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| Region: | Africa - south of Sahara, South Asia | | |
| Country: | India, West Africa | | |
| Ecosystem Type: | arid and/or semi-arid | | |
| Social Characteristics: | indigenous community, remote community | | |
| Scale of Study: | household, community | | |
| Resource Type: | other (common pool resources) | | |
| Type of Initiative: | research-driven project | | |
| Community Based Work: | Indigenous knowledge / traditional ecological knowledge, resource management | | |
| Keywords: | India, West Africa, poverty, common property resources, indigenous resource management | | |
| Summary: | This article examines the relation between poor women and men and common property resources (cprs). It locates poor people's use of cprs within a wider focus on sustainable livelihoods, which argues that | | |

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| | <p>development initiatives need to build on people's assets and strengths, and identifies cprs as a crucial element of poor people's coping and adaptive strategies. The article considers evidence from India and West Africa with a particular focus on poverty reduction, equity, gender and management issues. Development agencies and governments which have re-focused their attention on poverty in recent years will ®nd that cprs provide an entry point to understanding poor people's perceptions of poverty and for building on their capacities</p> |
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