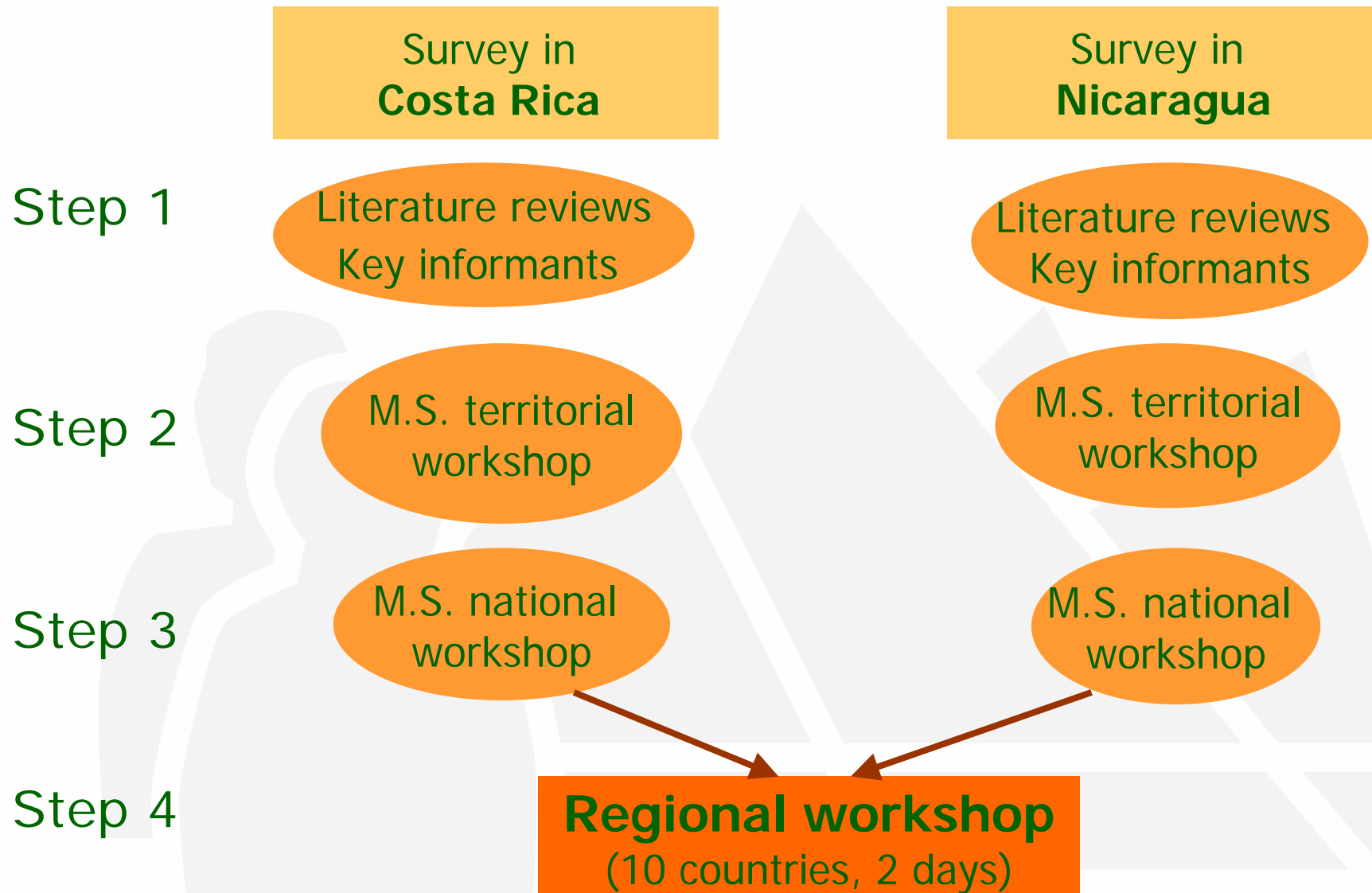
Case study at the national level

- PNTD approach in Peru (Huancavelica) with CEPES

On-going Country Assessments



Country Assessment in Central America



P3. Analysis of Mountain Externalities *On-going Activities*



EUROMONTANA's Seminar on positive externalities (Scotland, 10 – 11 November)



Roles of Agriculture Project (FAO/ESAC) in Morocco on environmental services



PASOLAC national and regional seminars in Central America (limited review)

Communication and Networking



Communication

- produce, disseminate **information**; run two-way website



Coordination and Networking

- maintenance of **data base** on organisations
- identification and research of new partners

Information Sheets on Activities

Activities in Central America

PASOLAC (Programa para la Agricultura Sostenible en Laderas de América Central)

Overall objective: To contribute to socio-economic development at the local, national and regional level by promoting sustainable agriculture in the hills of Central America.

Promoting sustainable agriculture in the hills of Central America

PASOLAC is a network of more than 50 institutions (public and private sector) including farmer associations, NGOs, municipalities, research centres and national government institutions collaborating to promote sustainable agriculture in the hill areas of Nicaragua, El Salvador and Honduras. Its principal clients are smallholder farmers. Through a fund managed by network members, activities related to technology innovation and transfer, institutional development, capacity-building and policy dialogue are financed in a complementary way. In its fifth phase (2004-2007), the emphasis of the programme lies in the massive scaling-up of its results and the handing over of functions and responsibilities to its partners. PASOLAC is financed by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation and executed by INTERCOOPERATION since 1992 in the above mentioned countries.

Implementing strategies to promote sustainable agriculture in hills

The Programme for Sustainable Agriculture in the Hillside of Central America has implemented different strategies to promote sustainable agriculture, with emphasis on sustainable soil and water management technologies. One of the strategies concerns the implementation of pilot actions of payments for environmental services (PES) at the municipal level, where there exists a clear connection between hillsides and production of water for different uses (domestic use, irrigation, risk reduction, etc.). By means of this focus, the programme tries to ensure the supply of water, both in terms of quantity and quality, to the urban and rural populations demanding hydrological services.

Strengthening SARD-M policies at the national level

PASOLAC, as a Regional Focal Point of the SARD-M Project, facilitates communication, coordination and networking with other partners, while supporting the design and implementation of project activities in Central America. Regional focal points advocate for SARD policies in mountain regions and work closely with relevant entities at the regional and national levels.

- ▲ Assessment of the strengths and weaknesses of mountain policies in the Hindu Kush-Himalaya;
- ▲ Facilitation of information sharing, communication, coordination and networking with other partners, notably with existing national focal points;
- ▲ Mobilisation of potential partners in the project;
- ▲ Fostering of public awareness with regards to the concrete application of SARD mountain policies.

Performing policy assessments in Central America

The development of policies for sustainable development is an **iterative process** that allows for the national and local levels to act in a coordinated and participatory manner to develop coherent policies that balance the economic, social and environmental objectives of sustainable development. Given that SARD is a process that involves **multiple sectors strongly linking agriculture and rural development and actors at all governance levels**, the assessments will pay attention to the opinions of the different components of society at different levels, i.e. national and decentralized levels of government and civil society, including the private sector, and also take into consideration the multi-sectoral nature of SARD.

Within this framework, PASOLAC is performing the following activities to assess the strengths and weaknesses of mountain policies, including social, economic, environmental, legal and institutional aspects, in relation to SARD principles.

- ▲ National-level surveys in Costa Rica, El Salvador and Nicaragua.
- ▲ Realization of one-day national workshops involving different stakeholders (i.e. national governments, decentralized institutions and civil society organizations) in each of the countries surveyed to complete the policy assessments performed and analyze positive and negative externalities of mountain regions.
- ▲ Organisation of a two-day regional workshop in Managua, Nicaragua on 19-20 October 2005 to share the findings of the assessments. Additionally, two other subjects will be discussed during this workshop: the current needs to strengthen local institutions promoting sustainable agriculture and rural development in the hillsides of Central America, and approaches to deepen the analysis of positive and negative externalities of hillsides areas. The participants of the regional workshop will be selected during the national workshops. Different participants mostly from governments and civil society are expected from Venezuela, Colombia, Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Panama, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, El Salvador, FAO Regional Office in Chile, PASOLAC and the SARD-M Team.
- ▲ Production of a document with the results of the surveys and contributions from stakeholders collected during the different workshops.

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Strengthening mountain populations' livelihoods with improved policies for sustainable agriculture and rural development

Project Rationales and Beneficiaries

Physically isolated, socially and politically marginalized, mountain populations are among the most vulnerable in the world. However, specific policies, legislation and institutions can play a vital role in promoting food security, rural livelihoods and sustainable development in these regions.

[\[more...\]](#)



Interviews with Regional Focal Points (produced by FAO Information Division)

- ICIMOD - Pema Gyamtsho (in English)
- GMP-CIP-CONDESAN - Peter Trutmann (in English)
- PASOLAC - Carlos Perez (in English)
- PASOLAC - Carlos Perez (in Spanish)

More interviews...

➤ [Communication materials](#)

[Databases](#)

Latest News

Ongoing Activities section: information on activities by region is now available

Following the meeting of Regional Focal Points and the launching of activities in the regions, the SARD-M project has now created two new entry points in the **Ongoing Activities** section of the website. Information regarding activities in the field can now be found either by geographic region or theme.

[\[more...\]](#)

First Meeting of the Regional Focal Points: Launching of activities in the regions (12-13 May 2005)

This first technical meeting, which took place from 12 to 13 May at FAO, marked the start of activities in the field. The meeting allowed for the exchange of information, experiences and methods for establishing interregional collaboration. The Regional Focal Points also adopted a methodological framework that will be utilized for the evaluation of existing policies for SARD in mountain regions in various regions around the world. [\[more...\]](#)

The SARD-M Project collaborates with:

... Why should **you** support this project ?



It **promotes dialogue** among countries for sustainable development policies in mountains



It supports agriculture and rural livelihoods with new opportunities, **building on potential**



It strengthens **capacities, policies and institutions** for sustainability



It serves **marginalized and food insecure** populations



It preserves **ecosystems and strategic resources**, e.g. water



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