

'This book is a treasure trove of the many approaches that have been taken by the world's diverse cultures to maintain the biological systems upon which they depend. This invaluable resource will certainly find great utility in all parts of the world and among many disciplines.'

Jeffrey A. McNeely, Senior Science Advisor, IUCN

'This book will truly make a difference in the world. It represents a key milestone in our global understanding of the profound and inextricable links between cultural and biological diversity. Written by two of the leading lights in this new and growing field, it is filled with important information, case studies and analyses on a global scale.'

Nancy J. Turner, University of Victoria, Canada

'At long last: an authoritative guide to biocultural conservation. This is a splendid illumination of the intermingled diversity of culture and nature ... revealing and revolutionary.'

Thomas E. Lovejoy, Biodiversity Chair, The Heinz Center for Science, Economics and the Environment, USA

The field of biocultural diversity is emerging as a dynamic, integrative approach to understanding the links between nature and culture, and the inter-relationships between humans and the environment, at scales from the global to the local. Its multifaceted contributions have ranged from theoretical elaborations to mappings of the overlapping distributions of biological and cultural diversity, and from the development of indicators as tools to measure, assess and monitor the state and trends of biocultural diversity, to on-the-ground implementation in field projects.

This book is a unique compendium of projects from all around the world that take an integrated biocultural approach to sustaining cultures and biodiversity. The 45 projects reviewed exemplify a new focus in conservation, based on the emerging realization that protecting and restoring biodiversity, and maintaining and revitalizing cultural diversity and vitality, are intimately, indeed inextricably, inter-related.

Luisa Maffi, PhD, is a linguist and anthropologist, and one of the originators of the field of biocultural diversity. She is co-founder and Director of the international non-governmental organization Terralingua. She is based in British Columbia, Canada.

Ellen Woodley, PhD, works as an ecological consultant in environment and development, specializing in issues of local and traditional ecological knowledge. She is based in Ontario, Canada.

Cover photos - Top, left to right: Whitefeather Forest Initiative; Jorge Ishizawa; Kimberly Language Resource Centre; Robert Wild. Main photo: Samantha Ross

Cover banner design - Ortixia Dilts



publishing for a sustainable future

Earthscan strives to minimize
its impact on the environment

www.earthscan.co.uk

