

# Route One: Adding Value

*Human communities can and do have positive effects on the natural environment.*

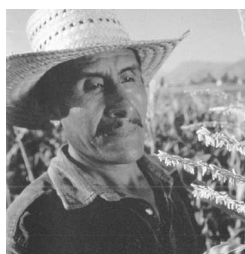
**C**OMMUNITIES CAN ADD VALUE to existing stocks of natural assets. If these assets are in the hands of low-income households and communities, such investment can not only make a bigger natural-asset 'pie,' but also increase the share of the poor.



### ***In Somalia***

*Horn Relief is helping to renew the traditional pastoralist practice of building rock dams to conserve water and restore the desert ecosystem*

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### ***Small Farmers***

*throughout the world sustain the rich heritage of agricultural biodiversity bequeathed to humankind by earlier generations*

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### ***In Bangladesh***

*the Centre for Natural Resource Studies is providing support to communities that are re-opening canals to let fish back into the flood plains*

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### ***In West Africa***

*human-made forests benefit people and animals*

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