



# POLICY & PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (PPD)

**T**he focus of the Policy and Partnership Development programme is on developing policy, supporting advocacy, and strengthening partnerships in mountain development. This programme is divided into two areas: Policy Development and Advocacy Support and Partnership Development.

Arabian Sea

 River Basin Boundary  
 HKH Region Boundary



Pema Gyamsho

MoU signed between the Royal Government of Bhutan and ICIMOD

Myanmar

Salween  
River  
Basin

Mekong  
River Basin

Bay of Bengal

## Policy Development and Advocacy Support

A Policy and Partnership Development Unit was formally created by ICIMOD in September 2003. It will focus on developing a strategy to support countries in the formulation and promotion of relevant and enabling mountain policies for sustainable use and conservation of natural resources. Priority areas of regional relevance are being identified through consultation with partners for the pilot testing of policy development and advocacy in natural resource management. A review of key policy issues and gaps has been initiated. Advocacy work for co-management of rangelands is being pursued in Bhutan, China, India, Pakistan, and Nepal. Experiences from the pilot sites will be used to develop a policy document for sustainable multiple use and participatory management of rangelands.

## Partnership Development

The partnership development initiative aims to strengthen partnerships with ICIMOD's collaborating agencies across the region through selective and strategic choice of partners so that innovations introduced through ICIMOD's programmes have a wider reach and impact. Concerted efforts will be made to strengthen existing partnerships and develop new strategic partners. Together with the country focal points appointed at ICIMOD, framework agreements with national and state-level governments (whichever is appropriate) will be drawn up so that ICIMOD's involvement receives formal sanctions and enables more effective implementation of its activities with its partners. Similarly, implementation arrangements between ICIMOD and key partners will be effected to bring about greater visibility and accountability among the partners. During the year, standard memorandums of understanding at the country and partner level were developed and used as reference for developing specific memorandums of understanding with countries/states and partner agencies. The initiative is co-financed by GTZ .



ICIMOD's rangeland staff discussing rangeland management issues with local government officials and scientists from Hongyuan county of Sichuan Province, China

Rangeland Team

## **Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs)/Agreements Signed in 2003**

- 28 Jan '03, **Bee Development Section, Department of Agriculture, HMG/Nepal**  
To implement jointly activities of the beekeeping programme on a long-term basis
- March '03, **Ministry of Population and Environment/HMG Nepal, Department of Hydrology and Meteorology/HMG Nepal, Institute of Agriculture and Animal Science Rampur, Chitwan, in partnership with UNEP Regional Resource Centre, Asia and Pacific (UNEP,RRC.AP), Bangkok**  
To implement the Male Declaration Phase II
- 2 May '03, **Surya Social Service Society, Jumla, Nepal**  
To implement jointly activities of the beekeeping programme on a long-term basis in Jumla, Nepal
- 19 May '03, **SNV/Nepal, Nepal**  
To carry out a joint study of socioeconomic indicators of development
- 30 May '03, **GWP-South Asian Regional Water Partnership, Bangladesh**  
To promote data and information sharing in the water sector and to build the capacity of various organisations in the region in water resources' data management
- 2 July '03, **Apiculturists' Network - Nepal**  
To implement jointly activities of the beekeeping programme on a long-term basis
- 18 June '03, **Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bhutan**  
Collaboration during ICIMOD's Medium Term Action Plan (2003-2007)
- 5 Aug '03, **Sichuan Grassland Institute, China**  
Collaboration on the Regional Rangeland Programme - Phase II
- 5 June '03, **Intermediate Technology Development Group, Nepal**  
Feasibility study of a gravity ropeway in Dhading District
- 16 June '03, **Asia - Pacific Network for Global Change Research (APN), Japan**  
Inventory of Glacial Lakes and the Identification of Potential Glacial Lake Outburst Floods (GLOFs) affected by global warming in the mountains of the Himalayan Region; areas covered are basins within India, Pakistan and China/Tibet Autonomous Region
- 26 June '03, **Himal Association, Nepal**  
To prepare four films on Mountain Culture and Natural Resources
- 27 June '03, **ForestAction Group, Nepal**  
Publication of case studies on management of common property resources
- 27 June '03, **global change SysTEM for Analysis, Research and Training (START), USA**  
Inventory of Glacial Lakes and the Identification of Potential Glacial Lake Outburst Floods (GLOFs) affected by global warming in the mountains of the Himalayan Region; areas covered are basins within India, Pakistan, and China/Tibet Autonomous Region
- 10 July '03, **Department of Energy, Bhutan**  
National Consultation on regional flood information system
- 11 Oct '03, **Tibet Academy of Agriculture and Animal Husbandary Sciences, China**  
Review, edit, and publish the GIS manuals in Chinese
- 15 Oct '03, **Bangladesh Water Development Board/Danish Hydraulic Institute, Bangladesh**  
National Consultation on regional flood information systems
- 12 Nov '03, **Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, Afghanistan**  
Documentation on the status of rangeland management in Afghanistan
- 21 Nov '03, **South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and the Environment, Nepal**  
Advocacy campaign on the issue of farmers' rights at the international level
- 28 Nov '03, **Forum for Women on Trade, Economics & the Environment, Nepal**  
Documentation of existing policies, legislation, customary practices, and formal acts on property rights governing the lives of indigenous mountain people and women in the HKH
- 23 Dec '03, **Worldlink Technologies, Nepal**  
Prepare an operational prototype of the Knowledge Inventory