



Sustainable Forest Management in Caatinga

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Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) strategies aim at the use of forest resources maintaining forest-related ecosystem services. SFM is a central concept in international debates on forest governance and when it 'moves' from these debates to implementation on the ground, translations of the concept result in different outcomes. The research focused on investigating how SFM-linked institutions – rules, norms, and beliefs – are translated from international policy arenas, to domestic and sub-national policy and governance frameworks, and further down the line to their implementation in a specific locality, Caatinga biome in Brazil. The overall findings demonstrate that it is essential to explore how SFM institutions are translated, involving study of the interactions amongst actors, resources use, and governance systems within different social-ecological settings. The research also shows that different groups of local actors, isolated or together, reject, adapt, and/or integrate SFM institutions through their local practices in order to cope with SFM implementation challenges. As such, the global-local nexus of SFM embodies a complex set of vertical and horizontal interactions amongst actors, forest resources, and governance systems. This PhD research was developed within the Forest and Nature Conservation Policy Group (FNP) and was financially supported by the CAPES Foundation, Brazil.

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