



## Community Forestry

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### Comparison of two Bolivian Projects

#### The Siriono (moderate success)

- Long-term involvement by lead NGO
- High level of training
- Diversity of activities including: commercial timber, firewood, beekeeping, and cattle grazing
- Local NGO

#### The Yuqui (failure)

- No research into the feasibility of the project
- Programs meant to develop technical skill and leadership were missing
- Involvement of Large, International NGOs
- No project diversity (timber only)
- Creation of a multi-ethnic territory
- Short-term involvement



### Comparison of the Two Communities

#### Siriono

- High degree of acculturation
- A cohesive group with good leadership
- Long-standing relationship with the lead NGO
- Accommodating geography
- Population of 500

#### Yuqui

- Low degree of acculturation
- Little cohesion and a lack of leadership
- No relationship with lead NGO
- Unaccommodating geography
- Population of 150

### Community Forestry in the US

- Higher degree of inclusiveness is demanded
- Often direct conflict between a communities' desires and the broader concerns of environmental, government, and industry interest that must be met
- May be appropriate in Appalachia