

Section 3 : Strengthening the Role of Major Groups

Chapter 26 : Recognising and strengthening the role of indigenous people and their communities

Indigenous people have developed a holistic traditional scientific knowledge of their lands, natural resources and environment. National and international efforts to implement environmentally sound and sustainable development should recognise, accommodate, promote and strengthen the role of indigenous people and their communities.

Objectives

- To empower indigenous people and their communities.
- To strengthen participation of indigenous people and their communities in the local and national formulation of policies, laws and programmes relating to resource management, conservation and other development processes.

Activities

- Promote self management of resources.
- Incorporate the values, views and knowledge of indigenous people and their communities into resource management, conservation and development, policies and programmes.