





Protecting forests, protecting fish: Are there common lessons for protecting resources and resource-based livelihoods?

Dr. Elizabeth Robinson, University of Reading and Environment for Development Tanzania

May 28, 2012

© University of Reading 2008

www.reading.ac.uk

Clear differences between the two resources

- Fish move
- Trees don't
 - Has implications for the management of these two resources
- But...
 - Though we found differences
 - We also identified commonalities in the management of forests and marine protected areas
- => Are there common lessons to be learned?



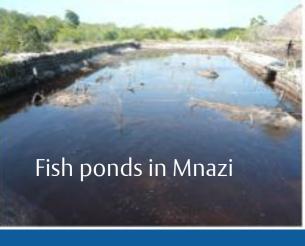
University of **Reading**





Equity: Introduced livelihood projects typically benefit only a few

- But access restrictions tend to harm most of the population
 - Does this cause conflict
 - Is it possible to ensure benefits reach most of those who are harmed?
- REDD in Kilosa includes equal payments to each household in village
 - All get some reparations for reduced access to forests
 - But only possible with cash for carbon
 - =>Does successful implementation require more equitable distribution of costs and benefits?



University of Reading



Initiatives to protect resources and livelihoods remain elusive



- Livelihood activities that are directly linked to protection of the resource are most likely to meet this dual aim
- Easier for forest protection?
 - Bee hives provide incentive to maintain/improve forest quality
- MPA livelihood projects often have little connection to fisher livelihoods
 - Fish ponds often adopted by those not most dependent on fishing

=> How can incentives be better aligned?



Insiders and outsiders respond differently to social pressure



- "Outsiders" extract resources in protected areas but do not benefit from projects nor are subject to social pressure
 - Timber and charcoal producers
 - Fishermen from outside the MPA
- "Insiders" often most affected by protected area but can access projects and respond to community pressures
- => Enforcement of regulations may require different approaches for insiders and outsiders (and different user groups)





Local enforcement efforts have multiple benefits



- "Insider" engagement in enforcement efforts, "local enforcement", can supplement official enforcement
- But typically local people need to be empowered
 - e.g. legalising the collection of some forest products can empower villagers to protect against outsiders
- Differential punishments for insiders and outsiders
 - But we rarely see this in practice

=> Do current regulations allow this?



Park revenues often go to central fund rather than specific MPA/ forest community



- Local villagers and local resource managers have little incentive to increase revenues if their direct share is small
- => Can the direct link between effort and reward be increased?







Location matters

- The location of livelihood projects and spatial patterns of patrols can be strategic
- Encourages synergies
 - Locate bee hives to encourage local enforcement against charcoal producers
- Maximises returns to limited funds
 - Patrol "triage"
 - Only patrol where most effective
 - Some areas patrols not needed, others patrols never effective







In summary

- Rarely sufficient funds to achieve double objectives
 - Protecting livelihoods and protecting resources
- Therefore a need to be strategic and pragmatic rather than dogmatic
 - Link "carrots" and "sticks"
 - Differentiate between insiders and outsiders
 - Manipulate locations









Asanteni Sana