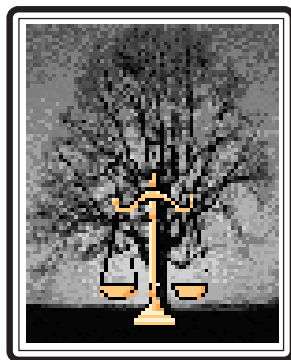


Center for Environmental Law and Community Rights (CELCOR) Inc.



ANNUAL REPORT
2005

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Acronyms

RFN - Rainforest Foundation Norway	PNG - Papua New Guinea
ODW - Operation Days Work	CBO - Community Based Organisations
FoEI - Friends of the Earth International	PRLR - Policy Research and Law Reforms
EFF - Papua New Guinea Eco Forestry Forum	CDS - Community Development Scheme
ELC - Environmental Law Center	
TRP - Timber Rights Purchase	
FMA - Forest Management Agreement	
CLE - Community Legal Education	
CAN - Campaign, Advocacy Networking	
WCCC - Western Community Conservation Coalition	
VDT - Village Development Trust	
BRG - Bismark Ramu Group	
CM Conservation Melanesia	
PwM - Partners with Melanesia	

The Centre for Environmental Law and Community Rights (CELCOR) Inc is a not for profit public interest non – governmental organisation environmental law firm based in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea.

It was established in February 2000.

CELCOR is registered with the Investment Promotion Authority (IPA) of Papua New Guinea (registration # 5-1069).

CELCOR'S VISION

PNG communities living in harmony with the environment and culture in a just, holistic and sustainable way.

CELCOR'S MISSION

Dedicated to promoting and defending environmental and customary rights in PNG through law and advocacy to ensure sustainable resource management for for the benefit of present and future generation.

CELCOR'S PROGRAMS

CELCOR has four main programmes. They are Direct Legal Assistance, Policy Research and Law Reform, Community Legal Education and Campaign, Advocacy and Networking.

Organisational Background

The organisation is governed by a Board of Directors made up of prominent citizens in the private sector, NGO circle, and communities.

Current Board Members are Robin Kasi (Chairman), Simon Passingan, Kenn Mondia, Maureen Ewai,

Andrew Kwimberi, Thomas Paka and Damien Ase (Ex Officio). CELCOR would like to welcome Emily Taule as the new Executive Director and to thank Maureen Ewai for her service as she has stepped down due to study commiement.

The operations of the organisation is overseen by the Executive Director who is also the Ex-officio member of the Board of Directors.

The executive is supported by a Management Team who are then support by a team of young energised staff attached to the administration and project programs.

Currently CELCOR has 15 full time staff, 2 interns and 1 volunteer from Australia Volunteers International.

CELCOR is currently working in 13 of the 20 provinces of Papua New Guinea.

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2005



CELCOR Staff and partner CBO/NGO officers posing for photograph, Madang

2005 saw major changes in CELCOR's organisational life. As a fast growing organisation, change needed to take place to meet the requirements of the new demands. From the humble beginning to provide legal assistance to the people of Managalas, CELCOR's programmes now covers the breadth and width of Papua New Guinea. At the same time, its international and local partnerships have increased.

2005 Summary

Reflection Workshop

CELCOR held its pre-evaluation workshop in January, 'the Reflection' workshop to reflect on its achievements, failures, problems, etc. of the organisation. The workshop was to assess the current situation, identify areas of strength and challenges and possible solutions to improve on the current strengths, to promote team spirit and develop a working plan.

Organisational Evaluation

From March to April, CELCOR underwent its first ever organisational evaluation. The evaluation team comprised of Helen Rosenbaum as Team Leader, Grace Kua as Community Advisor and Willie Asigau as Assisting Team Member. The Evaluation was to document and learn from CELCOR's past and current activities, processes and achievements, assist CELCOR to check effectiveness, efficiency, impact, relevance and sustainability of the legal work and paralegal training, identify issues and suggest steps to further improve and especially identify areas for organisational strengthening and improvements.

Strategic Planning Workshop

In September, CELCOR undertook its strategic planning workshop in Madang. The strategic planning workshop came about as result of a recommendation of the external evaluation conducted during the March-April period. The evaluation recommended some major changes to both CELCOR's operations and structure. The highlights of the workshop include the development of a 3 year workplan to 2008, development of a reviewed Vision, Mission and Goals, as well as the development of Core Values and Principles. The programme names were also changed including the development of programme goals and subgoals. Another major change made was the renewing of the organisational structure and the development of teams within that structure. The workshop was attended by CELCOR's partner NGOs and CBOs. It gave the organisation a new sense of beginning and led to more organised work place with updated policies and procedures operating to improve CELCOR's sustainability.

Engagement of AVI Volunteer

CELCOR engaged the service of an Australian Volunteer International person as a program advisor to assist in implementing the 'Change Plan'. She will be completing her time with CELCOR after 8 months and has been a good catalyst for getting CELCOR to implement the required changes and upgrades in accordance with the Evaluation recommendations.

New Recruitments

In the first quarter of the year, George Laume was employed as the organisation's Oil Palm/Forest Campaigner, joining the Campaign, Advocacy and Network Team. During the second quarter a new Accountant and Secretary were required due to the resignation of Divana Dauba and Lucy Zozingao respectively. Ope Marasembi was made permanent staff in August and Alex Epei was appointed the Accountant in November. Morris Pakong was a temporary Accountant during this time. The outgoing staff are thanked for their contribution to the organisation. During this time James Nemo was promoted from his position as an Intern and made a full time staff member as the Policy Officer. In the final quarter of the year, CELCOR employed an Executive Director, who would eventually take over from the current Executive Director and founder, Mr Damien Ase, who will concentrate on the legal aspects of the organisation's work. The new Executive Director is Mrs. Emily Taule. Robert Mili was promoted to Accounts Officer from Admin Officer.



Reflecting the past: CELCOR staff at its Reflection workshop

Capacity Building

Capacity building is a major focus in CELCOR's development. Without staff development, an organisation is likely to fall apart. Seeing this need, several staff went for short courses. Staff that at-

tend the short course are:

Ruth Pune - IFI Training with FoEI Netherlands and Management Training with NGO Capacity Building;

Ronald Gigmai - Sustainable Livelihoods Approach conducted by IUCN, Indonesia;

Harry Aurere- Sustainable Livelihoods Approach conducted by IUCN, Indonesia, Media and Communications Skill Training by FoEI Malaysia and Train the Trainers conducted by PNG Inst. of Banking and Bus. Management;

Paula B Nato- Work Attachment with ACF, Australia; Godwin Aiawa-Diplomacy Training, Dili, East Timor.

Financial Management

As a result of the changes to the organisational structure this new section was developed. It is managed by the ED and its members are the Accountant, Accounts Officer, Programme Officer, Office manager, Office Driver/Assistant. There is a vacancy for an Admin Assistant but at this point in time there is no urgency to fill the position. The role of this team is to see that the organisational management of CELCOR both financial and administrative run effectively and efficiently.

Management Team

This team has been implemented as part of the recommendations of the External Evaluation to improve communication from the BOD through to the staff and vice versa. It is there to make decisions and communicate these to the necessary parties. The Team is made up of the ED, Principal Lawyer, Principal Programmer and the Accountant. The organisational teams now consist of the FMA as noted above the Legal section including DLA and PRLR, managed by the PL and the Programme section including the CAN and CLE, managed by the PP. The Team Managers are part of the Management Team and it is their role to act as the conduit of communication at all levels.

The Management Team will meet monthly prior to the monthly Staff meeting to ensure that all issues being raised are agreed upon and can be conveyed to the staff and to the BOD without prejudice. Information sharing is the best way of making the organisation run efficiently.

Update on organisational changes for 2005 to current

Although the office environment is small, the office buzzes along at a good pace and everyone seems to enjoy it. It was however, necessary for the organisation to move to facilitate the growing numbers and tasks of CELCOR. We are still pursuing the option of owning our own premises but this move is not

Financial Management and Administration

likely in the near future. We are now looking at the possibilities of purchasing land to build our own purpose built office and resource centre in the future.

As a result of the Strategic Planning Workshop in August 2005 CELCOR now has a three year Strategic Plan with an Operating Plan to assist it to meet its goals and activities.

Further to this, each section has a sectional work plan and strategy where each individual staff member has a personal work plan. This level of micro management ensures that staff are focused and can achieve the goals laid out in the Strategic Plan.

The importance of Monitoring and Evaluating is something that we as an organisation must adopt to ensure better management of programmes and reporting to our donors.

It is intended to set up an M & E Team to review our Operating Plan Indicators on a quarterly basis to see that we are in fact completing our activities and reaching our goal targets.

The introduction of a new Human Resource management strategy appears to have increased the morale of the staff, which was fairly low in 2005. The updating of the staff contracts, the introduction of an Appraisal system, the review and upgrade of the Staff Policy and Procedures Manual and the Training Needs Analysis are just a few of the new ways that staff are starting to feel managed and a valuable asset to the organisation.

It is envisaged with this new professional look and management style that CELCOR will continue to develop and conduct their work more effectively and efficiently in 2006 and beyond. All the staff have embraced the changes well and are working well towards improving the services of CELCOR and the maintaining higher standards in their work environments.

To our donors and supporters we are saying we will surprise you this year and provide you with greater confidence in our capabilities. Starting with the long overdue but never forgotten upgrade of our website. Watch out for the newly developed one prior to the end of the first quarter of 2006.

SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks to all our donors who continue to support the organisation and the valuable work we do. They are in no particular order: RFN/ODW; MacArthur Foundation; Parkard Foundation; Doen; ICCO; FoEI; CDS

And to all our local and international Partners and Community Groups: EFF; ELC; FOEI; ACF; CM; PwM; NACODA; NIAMEC; VDT; BRG; Bare Foot; ENBSEK; Wide Bay Community, Lake Murray Community and many others which we can not mention here.

Direct Legal Assistance provides customary resource owners, NGOs and community groups legal assistance in defence of community based property rights and the environment. This involves legal representation (emergency/long-term cases) covering administration and judicious cases and provision of legal advice and assistance to these groups.

Direct Legal Assistance

Higaturu Oil Palm Case

A brief has been drafted to engage overseas counsel to handle this complex environmental damage and pollution case. CELCOR is awaiting the completion of an environmental impact assessment and social impact assessment report on the activities of the Higaturu Oil Palm estate prior to instituting legal proceedings.

Kiunga-Aiambak Case

Awaiting decision of the National Court on the legality of the issue of Timber Authority No.08 by PNG National Forest Authority. It is hoped that a decision should be delivered by mid October 2005 in order to allow CELCOR to pursue the substantive issue on trespass.

Watut West TRP Case

The matter is still pending in court. The court file has been misplaced by the court clerks and so attempts are now made to ask the national court to proceed on with the matter despite the missing court file. This will be completed by end of October 2005.

Cape Orford Trespass Case

A writ of summons has been drafted and is to be filed at the national court by end of September 2005. The claim is for trespass to customary land and for environmental damage caused to the forests, streams and creeks by a Malaysian logging company (New Guinea Lumber Limited).

Mongi-Busega TRP Case

A final meeting with the client will take place on the 14th September 2005 to obtain further instructions prior to filing the writ of summons. The summons will be filed by the first week of October 2005. This case is in respect to trespass and negligence caused by the State, PNG National Forest Authority and Low Impact Logging Limited against the forest resource owners of Finschaffen area in Morobe Province.

Kaut TRP Case

An initial legal patrol was conducted into the area to confirm allegations of illegal logging, trespass to customary land destruction in November of 2004. Another patrol will be conducted in November 2005 for purposes of signing of retainer agreements and obtaining of initial instructions to commence negotiations with PNG National Forest Authority with the view to instituting legal proceedings by January 2006 if all attempts to resolve the matter fail.

Poliamba Oil Palm Case

An initial patrol was done into the area to see the operations of the Poliamba Oil Palm estate and confirm allegations of widespread pollution and environmental damage. An environmental impact assessment report is needed prior to instituting legal action. This case will need to be briefed out to overseas counsel as it is also quite complex as the Higaturu case.

Supreme Court Reference on the Forest Amendment Act 2005

CELCOR is now gathering information and evidence to file a Supreme Court reference on the legality of the Forest Amended Bill 2005 which was passed in Parliament in July/August 2005. CELCOR intends to file a summons by December or January 2005. This case will require assistance from outside counsel and so a brief is now being drafted out.

Middle Ramu (Kumlam) Block 1 Forest Management Area (FMA)

CELCOR had received information through the Bismark Ramu Group (BRG) in September 2003 of certain clans' intentions to withdraw from the Ramu Block 1 (KUMLAM) Forest Management Area (FMA). They were never properly informed of the project and the process that was used. Following from last year's paralegal workshop 15 clans from the villages of Kwaringri, Andigis, Astangu and Wabu signed the Consent Forms with CELCOR. Request made to NFA for copies of the FMA had no response.

Josephstaal Forest Management Area (FMA)

The landowning clans of Tindiginai Village wanted their customary land withdrawn from the Josephstaal boundary and have ideas to conserve it for future generations. A retainer agreement had been signed which gives CELCOR the right to represent the people in any legal proceeding in relation to their request.

Ioma Block 4 Timber Rights Purchase (TRP)

Clients request help where a non landowner entered into an agreement with a Philip Lee and did conduct an illegal logging operation. Furthermore the clients request our help in recovering the monies owed to the landowners through a court order.

Ramu Nickel/Cobalt Mine

The Bismark Ramu Group were seeking legal advice on the possible causes of legal action that may be available to the Lower Ramu and the Rai Coast people in relation to the proposed nickel mine at Kurumbukari, which proposes to have a refinery built at the Basamuk Bay. CELCOR contracted Lisa Ogle to work on this and she has done a draft.

Policy Research and Law Reform seeks to analyse, research and develop policies relevant for protection of community based property rights, protection of the environment and promotion of community based nature resource management (CBNRM).

Under the Policy Research and Law Reform Programme (PRLR), CELCOR continues to work in collaboration with partner NGOs on policy issues. These include amendments to the Forestry Act, the Regulations for the new Environment Act and related policies. Work on these policies are on going so CELCOR will continue to be involved in it. Furthermore, CELCOR will work with local groups and local level government laws on environmental conservation at the district level.

Customary Land Registration

Land in this country is massive to say the least. Subsistence land is mostly covered by good and productive soil areas whereas other parts of the country play host to grassland, rocky outcrops, high peaks, swamps, steep slopes and infertile soil. All land, whether they are of the former or latter description, have their own importance and uses in the communities. Customary Land accounts for 97% of the land in PNG and the remaining 3% is held by the State.

The Land Act 1996 is the legal basis for the administration of State Land and the legislation that deals with the administration of customary land is the Land Dispute Settlement Act.

The idea of registering customary land was first mooted in 2001 but was not well received by majority of stakeholders/landowners and therefore was shelved. The Government has had to tread carefully in this aspect as land as well know, is a very sensitive issue.

CELCOR has communicated on this issue with the relevant government agency (the Department of Lands and Physical Planning), various partner NGO's, landowning communities and international NGO's. CELCOR has attended a series of meetings at different times in the past years to further discuss this issue, the recent being in Lae at the University of Technology from the 23rd August to the 25th August 2005.

CELCOR in collaboration with other NGO's who were present at the Land Summit, presented the NGO stance which was, that there be no registration of customary land. The Government has shown in many of its dealings in the past, that it cannot be trusted, why then should we entrust them with ownership and usage of our most valuable asset?

It is envisioned that CELCOR disseminate the information on Customary Land Registration to as many NGO colleagues as possible so as to enable them to educate and make aware the communities that they work with. An effective way of disseminating such information is through the Community Legal Education Trainings that are conducted by CELCOR.

Policy Research and Law Reform

Registration and Strengthening of CBO's

The PRLR Program of CELCOR also assists Community Based Organizations (CBOs) to register their groups and or Associations. These CBOs have recognized the need to conserve their environment

and to engage in sustainable practices of their resources, they therefore approach the PRLR program and upon perusing their objectives and purposes of their group, the program is able to assist them register their associations. Registration of an association means the group is a recognized legal entity on its own and can enter into negotiations, business dealings, interactions, bring lawsuits etc, all are done in line with the stated objectives.

The program since it begun assisting groups to register last year (2004), has registered eleven CBO's throughout the country and continuously receives requests from various groups which are community orientated to assist them with their registration. The program is also instrumental in drafting Constitutions for these CBOs and or their Environmental Policies.



***Land issues are the most contraversal in the history of mankind.
Photo: Fly River Delta, Western Province***

Large scale destructive operations such as logging, mining and large plantation throughout PNG is currently threatening the resource-base of hundreds of local forest depending communities in PNG.

Not only does this pose a serious threat to the survival of local communities but it is also destroying PNG's vast biological and cultural heritage. Only through increased knowledge about the destructive effects of large scale logging and a better understanding of peoples' right can we hope to stop this process. CELCOR believes community legal training is the way forward.

In 2005 the project saw a continued progress in conducting the patrols, awareness campaigning and workshops. CELCOR staff continued to conduct the training in accordance with the overall goal of the project. To increase the effectiveness of these workshops CELCOR introduced the participation of campaign staff to offer a double pronged approach to the project goal. Awareness and training materials were produced to assist trainers with these activities as well as to help the organisation campaign for its overall mission. The impact of the project is demonstrated by the increase in demand for CELCOR's assistance. There has been a noticeable increase in the number of members of the community approaching CELCOR on a daily basis. They make request for help to develop strategies they can do in their communities to manage their land and develop sustainable approaches for the future.

The change in Strategic Direction and new Organisational Structure implemented towards the latter half of the year has enabled the project to refocus its energy and efforts. The Training Coordinator will be focusing on handing over the training to community trainers and CBO's to continue the work they have forged over the past few years. The training package and trainers will need to be accredited by the National Training Council and this will all be achieved by the end of 2006. We will also start to collect statistics on where the new clients and communities found out about what we are doing to trace the effectiveness of this project and others.

Activities for 2005 were conducted in accordance with the work plan for the most part. There were some deviations in the actual locations of the workshops as stated in the plan due to the urgent need for a particular community needing awareness and knowledge of their rights due to planned activities threatening the overall purpose of this project. Most of the ten legal awareness workshops were held as noted in the plan: Bialla (West New Britain), Higaturu (Oro Province), Hunstein Range (East Sepik), Ogayo (Oro Province), Open Bay (East New Britain), Ramu (Madang), and West Manus (Manus).

The three locations where the workshops were not conducted were Busega (Morobe Province); Vailala (Gulf) and Wau (Morobe). The Busega workshop did not eventuate because CELCOR failed to provide appropriate information about the legal education workshop. The Vailala area has been a problem for CELCOR for a couple of years now. The principle landowners that once came to CELCOR for legal assistance have backed-off to ally with the logging company. The local communities were found to be disoriented and are not organised. The Wau workshop was requested by the Department of Mining

Community Legal Education

to educate non-formal mining sector on mining, environment and conservation laws but failed to eventuate because a booklet on small scale-mining which was to be produced by CELCOR and launch at the workshop was not produced. However, CELCOR will continue to make efforts to conduct the legal education

training in the area.

In addition to the seven planned workshops there were three additional locations where CELCOR visited to increase awareness as the need demanded for immediate action. These were Cloudy Bay (Central Province); Kavieng (New Ireland) and Kokoda (Oro Province). There was urgency to conduct awareness in these three areas due to project development plans by the government.

In the Cloudy Bay area, the current Minister for Lands and Physical Planning has already made arrangements for the issuing of a timber permit to harvest logs in the area. The Kavieng workshop is a trial workshop for marine communities that are affected by logging activities. As well as this, fishing industry have taken a new twist by doing live fish trade which affects their habitat. Oil Palm expansion is greatly affecting forests in the Kokoda area, and it was felt that Kokoda workshop must be undertaken as soon as possible to for oil palm awareness.

The numbers that attended each of the workshops varied from twenty (20) to forty (40) participants from various villages and regions. Despite attempts to try and have a gender/youth balance, most of those attending were mature males. This is an issue that the community and CBO's will be able to address when they continue this training as anticipated in 2007.

Recon Trips

All three of the Recon trips to Hunstein, West Manus and Busega were conducted. The objective of the trip was to establish a Community Entry Point for CELCOR, to promote the Community Legal Education programme, to gauge interest and need for legal awareness workshops, to authenticate community support on the above allegations and for CELCOR to have a first hand evidence on the issues concern.

Training of Trainers

The training of trainers is the outcome of the External Evaluation's recommendation to conduct *true paralegal* training. The training clearly define the environmental and conservations laws, inclusively, highlighting people's rights that are spelt out in the various legislation studied. The anticipated outcome of the workshop was to produce people who are able to carry out both the legal awareness and legal assistance to selected communities.



Scenes from Cloudy Bay community legal education workshop

Campaign, Advocacy and Networking fosters better and responsible environmental laws and policies in the local, provincial and national levels to promote and sustain lines of cooperation with local, national and international organisations and government agencies.

This involves participation in public forums as well as support proposals of environmentally responsible laws, policies and programs.

CELCOR's campaign and advocacy work begin since its establishment in February 2000 with a vision for PNG communities to live in harmony with the environment and culture in a just and holistic and sustainable way. Through its campaign and networking section, CELCOR is working towards this vision by undertaking advocacy work and campaigning against the expansion of palm oil and illegal logging projects.

One of the highlights of this program was the recruitment of George Laume as the Palm Oil/Forestry Campaigners.

Palm Oil and Forest Campaign

Palm Oil and Forest campaign is one of the two campaign components, under the campaign program that is collaboratively funded by, DOEN, FoEI and ICCO.

Together with its International Partner, Friends of the Earth International (FoEI), CELCOR has been able to do a lot of campaign on forestry and palm oil issues basically at the local and national level. Not only CELCOR conducting campaign work, but it has gone as far as taking legal actions against companies.

Community Patrols and Requests

One area of the IFI programme is to conduct patrols into areas that request awareness on the role of IFIs. The patrols are taken into areas that are either affected by IFI funded projects or areas that are going to be affected by IFI funded projects. The areas visited were West and East New Britain and Central Provinces. The purpose of these patrols were to create awareness on the roles of IFIs like the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank in the development of natural resources but have links to loan repayment or the debts. The communities have requested these patrols as a result of the IFI and oil palm workshops held last year (2004). The exposure to such informative workshops has given rise to communities requesting for a wider audience. The patrols are held in collaboration with the legal education programme. The workshops are divided into different sessions where the IFI is given the same attention as the legal education. In such trips the costs are shared between the two programmes to cut down costs.

Lobbying

This is an important activity of the IFI campaign. Over the past years, CELCOR has used this tool to strengthen its campaigns. It can be a waste of time, resources and energy if the targeted IFI is not understudied properly as they have tactics to put off critiques and lay off campaigns. The lobbying activity involves proper preparation of what to ask, what to inform and what to take from them. This year's lobbying was aimed at the World Bank project; the Forest Conservation Project and AusAID for the ECP package. The AusAID was targeted to see if they could intervene in the corruption issues within the

Campaign, Advocacy and Networking

Forestry sector. Since the programme was dealing with policing, the aim of the trip was to educate the target. The issues put forward was that if corruption is involved in Forestry sector, there is need for exposure of this. It was also highlighted that due to bribery occurring in the Forestry sector, an independent party like the ECP officials of the police force should

be the ones addressing this with the assistance of their PNG counterparts.

Awareness materials

This year with the recruitment of the Forest/Oil palm Campaigner, fact sheets and posters were produced for environmental awareness. Under the IFI Campaign, ACF support staff prepared a brief information sheet, however, some of the information given were outdated. As the need for information on IFIs and their roles in the development of the natural resources arose, a draft of the fact sheet was drawn and distributed for comments especially for ACF since they prepared the original fact sheet. Several attempts were made to get the fact sheet printed out but then comments regarding the fact sheet arrived later resulting in redrafting it again, this time with updated facts and figures. The production of such materials is vital for education purposes.

EFF activities

The PNG Eco Forestry Forum is one of the fora that CELCOR is member of. It addresses all Forestry issues in PNG and had major activities including a seminar, lobby trip and picketing for the new Forest Bill that was passed in the Parliament mid this year and the World Environment Day activities. It was realised after all the activities were done that CELCOR played a vital role in coordinating of the seminar, picketing and parliament lobbying. One of the underlying reasons was the fact that CELCOR had Campaigners while other NGOs did not and therefore had the opportunity to committee the available human resource.



This Oil Palm grower from Oro uses make-shift raft from rubber tubes and planks to cross a river. Wheelburrows are used to carry the nut.

Note: Enhanced Cooperation Programme has since been scrapped.

Nature and Poverty Programme

CELCOR is a partner under the Forests-South East Asia –Pacific Subprogramme of the Natural Livelihood Resources and Poverty Alleviation Programme (NLRPA) or Nature and Poverty Programme. The partners under the programme are; WALHI (FOE-Indonesia), Sawit Watch, NTFP-EP (Philippines), Sabahat Alam Malaysia (FOE - Malaysia), IUCN-Thailand, Partners with Melanesians and CELCOR. The programme was initiated by the WWF-Netherlands, Netherlands Committee for IUCN and Friends of Earth /Milieudefensie and is supported by the Netherlands government. The programme gained momentum in 2004 and will be completed this year but the 2nd phase of the programme is now being discussed which will see a continuation of the programme. The programme has been built on our existing programme and projects of providing direct legal assistance to resource owners and Community Based Organizations/NGOs, including policy analysis and support and campaign on forests and oil palm. Apart from the separate activities undertaken by each partner under the programme, the programme pursues to identify areas where the partners can come together and synergize and learn from each other thus moving this programme to another level. Three (3) synergy meetings were held since March 2004 to discuss these synergistic activities which saw partners undertaking collaborative activities bilaterally and multilaterally. Two (2) of the synergy activities has been the Corporate Campaigners strategy meeting in Bogor Indonesia in June (2005) attended by the Forest Campaigner and the Sustainable Livelihood Approach Training in West Kalimantan attended by the Training Coordinator and the Programme Officer in November 2005. CELCOR will be undertaking follow up activities on these meetings relating to the Corporate Campaigns and Sustainable Livelihood Approach. Furthermore, CELCOR is collaborating with Sabahat Alam Malaysia (FOE-Malaysia) to organize a Legal Rights Conference sometimes in mid 2006.

Marine Programme

The marine project basically had represented a new focus for the organisation whereby initial assistance was given to areas and communities affected by logging and other major resource development areas. Whilst work in these areas is still continuing, provision of legal assistance and awareness in the marine area now entails a holistic approach to our environment protection and biodiversity conservation efforts. A lawyer was recruited under this programme in 2005 who is implementing of the project. The marine programme programme is supported with generous funding from the David and Lucile Packard Foundation.

Christensen Fund

CELCOR receives funding assistance from the Fund in 2005 for the project “Landowner Legal Support and Environmental Law and Policy Reform in Support of Biodiversity Conservation in Papua New Guinea.” CELCOR appreciates this significant support from the Fund.

Other Programs

Information

CELCOR communicates its messages through a quarterly published newsletter and a webpage. However, these mediums have not been fully utilised. For instance, the webpage has not been updated for quite a while now. The newsletter, although was produced have not been

printed due to financial constraints in this part of the organisation. Documentation and publications of issues CELCOR has been working have also failed to surface during the year. Mores so, information gathered by CELCOR has been packaged and produced by other organisations which gained credit while CELCOR remains in the dark.

Western Community Conservation Coalition

The Western Community Conservation Coalition (WCCC) intends to build from the existing partnership that NGOs have in community engagement in supporting eco-enterprises to expand community conservation and development activities in Lake Murray and the greater Western Province. The coordination and administration of the project support is being provided by CELCOR.

The project was a coordinated effort by Eco Forestry Forum, Foundation for people and Community Development, CELCOR, Environmental Law Center, Barefoot Community Development, Greenpeace and Worldwide Fund for Nature.

The group’s approach is to support the communities in the Lake Murray area of the Western province to sustainably manage their own forest resources.



Birds eye view of Lake Murray

Financial Report

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31
DECEMBER 2005**

**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND
EXPENDITURES**

**NON-CURRENT
ASSETS**

	2005	2004
Property, plant and equipment	135,973.00	87,689.00
Total Non-Current Assets	<i>135,973.00</i>	<i>87,689.00</i>

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash and Bank	394,264.00	485,793.00
Debtors and Prepayments	255,305.00	70,281.00
Total Current Assets	<i>649,569.00</i>	<i>556,074.00</i>

TOTAL ASSETS **785,542.00** **643,763.00**

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Sundry Creditors	80,462.00	16,885.00
Provisions	64,518.00	46,034.00
Payable	93,065.00	-
Total Current Liabilities	<i>238,045.00</i>	<i>62,919.00</i>

TOTAL LIABILITIES **238,045.00** **62,919.00**

Net Assets 547,497.00 580,844.00

**Represented by
Accumulated surplus** **547,497.00** **580,844.00**

Income

	2005	2004
Donor Grant	1,211,977.00	1,453,051.00
Other	238,538.00	69,545.00
Total Income	<u>1,450,515.00</u>	<u>1,522,596.00</u>

Expenditure

Office and Communications	144,748.00	129,779.00
Staffing and Related Costs	562,987.00	463,880.00
Workshops/Conferences	273,269.00	61,106.00
Projects and Related Expenses	331,354.00	465,801.00
Air Travels	22,260.00	21,926.00
Other Expenses	51,437.00	45,538.00
Total Expense	<u>1,485,179.00</u>	<u>1,228,741.00</u>

Net Surplus (deficit) for the year	(34,664.00)	293,855.00
Historical balancing amount	(1,706.00)	(32,711.00)
Net Surplus (deficit) brought forward	583,867.00	319,700.00

**Total Accumulated
Surplus (deficit)** **547,497.00** **580,844.00**

AUDITOR'S REPORT

CELCOR is supported by several donors. Some are major donors and others are smaller donors supporting specific projects for shorter periods.

John D and Catherine T Macarthur Foundation

This is a US based donor. It is one of our two major donors who have initially supported CELCOR in the first phase of the project (*Landowner Legal Support and Environmental Law and Policy reform in Support of Biodiversity Conservation in Papua New Guinea*) which have renewed their commitment and have funded the mentioned project for another three (3) years (2004-2006). This will end in 2006. Most of the funds under Macarthur goes towards admin costs.

Rainforest Foundation Norway (NORAD) and Operation Days Work (ODW).

RFN is based in Norway which mainly manages the NORAD and ODW (Operation Days Work) funds. RFN is one of the major donors which had renewed its commitment to support CELCOR for a second phase (2004-2006) of the project (*Promoting Community Based Property Rights*) of which the contract will end in 2006. **ODW** mainly funds the Community Legal Education Programme (paralegal trainings) of which the contract expires in 2006. They have supported this project for sometime now.

Christensen Fund

This a new funder that supported the land owner legal support and environmental law project.

Nature and Poverty Programme (TMF)

CELCOR is involved in the sub programme of Forests-South East Asia-Pacific of the Natural Livelihood Resources (Nature and Poverty) which is for three (3) years which started in 2004 and ends in 2006 and a possibility of the programme being extended. The programme involves supporting the campaign and legal work on oil palm and forest and Poverty Alleviation Programme (NLRPA) but focussing more on synergy activities where partners in the region can assist each other on issues in the region.

The funding is from Dutch government through DGIS. The programme was initiated by WWF-Netherlands, NC-IUCN and FOE-Netherlands.

UNDP Global Environmental Facility NGO Small Grants Programme GEF/SGP)

GEF NGO Small Grants has supported CELCOR's initiative to provide legal assistance to the communities in Western and Oro Provinces. Further, CELCOR is regarded as a partner where we will be managing some of the smaller CBO's funds. Under this arrangement Namiai Community Development Association (NACODA) and OGAYO Project has been funded.

Donors

Community Development Scheme

CDS has previously supported us for a capacity building project but are currently funding us under the NGO Strengthening Program as well as the Specialized Partners Program where we will be managing some of the smaller CBO's funds. We have signed a contract with CDS for a total of K190,000 for stand alone

activities under the NGO Strengthening Program. They have under the Specialized Partners Programme funded (about K46000) Lake Murray Resource Owners Association (LMROA).

David and Lucile Packard Foundation

This is the only funder funding the Marine programme which focuses mainly on awareness raising and capacity building of marine communities.

Inter Church Organisation for Development Cooperation

ICCO has supported the CELCOR's campaign work. Further they have supported the Strategic Planning workshop which was held in Madang in August 2005.

Global Green grants Fund.

This fund mainly provides small grants to CBOs to for smaller projects. Their limit is USD5000. The Principal Lawyer is one of the Recommending Advisor for this grant and several CBOs were being recommended for funding and have since received their funding.

DOEN Foundation

DOEN has been supporting the oil palm campaign work. The current project is "Campaign on impact of oil palm and mini estates in PNG" which will be completed this year. A new application (project portfolio) has been done and will be sent to them together with project portfolio that includes projects from other CBOs like Alotau Environment, ENBSEK (East New Britain Sotel Eksen Komiti), NIEMAC (New Ireland Environmental Monitoring and Awareness Committee) and West New Britain Sustainable Development Forum and OCEAN (Oro Community Environmental Action Network).

NC-IUCN

This donor has initially funded the cost of legal assistance to the Lake Murray area. This project has been completed and a final report has been submitted to them. A new proposal has been sent to them for a new project which is the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Project in Popondetta.

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