

Community Forestry  
International, Inc.

# ANNUAL REPORT 2001



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## 2001 Highlights:

- ◆ CFI was awarded a grant from USAID to co-fund the Community Forestry Support Project 2000 for Southeast Asia.
- ◆ CFI published *Communities & Climate Change: The Clean Development Mechanism and Village-Based Forest Restoration in Central India*.
- ◆ CFI added two new board members in 2001.
- ◆ CFI has a new logo & website!
- ◆ CFI has two new research interns.
- ◆ CFI moved to larger office quarters within the same office complex in Santa Barbara, California

## COMMUNITY FORESTRY SUPPORT PROJECT 2000 FOR SOUTHEAST ASIA (CFSP 2000-SEA)



The Community Forestry Support Project 2000 for Southeast Asia (CFSP-SEA), is a project facilitated by Asia Forest Network (AFN) in conjunction with Community Forestry International (CFI) with financing from the European Commission and USAID's East Asia Pacific Environmental Initiative. Since its initiation in March 2001, CFSP-SEA has made rapid progress in establishing an organizational infrastructure and initiating project activities. CFSP-SEA facilitates the development and implementation of community-based forest management policies and programs in five participating Southeast Asian countries from its regional hub office in Tagbilaran City, on the Island of Bohol in the Philippines. CFSP-SEA seeks country partner groups that it can support directly through the provision of technical assistance, training activities, small grants, and publications support. The program also promotes regional exchange and the sharing of CF experiences through annual regional meetings and regional field workshops, and numerous cross-visits.

*Village house overlooking the banks of a rain-swollen river, Vietnam, (photo: Poffenberger)*



## Message from the Director



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Dear Friends and Supporters,

Community Forestry International (CFI) continues to make rapid progress in 2001 as it evolves into a significant organization on the world stage, pioneering the development of CFM policies and field programs in Asia and the United States. Over the past year, CFI has matured as an organization, securing recognition from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) as a registered Private and Voluntary Organization (PVO). CFI was also approved for its largest USAID grant to date in the amount of \$575,000. This was also the largest grant made from the East Asia and Pacific Environmental Initiative (EAPEI) in 2001, reflecting the recognition of the selection committee of the quality programming and effective strategies CFI is undertaking in the Southeast Asia region.

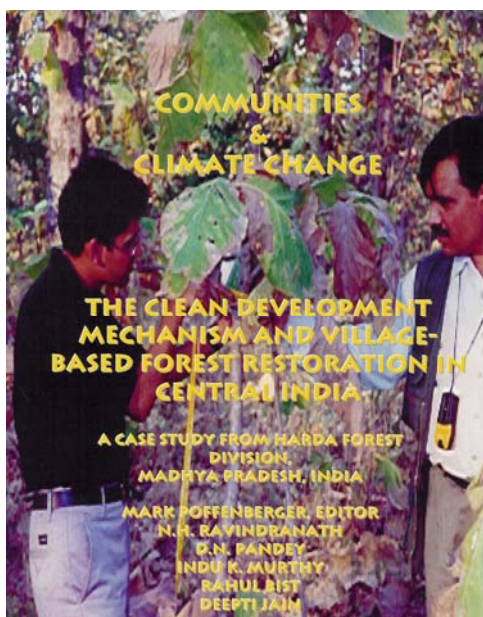
CFI's Board of Directors has met twice in the last twelve months creating a supportive governance body. CFI moved its office two times in 2001, as its space demands and staff grew. By early 2002, CFI staff includes 2 full time co-directors, two part-time staff, and five graduate student interns from the UCSB's Donald Bren School of Environmental Science & Management.

In 2001, Community Forestry International completed the Phase I of its India project for developing new strategies to finance community-based natural regeneration of degraded forests. The project seeks to link grassroots forest protection efforts in India with emerging international climate change agreements. A report on the project's experiences was published in August and has been widely circulated to international research institutes and the United Nations Conference of Parties that are developing the Kyoto Protocol. A Phase II activity is now being designed with a support grant recently approved by the Government of Canada.

In Southeast Asia, CFI is working closely with the Asia Forest Network in moving the Community Forest Management Support Program (CFMSP) into its second year of operation. During the first year, seven partner organizations joined the project. CFMSP is currently supporting a series of national forest policy studies, as well as with field projects in Thailand, the Philippines, Cambodia, and Vietnam.

CFI is also developing its domestic program in Los Padres National Forest and in the Glen Alpine Watershed. CFI is working with the Forest Service Staff of the Santa Barbara Ranger District to develop approaches to involve communities in the area in the management of the region's forests. In the Sierra, CFI volunteer interns conducted a study of surface water contamination in the Glen Alpine Watershed. Finally, CFI is designing a program to support exchanges between Asia and the United States concerning ways to enable the greater involvement of communities in the management of public forest lands. We are grateful to the individuals and organizations that have supported our work over the past year and look forward to an equally productive year in 2002.

-Mark Poffenberger, Director



## COMMUNITIES & CLIMATE CHANGE

In October 2001, CFI published a report under its Communities & Climate Change program based on research for a pilot project that funds communities using carbon offset credits. Compensating local people for the environmental services flowing from the resources they manage is starting to be recognized as a necessary and important investment in the future. Because mechanisms to channel environmental service payments to community resource managers are just beginning to be explored, this is a landmark study. The report explores the feasibility of using carbon credit-based financing mechanisms to support community forest restoration initiatives in India. Participating in the study were scientists from the Indian Institute of Forests at Bhopal and the Centre for Ecological Science at the Indian Institute of Science at Bangalore. Funding for the project was provided by the USDA Forest Service, Office of International Programs and USAID Global Bureau.

*The hope for tomorrow comes from caring hearts. There is a deep, intimate, abiding human need for connecting to the rest of the living world, a kinship with all creation that is aesthetic, intellectual, biological, and spiritual.*

-Jan Hartke

## CFI WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

In 2001, CFI added two new members to its Board of Directors. Each of them brings to the Board years of experience and expertise. We are very happy to have them join us!

**Jan Hartke:** Jan is currently the Director of EarthVoice, the global environmental arm of The Humane Society of the United States. Jan is an enthusiastic and incredibly tireless advocate of conservation and serves on many non-profit boards to support the sustainable protection of nature and wildlife.

**Walt Rozett:** Walt is the director of Bitterroot Restoration based in Montana. Its mission is to foster research and promote the restoration of forest lands. Walt has served as CFO of several corporations, notably Envirotech Corporation, Fluor Corporation, Bergen Brunswig and Capitol Records.

## NEW WEBSITE

During the summer 2001, work began to design a website for CFI. Kate Smith-Hanssen, Administrative Director, worked with Joshua Bridge of Joshua Bridge.com to create an informative and easy to use site. The project turned out to be a lot harder and more complex than anticipated but the site finally made its debut in September. As the months go by, changes have been made, pages redesigned, and information updated.

## RESEARCH INTERNS

In the Fall, CFI added positions for two research interns from the Donald Bren School of Environmental Science & Management, UCSB: Emily Bosanquet and Alex Tuttle. Both are in their second year of the program and have contributed a lot to our organization. Check out their bios in the CFI Board 2001 binder!

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## FINANCIAL REPORT

### Year Ended December 31, 2001

#### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

##### Revenue:

|                 |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Grants          | \$26,000.00       |
| Private Revenue | <u>\$5,655.00</u> |
| Total Revenue   | \$31,655.00       |

##### Expenses:

|                             |                   |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Program Services-Int'l      | \$29,358.80       |
| Administration & Management | <u>\$4,666.51</u> |
| Total Expenses              | \$34,025.31       |

#### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

##### Assets:

|                       |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Cash                  | \$4,762.91        |
| Furniture & Equipment | <u>\$1,657.37</u> |
| Total Assets          | \$6,420.28        |

*All information based on  
Community Forestry  
International's Financial  
Statement for the period  
from January 1 through  
December 31, 2001.*

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## CFI MISSION STATEMENT

Community Forestry International (CFI) assists rural communities to stabilize and regenerate forests by helping policy makers, development agencies, NGOs, and professional foresters develop the legal instruments, human resource capacities, and negotiation processes and methods to support resident resource managers. CFI believes that sustainable forest management enhances livelihood security and poverty alleviation that, in turn, leads to sustainable development.

CFI enables Community Forest Management (CFM) strategies to become an integral part of sustainable forest management world-wide. CFI strategies are implemented through four interrelated thematic program areas. These include 1) Regional and National Policy Dialogues, 2) Mediation Processes and Methods for Enhancing Tenure Security, 3) Participatory Research & Field Programs, and 4) Communication.

The program components are designed to engage national policy makers, professional practitioners, and communities to facilitate learning, reduce conflicts, and ultimately create management agreements that result in more equitable, sustainable forest use.

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