

Social Issues in Management of Steeplands. (A06-flora105022-Oral)

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Abstract:

Agroecosystems both determine and are determined by human activity
Steeplands agroecosystems both determine and are determined by culture
Different value chains and intra and intercommunity linkages help determine the economic social and ecological sustainability of steepland agroecosystems
The emergence of different value chains often determined by international linkages aimed at short term profit maximization can deeply disrupt sustainable cultural practices and the social institutions that supported them
Institutions which reflect markets, policies, and organizations support those new ecosystems in place despite evidence of growing financial social and environmental costs
The presentation analyzes different Farm Community Entrepreneurial Partnerships that accompany agroecosystem change
Examples as given of steepland agroecosystems and their cultural bases and shifts from the Philippines Ecuador Vietnam and Peru
Steepland systems that grow crops and livestock for local possessors and markets appear to reduce social economic and environmental risk and be more resilient over time
Yet the pressures to move to more monoculture less diverse systems through international value chains degrades all aspects of those agroecosystems over time

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