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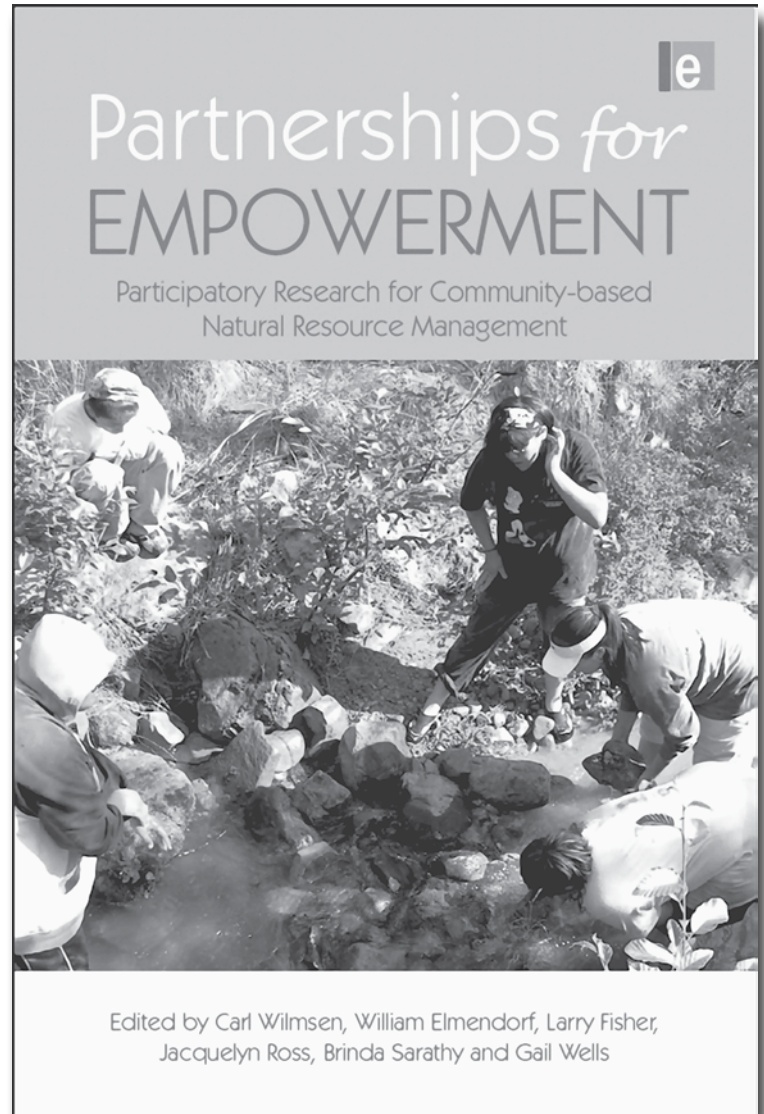
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Partnerships for Empowerment: Participatory Research for Community-based Natural Resource Management is a new book edited by **Carl Wilmsen, William Elmendorf, Larry Fisher, Jacquelyn Ross, Brinda Sarathy, and Gail Wells.**

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Participatory research has emerged as an approach to producing knowledge that is sufficiently grounded in local needs and realities to support community-based natural resource management (CBNRM), and it is often touted as crucial to the sustainable management of forests and other natural resources. This book



analyzes the current state of the art of participatory research in CBNRM. Its chapters and case studies examine recent experiences in collaborative forest management, harvesting impacts on forest shrubs, watershed restoration in Native American communities, civic environmentalism in an urban neighbourhood, and other topics. Although the main geographic focus of the book is the United States, the issues raised are synthesized and discussed in the context of recent critiques of participatory research and CBNRM worldwide. The book's purpose is to provide insights and lessons for academics and practitioners involved in CBNRM in many contexts. The issues it covers will be relevant to participatory research and CBNRM practitioners and students the world over.

Ajit Krishnaswamy, FORREX Socio-economics Extension Specialist, co-authored the chapter on Institutionalization of Participatory Research. You can order online at <http://www.styluspub.com> Save 20% by using the source code EMPW8 when placing order. Offer expires December 31, 2008. 