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ABSTRACT

Research, training, and capacity building are needed to develop the highly competent individuals and institutions needed to manage programs of biodiversity conservation. Conservationists will need to deal with the fundamental social and economic changes that will continue to challenge the world in the coming centuries. Many countries are relying on indigenous communities to manage and protect biodiversity. This is clearly a welcome development but as Gadgil et al. (1993) noted, the opportunity to make indigenous peoples responsible for biodiversity is not a panacea. Agrawal and Gibson (1999) pointed out that as human populations are growing and people are becoming more connected to market economies, indigenous peoples also aspire to the economic benefits of development, and integration of Peoples, Cultures, and Communities studies to find and suggest new approaches to solve problems in development and integration.

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