In 2001, the Institutions and Governance Program at World Resources Institute launched a comparative policy research project on the structure and outcomes of natural resource decentralizations. The project was entitled: Accountability, Decentralization and the Environment: Local Democracy and Natural Resources in Sub-Saharan Africa.* The publication, Waiting for Democracy: The Politics of Choice in Natural Resource Decentralization, provides a synthesis of the findings for this project.

The initial project included cases in Mali, Cameroon, Uganda, Zimbabwe, and South Africa. Comparative cases were also later included from Mozambique, Tanzania, and Senegal. Based on a meeting the project held at Bellagio in 2002, the project was able to include cases from Latin America: Nicaragua, Bolivia, Brazil, and Mexico; and from Asia: China, Mongolia, India, Indonesia, and Nepal.

Following is a list of publications that derive directly from the preparation and research conducted under this initiative. The list also includes publications coming out of the next generation of research on decentralization and the environment under two new initiatives "Institutional Choice and Recognition in Democratic Decentralization" and "Commodity Chain Analysis as a policy Tool.** The first initiative is deepening our understanding of representation in decentralization reforms and the second is exploring the distribution of economic benefits that follow from natural resource decentralization initiatives. The publications below include publications by WRI and by our research partners from all of our decentralization research efforts.

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• Bandiaky, Solange. “Gender Inequality in Malidino Biodiversity Reserve, Senegal: Political Parties and the ‘Village Approach.’”
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   • Namara, Agrippinah. “From Paternalism to Real Partnership with Local Communities? Experiences from Bwindi Impenetrable National Park (Uganda).”
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• Resosudarmo, Ida Aju Pradnja. “Closer to People and Trees: Will Decentralisation Work for the People and the Forests of Indonesia?”
• Mearns, Robin. “Decentralisation, Rural Livelihoods and Pasture-Land Management in Post-Socialist Mongolia.”
• Xu, Jianchu and J.C. Ribot. “Decentralization and Accountability in Forest Management: Case From Yunnan, Southwest China.”
• Manor, James. “User Communities: A Potentially Damaging Second Wave of Decentralization?”
• Meyen, Wicky and Martin Doornbos. “Decentralising Natural Resources Management: A Recipe for Sustainability and Equity?”

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NEW: WORKING PAPER #36. Authority over Forests: Negotiating Democratic Decentralization in Senegal. Jesse Ribot. January 2008. [Note: This working paper is accompanied by four videos listed under Films and Videos, below. These are: Film on Vimeo English; Film on Vimeo French; Dialogue about film on Vimeo; and a talk about the case on Vimeo.]


Journal and Other Publications from the WRI Program


**Film and Video**

**NEW:** “Weex Dunx and the Quota: Plucking Local Democracy in Senegal,” A film by Jesse C. Ribot, (Twenty-four minute video—Wolof with English and French subtitles)

*Synopsis:* Mr. Weex Dunx (Mr. Scapegoat), the elected President of the Rural Council of Nambaradougou (Place of many problems), is ecstatic to learn that new decentralization laws have given his council the right to manage and use forests. The council now has the right to decide how much woodcutting will take place in their jurisdiction and who gets to do the cutting and selling. But, when Weex Dunx tries to exercise his new powers he is confronted by incredulous foresters, administrators and merchants who are in shock that he thinks he can make decisions about the forests. Exasperated because these powerful notables don’t like him if he resists and his people don’t like him if he gives in, Weex Dunx is torn between doing what is right for his community and surrendering to pressures from powerful people whom he does not want to disappoint. *Copies on DVD or CD can be provided on request.* [The research for this film is presented in WORKING PAPER #36 listed above.] Please visit the WRI web page to view the film.
The film can also be viewed via Vimeo (English and French) and YouTube (English and French). A discussion of this film with the author can be viewed under the next item below, “The Scapegoat’s Tale.”

NEW: “The Scapegoat’s Tale: Decentralizing Democracy in Africa,” Television Interview with Jesse C. Ribot on Dialogue, a television program produced by George Liston Seay at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. The program is a discussion of the film “Weex Dunx and the Quota: Plucking Local Democracy in Senegal,” above. [Also see accompanying working paper WORKING PAPER #36.] The program can be viewed on line via Vimeo or the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars site.

NEW: “Distributional Equity in Forest Exploitation: Double Standards on an Uneven Playing Field,” Keynote Speech by Jesse C. Ribot for the Seminar on the economic social and ecological importance of the world’s tropical forests and the challenges facing them Forest and Landscape Institute, University of Copenhagen 5/08. [Also see accompanying working paper WORKING PAPER #36.] The talk can be viewed on line via Vimeo.

NEW: “The Business of Sustainable Development: An African Forest Tale,” A Story for Children and Select Adults by Jesse C. Ribot with Illustrations by Mor Gueye. Please visit YouTube to view. A discussion with the author of this story can be seen on the television program ‘Dialogue’ of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

External links to EPE Work

NEW: Governance and Social Development Resource Centre, UK Dept for International Development

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