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In 2001, the Institutions and Governance Program at World Resources Institute launched a comparative policy research project on the structure and outcomes of natural resource decentralizations. The project was entitled: **Accountability, Decentralization and the Environment: Local Democracy and Natural Resources in Sub-Saharan Africa.**\* The publication, *Waiting for Democracy: The Politics of Choice in Natural Resource Decentralization*, provides a synthesis of the findings for this project.

The initial project included cases in Mali, Cameroon, Uganda, Zimbabwe, and South Africa. Comparative cases were also later included from Mozambique, Tanzania, and Senegal. Based on a meeting the project held at Bellagio in 2002, the project was able to include cases from Latin America: Nicaragua, Bolivia, Brazil, and Mexico; and from Asia: China, Mongolia, India, Indonesia, and Nepal.

Following is a list of publications that derive directly from the preparation and research conducted under this initiative. The list also includes publications coming out of the next generation of research on decentralization and the environment under two new initiatives "Institutional Choice and Recognition in Democratic Decentralization" and "Commodity Chain Analysis as a policy Tool."\*\* The first initiative is deepening our understanding of representation in decentralization reforms and the second is exploring the distribution of economic benefits that follow from natural resource decentralization initiatives. The publications below include publications by WRI and by our research partners from all of our decentralization research efforts.

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**'NEW'**

### WRI Research Reports & Briefs

- Soon to be **NEW**: Ribot, Jesse C. Forthcoming. *Democracy Effects of Natural Resource Interventions: Institutional Choices and Responsibilities*. Washington, D.C.: World Resources Institute.
- Soon to be **NEW**: Veit, Peter G. 2008. *On Whose Behalf: Legislative Representation and the Environment in Africa*. Washington, D.C.: World Resources Institute Research Report.
- **NEW**: Veit, Peter G., R. Nshala, M. Odhiambo, and J. Manyindo. 2008. [Protected Areas and Property Rights: Democratizing Eminent Domain in East Africa](#). Washington, D.C.: World Resources Institute Policy Brief.
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### Edited Journal Special Issues and Volumes

1. **NEW**: Ribot, J.C., Ashwini Chhatre, and Tomila V. Lankina (eds.). [Special Issue](#), *Conservation and Society*. Vol. 6, No. 1, 2008.  
The articles include:
  - Ribot, J.C., Ashwini Chhatre, and Tomila V. Lankina. Introduction: "The Politics of Choice and Recognition in Democratic Decentralization."
  - Chhatre, Ashwini. "Political Articulation and Accountability in Decentralization: Theory and Evidence from India."
  - Lankina, Tomila. "'Fragmented Belonging' on Russia's Forested Western Frontier."
  - Larson, Anne. "Indigenous Peoples, Representation and Citizenship in Guatemalan Forestry."

- Mongbo, Roch. "State Building and Local Democracy in Benin: Two Cases of Decentralized Forest Management."
  - Bandiaky, Solange. "Gender Inequality in Malidino Biodiversity Reserve, Senegal: Political Parties and the 'Village Approach.'"
  - Hara, Mafaniso. "Dilemmas of Democratic Decentralization in Mangochi District, Malawi: Interest and Mistrust in Fisheries Management."
  - Spierenburg, M., Conrad Steenkamp, and Harry Wels. "Enclosing the Local for the Global Commons: Community Land Rights in the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Conservation Area."
2. **NEW:** Ribot, J.C. and Oyono, Phil Rene (eds.). Special Issue, *Africa Development*, Vol. XXXI, No. 1, 2006.
- The articles include:
- Ribot, J.C. and Phil René Oyono. "Introduction: Decentralisation and Livelihoods in Africa."
  - Bazaara, Nyangabyaki. "Subjecting Nature to Central Authority: The Struggle over Public Goods in the Formation of Citizenship."
  - Namara, Agrippinah. "From Paternalism to Real Partnership with Local Communities? Experiences from Bwindi Impenetrable National Park (Uganda)."
  - Frank Muhereza. "Decentralising Natural Resource Management and the Politics of Institutional Resource Management in Uganda's Forest Sub-Sector."
  - Mandoondo, Alois and Witness Kozanayi. "A Demand-driven Model of Decentralised Land-use Planning and Natural Resource Management: Experiences from the Chiredzi District of Zimbabwe."
  - Mapedza, Everisto. "Compromised Co-management, Compromised Outcomes: Experiences from a Zimbabwean Forest."
  - Oyono, Phil René and Samuel Efoa. "Qui représente qui ? Choix organisationnels, identités sociales et formation d'une élite forestière au Cameroun."
  - Oyono, Phil René and Francis Lelo Nzuzi. "Au sortir d'une longue « nuit » institutionnelle, nouvelles transactions entre les politiques forestières et les sociétés rurales en RD Congo post-conflit."
  - Kassibo, Bréhima. "Approches participatives et gestion décentralisée de la Forêt du Samori dans la Commune de Baye, Région de Mopti (Mali)."
  - Feyissa, Dereje. "Decentralisation as Ethnic Closure, with Special Reference to a Declining Negotiated Access to Natural Resources in Western Ethiopia."
3. Ribot, J.C. and Anne M. Larson (eds.). 2005. *Decentralization of Natural Resources: Experiences in Africa, Asia, and Latin America*. London: Routledge. [This edited volume first appeared as a special issue of the *European Journal of Development Research* (2004, Vol. 16, No.1).]
- The articles include:
- Larson, Anne and J.C. Ribot. "Decentralization through a Natural Resource Lens: An Introduction."
  - Baviskar, Amita. "Between Micro-Politics and Administrative Imperatives: Decentralisation and the Watershed Mission in Madhya Pradesh, India."
  - Cousins, Ben and Thembela Kepe. "Decentralisation when Land and Resources Rights are Deeply Contested: A Case Study of the Mkambati Eco-Tourism Project on the Wild Coast of South Africa."
  - Larson, Anne M. "Formal Decentralisation and the Imperative of Decentralisation 'from Below': A Case Study of Natural Resource Management in Nicaragua."
  - Ntsebeza, Lungisile. "Democratic Decentralisation and Traditional Authority: Dilemmas of Land Administration in Rural South Africa."
  - Pacheo, Pablo. "What Lies behind Decentralisation? Forest, Powers, and Actors in Lowland Bolivia."

- Resosudarmo, Ida Aju Pradnja. “Closer to People and Trees: Will Decentralisation Work for the People and the Forests of Indonesia?”
- Mearns, Robin. “Decentralisation, Rural Livelihoods and Pasture-Land Management in Post-Socialist Mongolia.”
- Xu, Jianchu and J.C. Ribot. “Decentralization and Accountability in Forest Management: Case From Yunnan, Southwest China.”
- Phil René Oyono. “The Social and Organisational Roots of Ecological Uncertainties in Cameroon’s Forest Management Decentralisation Model.”
- Manor, James. “User Communities: A Potentially Damaging Second Wave of Decentralization?”
- Brannstrom, Christian. “Decentralising Water Resource Management in Brazil”
- Meyen, Wicky and Martin Doornbos. “Decentralising Natural Resources Management: A Recipe for Sustainability and Equity?”

## Representation, Equity and Environment Working Paper Series (formerly ‘Environmental Governance in Africa’ Working Paper Series)

- NEW:** [WORKING PAPER #38](#). Steering Community-Driven Development ? A Desk Study of NRM Choices. Jesse Ribot and Robin Mearns. March 2005 [Working Paper Printing 2008].
- NEW:** [WORKING PAPER #37](#). Analyse de la filière Charbon de Bois au Sénégal : Recommandations. Jesse Ribot. September 2006.
- NEW:** [WORKING PAPER #36FR](#). Non-décentralisation démocratique au Sénégal : Le non-transfert de l'autorité sur les forêts. Jesse Ribot. January 2008.
- NEW:** [WORKING PAPER #36](#). Authority over Forests: Negotiating Democratic Decentralization in Senegal. Jesse Ribot. January 2008. [Note: This working paper is accompanied by four videos listed under Films and Videos, below. These are: [Film on Vimeo English](#); [Film on Vimeo French](#); [Dialogue about film on Vimeo](#); and a [talk about the case on Vimeo](#).
- NEW:** [WORKING PAPER #35](#). Institutional Choice and Recognition in the Formation and Consolidation of Local Democracy. Jesse Ribot, Ashwini Chhatre, and Tomila Lankina. January 2008.
- NEW:** [WORKING PAPER #34](#). Institutional Choice in the Shadow of History: Decentralization in Indonesia. Takeshi Ito. December 2007.
- NEW:** [WORKING PAPER #33](#). State Building and Local Democracy in Benin: Two Cases of Decentralized Forest Management. Roch Mongbo. October 2007.
- NEW:** [WORKING PAPER #32](#). Party Politics, Social Movements, and Local Democracy: Institutional Choices in the Brazilian Amazon. Fabiano Toni. October 2007.
- NEW:** [WORKING PAPER #31](#). Engendering Exclusion in Senegal’s Democratic Decentralization: Subordinating Women through Participatory Natural Resource Management. Solange Bandiaky. October 2007.
- NEW:** [WORKING PAPER #30](#). ‘Fragmented Belonging’ on Russia’s Western Frontier and Local Government Development in Karelia. Tomila Lankina. August 2007.
- NEW:** [WORKING PAPER #29](#). Undermining Grassland Management Through Centralized Environmental Policies in Inner Mongolia. Wang Xiaoyi. August 2007.
- NEW:** [WORKING PAPER #28](#). Dilemmas of Democratic Decentralization in Mangochi District, Malawi: Interest and Mistrust in Fisheries Management. Mafaniso Hara. August 2007.

- NEW:** [WORKING PAPER #27.](#) Indigenous Peoples, Representation and Citizenship in Guatemalan Forestry. Anne M. Larson. August 2007.
- NEW:** [WORKING PAPER #26.](#) Enclosing the Local for the Global Commons: Community Land Rights in the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Conservation Area. Marja Spierenburg, Conrad Steenkamp, and Harry Wels. August 2007.
- NEW:** [WORKING PAPER #25.](#) La réglementation de la filière du charbon de bois à l'épreuve de la décentralisation: entre discours, lois et pratiques. El Hadji Diaigué Bâ. February 2006.
- NEW:** [WORKING PAPER #24.](#) Institutional Choice and Recognition: Effects on the Formation and Consolidation of Local Democracy, Minutes of a Comparative Policy Research Workshop. Rapporteurs: Bradley L. Kinder, Nathaniel Gerhart, and Anjali Bhat. December 2006.
- NEW:** [WORKING PAPER #23.](#) Accountability in Decentralization and the Democratic Context: Theory and Evidence from India. Ashwini Chhatre. January 2007.
- NEW:** [WORKING PAPER #22FR.](#) Or Vert et Or Noir dans le Cameroun Rural: Ressources Naturelles pour la Gouvernance Locale, la Justice et la Durabilité. Phil René Oyono, Jesse C. Ribot et Anne M. Larson. October 2006.
- NEW:** [WORKING PAPER #22.](#) Green and Black Gold in Rural Cameroon : Natural Resources for Local Governance, Justice and Sustainability. Phil René Oyono, Jesse C. Ribot and Anne M. Larson. October 2006.
- [WORKING PAPER #21.](#) Décentralisation sans représentation: le charbon de bois entre les collectivités locales et l'Etat. Ahmadou M. Kanté. February 2006.
- [WORKING PAPER #20.](#) Décentralisation, pluralismo institutionnel et démocratie locale: Étude de cas de la gestion du massif forestier Missirah Kothiary. Papa Faye. February 2006.
- [WORKING PAPER #19.](#) Le quota est mort, vive le quota! Ou les vicissitudes de la réglementation de l'exploitation du charbon de bois au Senegal. El Hadji Dialigué Bâ. February 2006.
- [WORKING PAPER #18.](#) Conference on Decentralization and the Environment (Bellagio, Italy; 18-22 February 2002): Minutes. Rapporteur: Mehr Latif. June 2002.
- [WORKING PAPER #17.](#) Legal Framework for Participatory Natural Resources Management: Privileges or Rights in Mozambique? Alda Salomao. September 2003.
- [WORKING PAPER #16.](#) Historical and Political Foundations for Participative Management and Democratic Decentralization in Mali: A Synthesis of Two Case Studies. Brehima Kassibo. September 2004.
- [WORKING PAPER #15.](#) Institutional Deficit, Representation, and Decentralized Forest Management in Cameroon. Phil Rene Oyono. July 2004.
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<a href="#">WORKING PAPER #11.</a>	<u>Allocation of Government Authority and Responsibility in tiered Governance Systems: The Case of Environment-Related Laws in Zimbabwe.</u> Alois Mandondo and Everisto Mapedza. January 2003.
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<a href="#">WORKING PAPER #8.</a>	<u>Environmental Decentralization and the Management of Forest Resources in Masindi District, Uganda.</u> Frank Emmanuel Muhereza. February 2003.
<a href="#">WORKING PAPER #7.</a>	<u>Decentralization, Politics and Environment in Uganda.</u> Nyangabyaki Bazaara. January 2003.
<a href="#">WORKING PAPER #6.</a>	<u>Concessory Politics in the Western Congo Basin: History and Culture in Forest Use.</u> Rebecca Hardin. November 2002.
<a href="#">WORKING PAPER #5.</a>	<u>Co-Management in the Mafungautsi State Forest Area of Zimbabwe— What Stake for Local Communities?</u> Everisto Mapedza and Alois Mandondo. October 2002.
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## Film and Video

**NEW:** "Weex Dunx and the Quota: Plucking Local Democracy in Senegal," A film by Jesse C. Ribot, (Twenty-four minute video—Wolof with English and French subtitles)  
*Synopsis:* Mr. Weex Dunx (Mr. Scapegoat), the elected President of the Rural Council of Nambaradougou (Place of many problems), is ecstatic to learn that new decentralization laws have given his council the right to manage and use forests. The council now has the right to decide how much woodcutting will take place in their jurisdiction and who gets to do the cutting and selling. But, when Weex Dunx tries to exercise his new powers he is confronted by incredulous foresters, administrators and merchants who are in shock that he thinks he can make decisions about the forests. Exasperated because these powerful notables don't like him if he resists and his people don't like him if he gives in, Weex Dunx is torn between doing what is right for his community and surrendering to pressures from powerful people whom he does not want to disappoint. *Copies on DVD or CD can be provided on request.* [The research for this film is presented in [WORKING PAPER #36](#) listed above.] Please visit the [WRJ](#) web page to view the film.



The film can also be viewed via Vimeo ([English](#) and [French](#)) and YouTube ([English](#) and [French](#)). A discussion of this film with the author can be viewed under the next item below, “The Scapegoat’s Tale.”

**NEW:** “**The Scapegoat’s Tale: Decentralizing Democracy in Africa,**” Television Interview with Jesse C. Ribot on *Dialogue*, a television program produced by George Liston Seay at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. The program is a discussion of the film “Weex Dunx and the Quota: Plucking Local Democracy in Senegal,” above. [Also see accompanying working paper [WORKING PAPER #36](#).] The program can be viewed on line via [Vimeo](#) or the [Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars](#) site.

**NEW:** “**Distributional Equity in Forest Exploitation: Double Standards on an Uneven Playing Field,**” Keynote Speech by Jesse C. Ribot for the Seminar on the economic social and ecological importance of the world’s tropical forests and the challenges facing them Forest and Landscape Institute, University of Copenhagen 5/08. [Also see accompanying working paper [WORKING PAPER #36](#).] The talk can be viewed on line via [Vimeo](#).

**NEW:** “**The Business of Sustainable Development: An African Forest Tale,**” A Story for Children and Select Adults by Jesse C. Ribot with Illustrations by Mor Gueye. Please visit [YouTube](#) to view. A [discussion](#) with the author of this story can be seen on the television program ‘Dialogue’ of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

## External links to EPE Work

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