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Sommario/riassunto	Any reader eager to gain a comprehensive insight into forest development policy, praxis and reality shouldn't miss this excellent publication. Hard to find a comparable reading where the author is digging deep into forest development policy while at the same time providing a high-level analysis and focused quantitative and qualitative results on a complex matter. The author discovered numerous highly relevant theories as well as inspiring cases about forests and people from around the world. The mosaic of theoretical and empirical knowledge has already found important readers. A central dimension of the analytical research is the focus on 'change' rather than

'development' and on the role of various actors in creating or preventing 'change'. While the book aims at explaining parts of the complex reality of forest development policy, it does not shy to describe and compare the results with various normative beliefs and concepts on how development cooperation should/must look like. All individual theoretical arguments and empirical proofs are well based and shed light into the political process of forest development policy. Both readers with theoretical interests as well as readers interested in forest issues from the point of view of practice will discover important information and inspiring thoughts in the book. This book is the publication of the doctoral thesis of the author, being based on a project that provided praxis relevant advice to policy makers and forestry experts. The scientific board was highly pleased by the theoretical sound and empirical rich arguments of the book.

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