



Environment & Natural Resources



“Understanding the political drivers of Natural Resource Governance is critical to delivering environmental protection and sustainable inclusive development”

Our commitment

Over a billion people depend on forests for their livelihoods, a billion or more lack access to clean water, and over 700 million live in ecologically fragile environments. Forest degradation and deforestation causes 20-25% of global carbon emissions. The **equitable and sustainable use of natural resources (NR)** is essential for pro-poor growth and the safeguarding of public goods. Emerging ‘green’ policies, including those related to the climate change agenda, provide an opportunity to support sustainable and equitable growth but their implementation must learn from past experiences and be supported by an enabling policy and institutional environment.

The way we work

theIDLgroup believes that **unlocking the potential of environmental wealth is critical both to maintaining local and global ecosystem services, and achieving equitable development**. The group work from the micro to macro level to link international best practice and policy to local knowledge and governance systems.

At the **micro-level** we use participatory research methods and field-based livelihood assessments to improve existing policies and inform new ones. At the **meso-level** we develop approaches and frameworks to create functional relationships between governance and the environment, and at the **macro-level** we support the efforts of national governments and international agencies to develop pro-poor environmental policies and programmes. We have over 15 years experience, especially in forestry, biodiversity, land, non-renewable resources, wetlands, marine coastal environments and agriculture.

Clients

Our clients include international development agencies, NGOs, developing country governments and community development agencies. Our consultants provide technical inputs across a broad range of environmental and natural resource issues.

Our core competencies include:

- **Natural Resource governance** analysis, including NR conflict resolution
- **Supporting environmental policy processes**, including FLEGT (Forest Law Enforcement and Governance and Trade), the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative, and REDD+
- **Facilitation of institutional reform processes** in the Natural Resource and environment sectors
- **Livelihood analysis**
- **Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEA)**
- **Design of country biodiversity conservation and sustainable forest resource use programmes**
- **Development of climate change strategies** and assessments for mitigation and adaptation

SELECTED EXPERIENCE

Environmental Policy and Institutional Reform

- Long term support to the development of **FLEGT Voluntary Partnership Agreements** in Ghana and Liberia.
- **Capacity needs assessments** for environmental agencies (Sierra Leone, Ghana, and China)
- Development of a **Letter of Environmental Policy Ghana**

Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation

- Development of a **National Adaptation Plans of Action** – including Timor Leste
- Development of **REDD+ Readiness Preparation Proposals** – including Ghana
- **Support to stakeholder engagement in REDD+ development** in the Greater Mekong Sub-region

Biodiversity Conservation

- **Protected areas and biodiversity conservation management** in Vietnam (14 national parks, marine protected areas and reserves)
- **Wetlands Management** in Malaysia and China

Strategic Assessments and Evaluations

- **Strategic Environment Assessments** of the Kenya Forest Act and Vietnam Forestry Law
- **Country Environmental Assessments** including Ghana’s Country Environment Analysis
- **Validation of the Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative** in Ghana, Nigeria and Cameroon
- **Review of livelihood opportunities** for coastal communities in the Western Indian Ocean



Our staff consultants include:

VICTORIA WIAFE is a natural resource and environment consultant based in *theIDLgroup's* West Africa office in Accra. She has broad experience in environmental and natural resource governance, and civil society strengthening. Her recent experiences includes validation of Ghana's progress in the Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative, supporting Ghana's development of their REDD+ Readiness plan and a civil society feasibility study for the European Union. Victoria is currently providing M&E services to Global Witness' forest transparency programmes in Liberia, Ghana and Cameroon.

CLARE BROGAN combines strong analytical and management skills with experience in institutional analysis and capacity building in environment and natural resource sectors. Her experience includes poverty and environment links, and approaches to implementing environmental policies for more effective and equitable use of natural resource wealth for poverty reduction and economic growth. Clare has particular experience in supporting multi-stakeholder processes linked to trade, investment and environmentally sustainable development. She is currently advising on FLEGT processes in West Africa, and is also interim coordinator for the Congo Basin Forest Fund (CBFF) for the African Development Bank.

PHIL COWLING is a specialist in natural resource governance with a particular interest in policy linkages between local national and international initiatives and the groups involved in developing these initiatives. He manages *theIDLgroup's* role as a validator within the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative and is providing long term monitoring and evaluation support to Global Witness' 'Making the Forest Sector Transparent' Programme. Phil has supported the development of National REDD+ strategies in Ghana, Cambodia, Laos and Thailand and has been engaged in reviews of global livelihood support programmes and aid effectiveness evaluations. .

RICHARD RASTALL is an environment and natural resource specialist focusing on community-based systems of conservation and natural resource management. Recent assignments have involved Richard in the design of monitoring systems for, and evaluation of, disaster risk reduction projects influenced by climate change adaptation and mitigation, as well the strengthen of civil society for greater social inclusion in natural resource management. Richard is based in Vietnam and has conducted a strategic assessment of the Vietnam Forestry Law and has provided input into the development of new legislation benefit sharing within the Forest sector. Richard has a working knowledge of French, and can speak Vietnamese.

CLAIRE IRELAND is an environment and development specialist with strong analytical, policy influencing and facilitation skills. Claire has a broad range of experience in the environment and natural resource sector, including Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEA) and sector wide agricultural approaches. Linking local and global environmental perspectives to poverty reduction processes is fundamental to her approach. She has designed, reviewed and evaluated livelihood and donor programmes. She is currently working with AusAid's climate change team in Canberra.

DAPHNE HEWITT is a forester specializing in public-private partnerships, small and medium enterprise development, supply chain risk assessment, and certification. She is providing advisory support to the EU Delegations in Ghana and Liberia on the development of national legality assurance systems within their VPA processes. Prior to joining *theIDLgroup* Daphne was a senior project manager with the Rainforest Alliance, designing and implementing REDD+, community forest management and value chain projects in Latin America and West Africa. Daphne has strong research and evaluation skills, and is an experienced facilitator working in both English and Spanish.

TERRY GREEN is institutional development specialist, who has advised governments worldwide on the design and management of their reform programmes. He has a track record in governance and economic reform implementation including: programme design and evaluation, country environment analysis, environmental policy and governance, regulation of illegal trade in natural resources, institutional reform, civil society and parliamentary support in the environment, forestry, and agriculture sectors. He has over 25 years experience in developing and transition economies, in Africa, the Middle East, South Asia, and Central Europe.

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KEY SKILLS AND EXPERTISE

- Interim Advisers & Programme Managers
- Training, retreats & strategy workshops
- Programme Design, Monitoring and Evaluation
- Research & strategic analyses
- Facilitation, Consultations & Process Support

