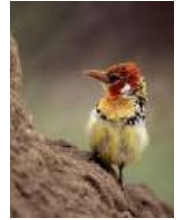




Barbets Duet

*Barbets are tropical birds related to woodpeckers & toucans.
Some Afrotropical barbets sing in duet, creating the sound of one voice.*

*The Barbets' Duet symbolizes the need to draw on the knowledge
of competing cultures to create ecological societies.*



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BARBET GAME

The Barbet Game is one of the learning tools being developed as part of the Barbets Duet experiment. It is designed to be a simple way to test the impact of different property rights and trading rules on incomes, environmental health and biodiversity.



In this board game the players can own, buy and sell different types of property using different tokens which are placed on the board during play. Each player owns a number of tokens in his/her own colour. These represent ownership of land as well as different life forms and human activities (agriculture, industry, transport, energy production, etc).

The Barbets Game is played for a fixed period of time. It can be played by individuals, up to six people at a time, or played by teams. The object of the game is to increase the variety of life forms on the board and replace all highly polluting human activities with low impact ones. When playing in teams, the team with the greatest biodiversity on the board and greatest equity of income among its players, is the team that wins. When playing as individuals, different definitions of winning emerge or can be agreed before play.

There are different sets of rules currently being developed for playing the game so that players can choose which rules they want to use. During the game, players can change the rules by mutual consent. When playing as teams using different sets of rules, players will be able to see which rules lead to which outcomes.

The game is being tested with adults and children in various parts of the world, using a prototype board and pieces. Current tests aim to discover which sets of rules are most easily learned, reflect the dilemmas we face today and create a viable, entertaining game. When the game is ready for wider use, players will be able to choose from several sets of rules, which they can then modify.

Please get in touch if you are interested in helping to test and develop the Barbets Game.

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Invention Convention 16-19 October 2009

The Invention Convention will mark the formal initiation of the Barbets Duet by bringing people from the founding Barbet Sites together with advisors from a variety of disciplines. Together we will:

- Agree on a shared understanding of the Barbets Duet concept.
- Present sites and their potential while also exchanging relevant knowledge.
- Propose new business models for each site and outline experiments to test the new models.
- Reflect on appropriate governance structures and agree on the way forward.

PROPOSED DATE, LOCATION & AGENDA

The Invention Convention will be held from 16-19 October 2009 in Mlingotini, Bagamoyo, Tanzania, hosted by the Msichoke Seaweed Farmers Cooperative and Mwajuma Masaiganah.

DAY ONE	
<u>Morning</u> 1. Welcome, introductions, courtesies & warm-up 2. Debate & agree the Barbets Duet Concept 3. Present Barbet Learning Sites to each other • posters & artefacts of each site's potential	<u>Afternoon</u> 3. Finish presentation of Barbet Sites 4. Use "Give & Gain" knowledge wheel to identify: • each person's relevant knowledge • what each person wants to learn
DAY TWO	
<u>Morning</u> 5. Visit Msichoke seaweed growing operations by boat, time depending on the tide.	<u>Afternoon</u> 6. Sites work with advisors to develop new business models.
DAY THREE	
<u>Morning</u> 7. Sites work with advisors to propose experiments to test new business models. 8. Presentation of proposed models & experiments.	<u>Afternoon</u> 9. Felt sense reflections on the whole: concept, preparation, Convention, site activities & plans. 10. Way forward.
EVENING – DAY THREE	
Maulid organised by Mlingotini village to celebrate and bless the Barbets Duet Invention Convention.	

FOUNDING SITES & ORGANISERS

Founding Site Organisers	Locality	Country	Type of site
Oby & Hilda Obyerodhyambo	Seme, near Kisumu	Kenya	former crop land, nr Lake Victoria
Sammy Muvelah	Lukenya, near Nairobi	Kenya	former grazing land
Msichoke & Mwajuma Masaiganah	Mlingotini, near Bagamoyo	Tanzania	Coastal waters, mangroves, seaweed farmers cooperative
Magode Ikyua	Molo, near Tororo	Uganda	Mount Elgon watershed stream feeding Lake Kioga
Rose Lyimo	Morogoro	Tanzania	256 acres forest land

SAMPLE OF EAST AFRICAN ADVISORS INVITED TO ATTEND

Name	Organisation
Pascal Sanginga	International Development Research Council, Nairobi
Julius K. Kipng'etich	Kenya Wildlife Service, Nairobi
Sophia Apio Kerwegi	National Chemo-therapeutics Lab, Kampala
Aidan & Bertram Eyakuze, Abdu Simba	Serengeti Advisors, Dar es Salaam
Prof. Munishi & Jambiya G.	Sokoine University, Morogoro, Tanzania
Bill Farmer	Uganda Carbon Bureau, Kampala