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Wageningen University

- Background and expectations for 3A-STEP -

Wageningen University

'To explore the potential of nature to improve the quality of life'



- Around 8000 students
- Traditionally strong focus on agriculture (WAU)
- Nowadays a strong emphasis on other land use functions (landscape, nature conservation, recreation and tourism) as well
- Broad disciplinary basis (*social sciences*, natural sciences)

Department of Environmental Sciences

Chair Group Socio-spatial Analysis

- Landscape, practices and experiences
- Tourism and sustainable development

- Around 10 fte. scientific staff members
- Around 10 PhD students

BSc Tourism program (forthcoming)

- Cooperation with NHTV Professional University
- 3 year program (2 years in Breda; 1 in Wageningen)
- Possible start in 2010

BSc + MSc program Landscape architecture and planning

- Courses on human geography, urban development etc.

MSc Leisure, Tourism and Environment

- 2 year program (1 year in Netherlands)
- 30+ students per year (50% Dutch; 50% non-Dutch)
- Students from Rwanda, Kenya, Tanzania, Ethiopia, SA, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Ghana
- Strong focus on sustainable tourism development
- 30+ MSc -thesis and internship research projects per year

PhD program (tourism related)

- 2 PhD-students from MOI University
- Wilber Ahebwa from Makerere University
- John Hummel from SNV Development Organization
- 3 NHTV staff members
- New PhDs in 2009 and 2010

- Very competitive Dutch system of scholarships/external funding

Scientific research

- PhD's
- Research program + output (on average 2 to 3 peer reviewed publications per fte.)
- Critical turn in tourism studies (Irena Ateljevic)
- Research agenda on tourism, nature conservation and poverty alleviation



Research agenda on tourism, nature conservation and poverty alleviation

1. Cooperation with IUCN-NL, WWF-NL, Cordaid and KLM (5 years)
2. Cooperation with SNV Netherlands Development Organization
3. Ongoing application for research funding (Research Council etc.)

Focus on Africa

1. 8 years of cooperation with Moi University
2. Atlas Africa (5 conferences; next 2009 in Botswana)
3. AWF training 2007-2008
4. Delphe + Edulink

Applied research

- Increasing number of international projects
 - Coordinated by René Henkens
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- Costa Rica: 5 different projects in 1998 – 2003
 - Croatia: socio-economic transformations and sustainable tourism development (3 projects)
 - Nepal/Mongolia/China: tailor made training projects





Education

What do we expect to gain from the project?

- educational materials/modules for the new BSc-program with NHTV focussing on:
 - Tourism and poverty alleviation;
 - Tourism and nature conservation.
- input for tailor made trainings (with MSM in the Netherlands and trainings in various other countries)



Research

What do we expect to gain from the project?

- Cooperation with other 9 universities
- An *active* research network which also *works* after 2011;
- Joint development of PhD-proposals;
- Joint development and submission of research proposals to other donors;
- Joint scientific publications; a 3A-STEP book in 2011???



Young Leaders

What do we expect to gain from the project?

- Possible PhD candidates
- Research output (publications!!)

Project Management Wageningen University

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Thank you for listening!

Any questions?