

Preface

Wetland assessment and management continues to be a major policy issue around the world especially with CEC environmental putting pressure on European countries, with the Rio Conference and Ramsar Treaty stressing wetland protection, and with the continuing debate about wetland management in North America. There is an international audience as witnessed by continuing interest/attendance at international meetings and conferences on Ramsar Treaty, IUCN Biosphere Reserve management, sustainable development implementation, and eco/nature tourism. There is a strong academic interest in wetland policy and management conflicts as examples of resource conflict, sustainable development, local equity, and decision making. So, the book could be used as a textbook for departments of environmental studies, ecology, human ecology, natural resource management, environmental science, geography, applied anthropology, international policy, and conflict resolution at the upper undergraduate and graduate levels. Key themes that will be treated in almost all the eight case studies are as follows: (1) trade-offs between sustainable use of wetlands for food, fuel, and fiber vs. protection of ecosystem diversity and stability and (2) respective roles of Big International Non-government Organizations (BINGOs), national and regional government, and local community-based organizations when faced with wetland management issues. Developed countries/regions and developing countries are facing equally challenging but different wetland management issues.

With the advent of global warming and resultant regional climate change, effective wetland management strategies are urgently needed. This book focuses on the roles of different actors in different contexts as both developed and developing countries strive for sustainable wetland use and management.

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