

FOREST RESOURCE MANAGEMENT BY WOMEN IN INDIGENOUS
AND RURAL COMMUNITIES
OF TROPICAL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

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ABSTRACT

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This paper discusses the importance of the roles rural and indigenous women play in the management of forest resources. In addition, it talks about how women in rural areas are positively and negatively affected by activities related to forest resources. It states how women in rural areas are involved in projects of forest management and describes their level of participation within those projects.

The objective of this paper is to analyze and integrate women's issues into more complex programs and projects of sustainable development for tropical developing countries. Moreover, the paper discusses the role some international organizations play in the integration and recognition of rural and indigenous women in processes of sustainable development. Finally, suggestions and conclusions are brought to the different contributors to development processes in developing countries; some of those contributors are international, national, governmental, and non-governmental organizations as well as members of rural and indigenous communities.