

IUCN CEESP

# Report of CEESP Chair to Executive Committee

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## 1. GENERAL COMMENTS

2011 has brought both my biggest ‘high’ – the Sharing Power Conference, and my lowest ‘low’ – the SEAPRISE communications which started as the sharing of views on an IUCN/Shell Niger Delta proposal but quickly descended into deliberate actions to question the integrity of IUCN and some CEESP SC members.

The Sharing Power Conference was a promise I had made in Barcelona and it was very satisfying to see it come to fruition. It was also great to see the CEESP-SC working together on a common project – I think we all learned from the exercise. First lesson was that we now know we can do it, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> lesson is that we know we can do it even better next time. We have every reason to be proud of a successful event that created a number of lasting relationships and activities.

In many ways, the SEAPRISE situation was bound to happen – the issues have been simmering for a long time, not just about disagreement over IUCN/Shell but a tendency within SEAPRISE to use the network as more of a chat room than to progress a common work SEAPRISE programme across the Theme membership. I didn't quite expect it to play out as it did. At times it was very hurtful, insulting, disappointing and even heartbreaking to see a network self-implode. Members resigned from CEESP because of the tone of the SEAPRISE communications. Things have since improved.

As always, my thanks to the Steering Committee for your voluntary contributions to CEESP, particularly to Richard Cellarius for his attention to detail in the CEESP accounts, to Elizabeth Erasito for her continued hard work on all of our behalf, to Georgina Peard who in her short time as a CEESP Network Officer has proven to open doors and break down barriers for CEESP. It would be remiss to not mention the continued gratitude I have for the IUCN Oceania Regional Director, Taholo Kami, for hosting the CEESP monies and David Raj for his management of CEESP accounts. Behind the scenes there are countless people providing support to CEESP – our own members and many in the Secretariat.

## 2. WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED IN 2011

Below in bullet form are some of the key achievements for CEESP at infra-structural, overall Commission level that provide a status report on our state as a network<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> These do not include policy issues that we are actively involved in – these are covered in a different section

These sub-headings are taken directly from my very first Report to you in Bangkok 2009 when I identified specific goals for each of these areas. (This list is not exhaustive so please highlight any additional points). I'm pleased to say that advancements have indeed occurred and overall CEESP is in a strong position, with a good reputation across the IUCN membership and beyond.

#### CEESP Global Conference

- (i) Successful organisation of CEESP's first global Conference - 'Sharing Power: A New Vision for Development' Conference, held in Whakatane, New Zealand, 9-18 January 2011.

#### Publications

- (ii) Published two CEESP Newsletters for 2011 (a total of 8 issues since I started producing CEESP newsletters).
- (iii) Published 'Policy Matters' Edition 18, Macroeconomic Policies, Livelihoods and Sustainability.
- (iv) Published the first CEESP Annual Report for 2010

#### Secretariat and Steering Committee

- (v) Appointment of three new Steering Committee members, Dr Jayati Goshi-India (TEMTI), Catie Burlando-Canada (Inter-Generational Advisor) and Jennifer Mohamed-Katarere-South Africa (TCES)
- (vi) Farewelled four SC members, Taghi-Farvar-Iran (TSL), Clive Wicks-UK (SEAPRISE), Ton Boon Von Ochsee-Netherlands (TCES), Ali Darwish –Lebanon (West Asia)
- (vii) Appointment of Georgina Peard, CEESP Network Officer in Gland

#### Membership

- (viii) CEESP membership applications process have been streamlined and number of members continues to increase

#### Budget & Reporting

- (ix) CEESP published an Annual Report for the first time. The Report was tabled in Council and disseminated to the Secretariat, IUCN member organisations and other Commissions. The Report included a Financial Report.
- (x) In spite of a 5% reduction to CEESP's core allocation (as a result of a reduction to IUCN's core funding) we managed CEESP's Budget efficiently with no losses due to unspent funds or no overspending.
- (xi) The Sharing Power Conference had a balanced budget, which meant we did not leave our co-hosts with a liability.

#### Collaborative Relationships

- (xii) Developed two new inter-Commission Specialist Groups with SSC (Sustainable Use) and CEL (SPICEH).
- (xiii) Attended the CEL Steering Committee Meeting in Asuncion, Paraguay (April)

## Mandate & Programme

- (xiv) Implementation of the CEESP programme through the seven mandated Themes has had a mixed success. Some Themes are active, and others are not.
- (xv) Inclusion of CPA2 in the draft 2011-2013 IUCN Global Programme. (CPA2 has now been reworded but the final wording was not confirmed at the time of writing this Report.)

### 3. CHAIR'S ACTIVITIES

2011 started off with the Sharing Power Conference. The event brought to fruition a full year's focussed hard work. The Conference was a great success but required a lot of careful time being spent to ensure relationships across the four hosts (IUCN-CEESP-TRONA-TWWOA) were always healthy and mutually satisfactory. Once everyone had left New Zealand, it took another 3-4 months to go through all the accounts and write the required reports for sponsors. In March I travelled to Asuncion, Paraguay for the CEL Steering Committee meeting. This was the first SC meeting of another Commission I had attended and I very much appreciated seeing how others operate. The 76<sup>th</sup> Council meeting took place in May. I attended the pre-Council meetings and provided you with an informal report my return (DATEXXXX) As well I was invited to a workshop in Cape York (Australia) discussing a consultation with indigenous land owners over a possible UNESCO World Heritage Listing.

June-October is Trimester Two at Victoria University. As per the agreement with my employer, my teaching commitments are loaded into this term so I try not to travel outside New Zealand and keep my activities local and national. Below is a description of some of the activities I have been involved in here in New Zealand. Many of these are relevant for the work CEESP is involved in, particularly TCC and TSL.

#### a) Appointment's

21 July 2011, I was appointed to Te Papa Tongarewa's (the National Museum of NZ) [Karanga Aotearoa Repatriation Advisory Panel](#) for a term of two years. This Committee advises the Museum on repatriation of Maori artefacts, and Maori human remains (preserved heads) from overseas museums.

At the commencement of 2011, I was appointed to [the Editorial Board](#) for a joint SPFII, UNDP, IPU, OHCHR and IFAD project to produce a Handbook for Parliamentarians based on UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

**b) Launch of Te Waka Kai Ora – Maori Organics (July 14<sup>th</sup>)** I attended the launch of the Maori Organics Certification Brand. The Brand is the fruition of many years work by Maori growers and lobbying nationally and internationally for the recognition of indigenous foods. Members of Te Waka Kai Ora hosted a delegation from the Slow Foods Campaign after an introduction from Michel and Taghi of TSL.

**c) Now Future Dialogues With Tomorrow 2011 Series, The Future of the Commons (August 5<sup>th</sup>)**

Following her visit to NZ for the CEESP Sharing Power Conference, Professor Elinor Ostrom participated in a live dialogue session discussing her research on ‘The Commons’. I participated as a respondent together with Rod Orom (Business Journalist). The event was well attended. The Commons approach is still a very radical concept in NZ, particularly amongst government officials.

**d) Te Pae Whakawairua, Maori Advisory Committee of Archives New Zealand**

I have been a member of this Committee for 3 years and attended three meetings this year. The role of the Committee is to advise the Chief Archivist on access and use of mātāuranga Māori (traditional knowledge) and historical records of significance to Māori. The NZ government through its’ holdings in Archives NZ and the National Library owns the largest collection of historical records in the Māori language, and about early Māori knowledge. Management of these priceless records is of significant cultural importance. Archives NZ is also the statutory guardian of the original 1840 Treaty of Waitangi, one of the founding constitutional documents of NZ. I am on a sub-Committee overseeing a new public facility to showcase the Treaty.

**e) Maori Advisory Committee (MASC) to Statistics New Zealand**

I have also been an appointed member of MASC for the past four years advising the Chief Statistician on Māori statistical data in the NZ Census and how to deliver statistics to Māori communities in an understandable format. I attended one meeting of MASC in June in which we discussed the undertaking of a Māori Social Survey as a pre-Census activity.

**f) WAI-262 – The Treaty of Waitangi Tribunal Report on the WAI-262 Indigenous Flora & Fauna Claim**

This Claim was lodged by six Māori claimants with the NZ Treaty of Waitangi Tribunal in 1991. The Claim includes all native species in New Zealand. It includes Māori arts and designs. It includes traditional knowledge, plants, medicines. It raises concerns in opposition to genetic tampering with the DNA structures of native flora and fauna in the sense that Māori have a particular whakapapa or genealogical relationship

with the native flora and fauna that is not being respected or understood by science, and scientists, and the experiments that are taking place.

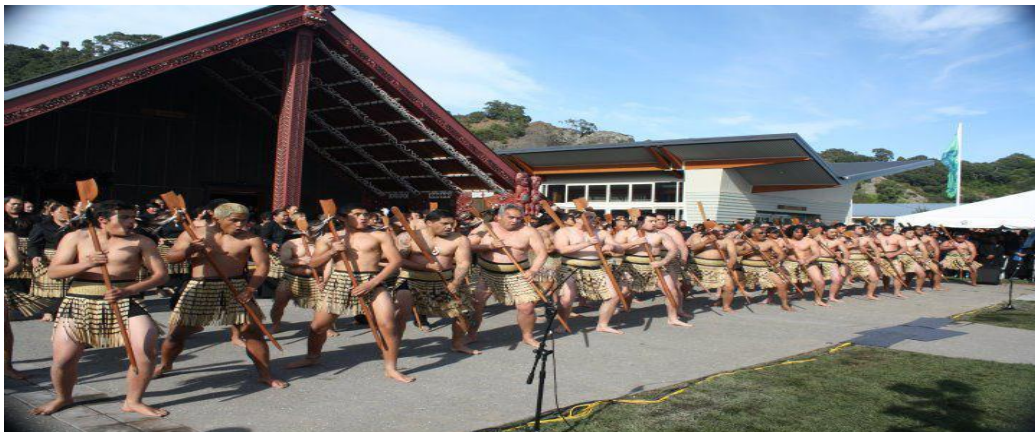
In 2007 I provided evidence to the Tribunal on behalf of one of the claimants (Ngati Porou) and reported on this to the Theme of Culture and Conservation when I was co-chair. 19 years after the claim was lodged, In July 2011 the Tribunal published their report entitled 'Ko Aotearoa Tenei' (This is New Zealand). Two volumes, over 1000 pages the Report shared the Tribunal's analysis of the evidence received, and articulates Findings and Recommendations.



In the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2011, I have been closely involved in public seminars raising awareness of the Tribunal's findings. On September 14<sup>th</sup> my post-graduate students and I at Victoria University of Wellington organised a national seminar attracting 190 participants. On October 26<sup>th</sup> I presented in a workshop and delivered the closing plenary speech at the 2<sup>nd</sup> national seminar on WAI262 organised by the University of Waikato (150 people). On October 31<sup>st</sup> I presented a keynote address on WAI262 to LIANZA (Library, Information & Archives New Zealand Association) (500 people),

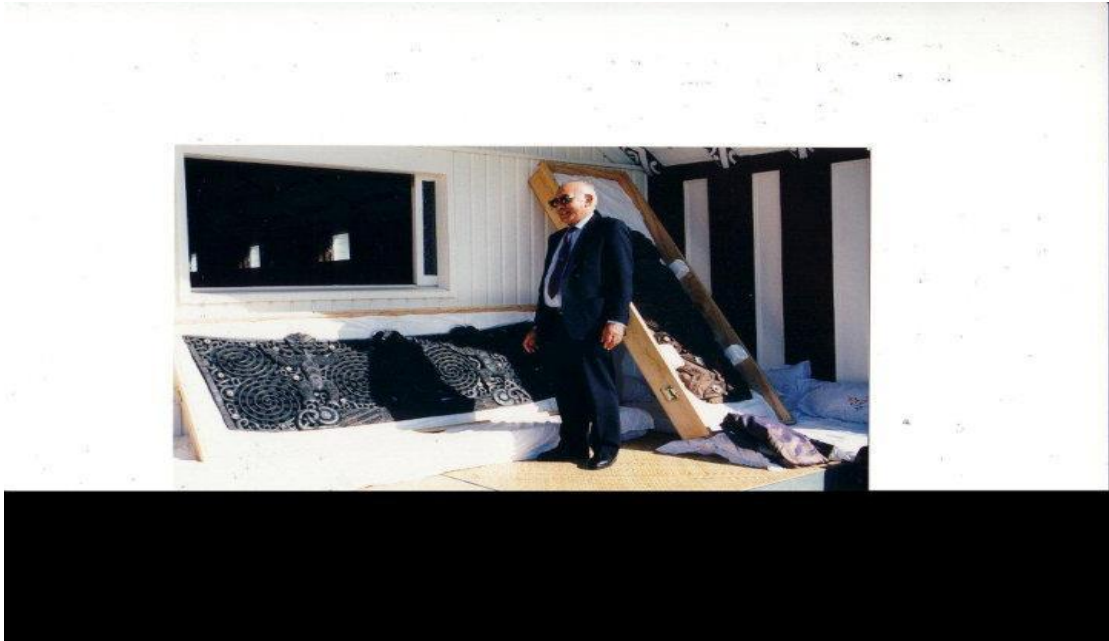


L to Right: Justice Taihakurei Durie, Aroha Mead, Moana Jackson, Professor Brad Morse, Victoria University, Wellington September 2011



Mātaatua was officially opened in 1875 and dedicated to Queen Victoria as an expression of goodwill from the people of Ngāti Awa. Not long after opening, the house was dismantled and uplifted by the New Zealand Government to be exhibited at the 1879 British Empire Exhibition in Sydney, Australia. This is the first of a series of international journeys that saw the hugely symbolic house lost to the people of Ngāti Awa for well over a century.

The house returned to New Zealand in 1925 as part of the South Seas Exhibition and spent the next 71 years as a permanent exhibit at Otago Museum. A 1996 Waitangi Tribunal Special Deed of Settlement finally saw Mātaatua returned to Ngāti Awa. After so long away, Mātaatua was finally on the journey home.

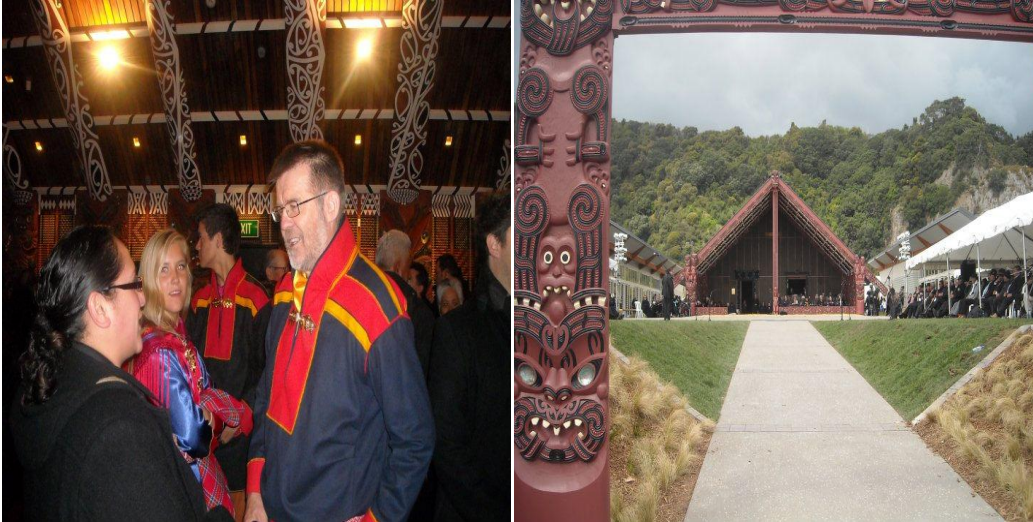


**State the Mataatua whareniui was returned to Ngati Awa, in boxes damaged (Photo:Mead)**

The past 15 years have been focussed on restoring Mātaatua to its original majesty. As can be expected, a century of long ocean voyages, intercontinental passage and incorrect assembly had taken a considerable toll. Fresh carvings have been hewn under the guidance of late Ngati Awa master carver Te Hau o te Rangi Tutua who lead a team of talented artists from throughout the Mātaatua tribal region. September 17, 2011 will mark a new chapter in the life of Mātaatua Whareniui

On September 17, 2011, 130 years after it first left these shores, Ngati Awa and the Mataatua confederation of tribes celebrated the return and re-opening of the house that came home. The story of the repatriation of Mataatua is the story of how I became involved in international indigenous issues, as I was asked by Ngati Awa to travel to the United Nations in Geneva (WGIP) in 1991 to table the Ngati Awa claim against the NZ government, and to share the story of the struggle of my Iwi to have this ancestral house returned to us.





#### 4. CEESP INVOLVEMENT IN IUCN REGIONAL FORUM

We have the current list of CEESP Steering Committee members who attended IUCN Regional Forum Meetings. Please advise of any incorrect entries and give approximations of numbers of CEESP members at each Forum

- Mohammed Shabaz, West Asia, 2-5 May, Kuwait City, Kuwait
- Vivienne Solis Rivera, South America, 13-15 June, Lima, Peru
- Aroha Mead, Lea Scherl (+ 15 CEESP), for Oceania, 23-25 August, Brisbane, Australia
- Grazia Borrini-Feyerabend, (Barbara Lassen, Paolo Giuntarelli ) for Europe, 6-9 September, Bonn, Germany
- Iain Davidson-Hunt, Peggy Smith for Canada, 19-20 September, Ottawa, Canada
- Nigel Crawhall, for ESARO, 20-22 September, Johannesburg, South Africa
- Richard Cellarius, Janis Alcorn, Juanita Cabrera-Lopez for the US Office, 21 September, Washington, DC
- no SC member but Ali (Focal Point-Asia office) +3 others for Asia, 27-30 September, Seoul, Korea
- Vivienne Solis-Rivera for ORMA, 6-7 October, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

No SC members attended the meetings in West and Central Africa, 5-8 July, Brazzaville and DRC Mediterranean, 3-7 October, Rabat, Morocco) but other CEESP members were present. SC members who did not attend a RF: Ken, Elise, Alejandro, Michel, Gonzalo [Arzu & Masego unable to attend)

#### 5. UPDATE ON SHARING POWER CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

The Conference Proceedings of the Sharing Power Conference are to be published through a special edition of Policy Matters Issue 19. CEESP received a grant of just under US\$12,000

from IIED for PM19 through Deputy Chair, Michel Pimbert. The call for contributions was issued and the following papers have been received.

Stream A: Edith Sizoo (France), Betsan Martin (NZ)

Stream B: Mary Baker (Hawaii), Gary Williams (NZ) FINAL VERSION SUMMARY (Nigel & Grazia)

Stream C: Andrina Thomas (Vanuatu), Shaun Awatere (NZ), John Ericho (PNG)

Stream D: Doris Cellarius (USA), Richard Steiner (USA)

Stream E: David Huberman (Switzerland, Maria Bargh (NZ), Ralph Regenvanu (Vanuatu)

Stream F: Smith/Hudson/Hemi/Temara (NZ), Pinky Cupino (Philippines), Christopher Clement Wragge (NZ)

The vast majority of contributions received are from the Oceania region. Before going to print we need the final summaries of the Stream Coordinators, contributions from the three Keynotes as well as to edit the above submitted papers. Realistically, this edition will not be ready until April/May 2012.

## 6. COMMENTS FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

CEESP has many strengths – we are an active network, diverse spread of members regionally, professionally and in areas of expertise, innovative thinkers, effective advocates and lobbyists and strong on critical analysis. But as a Commission we still operate “free range”, not really following annual plans or the quadrennial plan. Members find it difficult to report achievements against the CEESP or IUCN Global Programme and in a manner that is easily absorbed into Reports. We typify a voluntary network of members who donate their time when appropriate and possible. This also manifests through the notion that CEESP is an independent Commission and therefore not bound to IUCN including for reporting obligations.

Things have changed dramatically, not just because of the change in CEESP Chair. The diminishing stability of the core funds of IUCN has already seen a decrease in core funding to Commissions. In such a challenging economic environment there are much higher expectations for Commissions to demonstrate their contribution to IUCN as a core function of their work. As well, the reforms in the governance of IUCN has progressed the “One Programme” from a concept to an ideology that seeks from all strands of the IUCN Union collaboration – working on a common programme. Evidence of this is the new way in which the Forum for the 2012 Jeju WCC is being organised. Proposals for workshops, knowledge cafes, etc. all require demonstration of involvement of a cross-section of IUCN Commissions/Secretariat/members.

As we devote this Executive Committee meeting to designing a new programme for CEESP, and developing an action plan to ensure we honour what we say we will do, I would like to urge us all to focus on the task before us and not get distracted however interesting other conversations might be. We must come away from Delhi with a first draft of our new programme – that draft needs to identify specific actions/activities that we will commit Themes and regions to deliver on, including

providing regular progress reports. The new Core Programme Area 2 (Sharing Natures Benefits Fairly & Equitably) provides CEESP with the best opportunity I think we have ever had to integrate the heartland issues of CEESP into concrete outcomes the entire Union will have to deliver on. It is important that we also accept that CEESP is part of IUCN, as much a part as other Commissions. Our independence comes not from standing apart from IUCN, but in offering quality credible trusted advice.