



**Programme for the WMPA North East Regional Meeting in Shillong
(Meghalaya – India):
“Living in the mountains: local cultures and production innovative
strategies”**

Day I 08th March 2006	
9:00 to 9:30 A.M	Registration
9:30 to 10:10 A.M	Welcome Address & Brief Introduction of the Agendas of the meeting , Mayfereen Ryntathiang, representative, N.E (confirmed)
10:10 to 10:30 AM	Tea break
10:30 to 11:00 AM	Background of WMPA and its involvement in the Himalayas in 2006 – Dr Denis Blamont, Vice-President WMPA (confirmed)
11:00 to 12:30 PM	Impact of eri silk in Meghalaya - Sericulture Department govt of Meghalaya
12:30 to 1:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 to 2:30 PM	Certification process in India – Dr. A.K Nongkynrih
2:30 to 3:30 PM	Organic Agriculture in the North East – Bosco Reach Out. (confirmed)
3:30 to 4:00 PM	Tea break
4:00 to 5:00 PM	Eco/community tourism: sharing of experiences from the Meghalaya Tourism Development Forum (MTDF) (confirmed)
DAY II: 9th March 2006	
9:00 to 10 A.M	Community Forestry: Sharing of experiences from the Ri Bhoi District Forest Department, govt of Meghalaya (confirmed)
10:00 to 10:40 AM	Networking – Rashmi or Impact of Hydro project on dams in Arunachal Pradesh, Susanna Abraham
10:40 to 11:00 AM	Tea Break
11:00 to 12:00PM	Culture and its diversities in the North East, Dr. Desmond Kharmawphlang, NEHU (confirmed)
12:00 to 12:30	Presentations from Organisations present
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2:30 to 3:00 PM	Tea Break
3:00 to 4:00 PM	Resource centres, research on and extension of craft techniques for non directly agro-pastoral sources of income (facilitated by Rashmi Bharti)
4:00 to 5:00 PM	Local rules and regulations, National laws for sustainable income generating activities such as crafts and tourism (facilitated by Denis Blamont)
5:00 to 6:30 PM	Report on WMPA regional activities and scopes (facilitated by Rashmi Bharti, representative WMPA Asia, Mayfereen Ryntathiang, representative WMPA NE, and Dr Shekhar Pathak, WMPA National Coordinator for India)
DAY III: 10th March 2006	
Field Trip to Mawlynnong village, MTDF project area from 8:00am to 3:00PM	
6:00PM to 7:00PM	Plan of action for future WMPA networking