

Property Rights as Factor in PES

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"You ask us if we own the land. And mock us, 'Where is your title?' Such arrogance of owning the land when you shall be owned by it. How can you own that which will outlive you?"

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Property Rights

- Clear property rights are usually considered as central to PES markets
- The misuse of “title”
- Rights in bundles, some more unstable than others
- Colonial legal history and what really happened on our way here

Permutations

- The percentage game
- Private vs public and Individual vs common
- Legislative recognition: NIPAS and IPRA

Mistakes

- Inconsistent policy, lack of tenure
- Supplanting management systems of IP's and long term occupants
- IEC that assumes tabula rasa or worse
- Rigid rules that do not allow use changes
- Assumptions of failure to manage
- Police Power instead of Eminent Domain

Rules of thumb

- Recognize that we are in a redesign and rehabilitation mode in ecosystem management
- Suspend judgment in local interactions for resource management
- Assume and understand the existing resource management patterns and financial mechanisms prior to PES