

## **Socio-economic Research Techniques in Non-industrial Forestry**

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### **ABSTRACT**

This paper examines some of the techniques which are applicable in socio-economic research in forestry, with particular emphasis on non-industrial forestry in a developing country context. A variety of quantitative techniques is found to have relevance. The techniques may be grouped as data collection and analysis, physical and financial modeling, valuation and reporting methods, and policy analysis. In general, social cost-benefit analysis provides an appropriate framework within which these techniques can be viewed. In some applications, alternative techniques are available, and factors influencing the appropriate choice can be identified.

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