



CiVi.net Newsletter

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Case study visits report available

The report of first case study visits has been made available on the Civinet website. This report provides detailed information about the aim(s) of the first case study visits and summarizes the visits and performed activities in each case study region. These case study visits were held by researchers of our project between January to February 2012.

Among others, the report provides information about the local teams that accompanied our 7 researchers during their field visits, as well as a description of each case study region, the main environmental problems encountered by local communities and respective developed solutions. The first inventory of the management instruments and governance structures/ models is also given, as well as the results of the main activities such as the participatory movie production and stakeholder workshops. Finally, the report provides an indication of the potential transfer regions and solutions for each case study.

The full report and further information are available [on our website](#).

WP4 and WP5 meet in the Alps



WP4 and WP5 meet in Kufstein

Our research partners from WP4 and WP5, met near Kufstein – Austria, from 2nd to 4th June, 2012. The main purpose of this meeting was to work on the instruments and governance models for each case study region, and plan next steps in the data collection. These inputs were subsequently discussed one week later, during the project board meeting in São Paulo, Brazil.

São Paulo welcomes project partners

From 12th to 14th June, representatives from all project partners met in São Paulo city, Brazil, for the project Board Meeting 2012. The main objective of the meeting was to reflect on the project's first year and to plan its empirical phase.

On the first and second day of the meeting an overview of the work plans of the individual Work Packages (WPs) was presented by the responsible partners, where comparisons were made between actual and planned outputs, adaptations and results.



São Paulo welcomes Project partners

Partners reported on the progress regarding the selection of the original and transfer regions, the work plans and responsibilities as well as the organization of the stakeholder board (selection of representatives) in each case study region. Partners also discussed about the organization of data collection, including data needs and demands for specific WPs. Finally, the project deliverables and general organizational issues regarding the project management were addressed. Before the close of the meeting there was room for the project partners to discuss and clarify the project communication flow and outputs until next Partner Board Meeting.

The third day, was reserved for an excursion in São Paulo city organized by the host partner, FUNDAG. The team visited the rainforest park in Avenida Paulista, had a lunch at Museu de Arte de São Paulo and also visited the Ibirapuera park.

Transfer process has started in the case study regions

Our project is evolving: there is already clarity regarding the successful solution in the original case study region to be replicated as well as an indication of the potentials transfer regions. Thus, the preparation activities for the transfer process have begun.

In the Marujá community, for instance, a participatory process has been developed involving people from different ages from within the community. In the Encostas da Serra Geral case study region, Santa Catarina, two sensibilization and capacitation workshops have been held in the municipality of Santa Rosa de Lima.

Our partners in the case study regions are already establishing the initial contacts with the potential transfer regions. For example, Neotropica, our partner in Costa Rica, has initiated the process of signature of a memorandum of understanding with the stakeholders in the two transfer regions, Puntarenas and Manzanillo.

It is expected that in the near future the project partners and the local stakeholder groups of the four case study regions will start discussing the transfer strategies, including capacity building workshops, trainings and field trips between the case study and the respective transfer regions.



Workshop in St. Rosa de Lima

For more information and pictures on the transfer process in the four case study regions see [this page on our website](#).

Progress in Térraba Sierpe and Golfo Dulce

In the case study in Térraba Sierpe and Golfo Dulce various activities took place, including consultation workshops and contact with the transfer region in the Gulf of Nicoya. In addition, in May the Blue Carbon Program (BCP) was launched in partnership between Fundación Neotrópica (NEO), Volkswagen (VW) and Ford. BCP is a corporate program that seeks an alliance between communities, civil society and private companies.

The main objective of this program is to enable financial sustainability of wetland community conservation efforts in the pacific coastline. Recently, another corporate partner of NEO, Davines an Italian company that produces natural base products for hair care, joined the program



Press conferences of the launch of the BCP with Volkswagen (24-05-12) and Davines (09-08-12).

Process of Transfer of Experiences begins

In February 2012 consultation workshops were conducted in the case study areas, a workshop near Terraba Sierpe National Wetland and another one in the Golfo Dulce. In these workshops communities identified lessons learned and success stories they have had in the participatory processes of mangrove conservation. The members of these communities were determined to share the lessons learned with communities in the transfer area. Also, there was a visit and sharing with a group of fishermen in the transfer area. This group recognized the importance of mangrove conservation and expressed interest in learning from experiences in Terraba Sierpe and Golfo Dulce in order to implement them in their environment.

Gold Standard Conference and Tocantins case study

Ofra Bosma and Tim Schloendorn from ETH (Zürich, Switzerland) had the chance to meet several key stakeholders of the voluntary carbon market on the annual meeting of the Gold Standard on 18th and 19th September in Geneva. The technical team of the Gold Standard expressed interest in the research results and confirmed that the plans for transfer in Tocantins are along the lines of their own development towards a standard for certifying projects in "climate smart agriculture". This was an important first step to gain access to carbon finance for the cattle ranchers in Tocantins. Today, carbon finance only allows to efficiently address energy related deforestation. Therefore participating in the process of shaping the rules of the voluntary market is a necessary step to achieve a successful transfer to projects lowering the impact of increased cattle production.



Meeting with Tocantins State Secretary for the Agriculture, Jaime Café

Interviews in Marujá

From 21st to 25th September, 2012, part of the Civi.net team did a field work trip to Marujá and Cananéia, on the Ilha do Cardoso, in the Southern part of the São Paulo State. The group consisted of Camila Jericó-Daminello, Karla Dilascio and Barbara Schroeter. The overall aim of the trip was to do a variety of interviews with the population of Marujá and functionaries of the Park Administration.

First, the interviews encompassed several themes, such as the impact of AMOMAR and the State Park Legislation (for WP4) and the social structure and property rights in the Park (for WP5). Second, a short questionnaire was used to find out how the people of Marujá perceive their "community". And third, interviews about perspectives of tourism and participation were pretested for future field work.

Finally, the team also participated in the monthly meeting of the park council on Thursday, 25th September, in the Park



Meeting in Marujá

headquarters in Cananéia. The park council is the communication platform of the Park Administration, the communities that live in the park, and other stakeholders.

Five MSc Theses in the CiVi.net project

Ofra Bosma and Vassilca Jeremias, two students from Wageningen University (The Netherlands) and former interns of the Civi.net project in the Leibniz Centre for Agricultural Landscape Research (ZALF), recently obtained their Master degree in Environmental Sciences. The field work for their thesis research was in two case study regions of the CiVi.net project, namely Ilha do Bananal, Tocantins, and Encostas da Serra Geral, Santa Catarina. Ofra focused her research on including deforestation drivers within REDD (reducing emissions from deforestation and degradation) project boundaries in Tocantins, Brazil by combining REDD with sustainable cattle intensification” and Vassilca in turn, investigated the “success factors and constrains of community based ecosystem management” with focus on a small rural community located in Santa Catarina.



Meet our 5 Msc. Students: Ofra (graduated), Karla, Lucas, Camila and Vassilca (graduated)

Three other Master Theses related to CiVi.net are currently being prepared, namely by Camila Jericó-Daminello, Karla Dilascio and Lucas Lima our partners from FUNDAG, the three of them focused in the Marujá case study region.

More info

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