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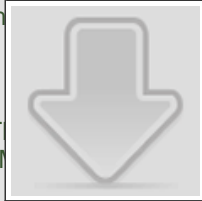
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DESCRIPTION

This study investigated the production-to-consumption systems of rattan and bamboo in Uganda. Rattan has long been collected from natural forests for domestic use and for trading in local markets, with a small amount exported through unregulated channels. Furniture is the main product. Bamboo shoots are a major source of income to communities adjacent to bamboo forests, but otherwise bamboo poles are used only locally, with little value adding processing. Recommendations for improving the rattan sector include sustainable management of rattan resources, including replanting and community management systems, upgrading the processing industry by training, the provision of central rattan preserving facilities, and improving marketing and trading conditions. For the bamboo sector villagers should be encouraged to take an active role in managing bamboo resources, with on-farm cultivation encouraged. Small scale processing methods should be introduced to develop bamboo industries, and the bamboo shoot industry promoted.

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