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Heleen van den Hombergh studied tropical forestry -with a focus on social aspects and rural development- at Wageningen University. She then specialized in gender and environment connections at The University of Amsterdam and obtained her PhD (with distinction, 2004) based on theory development and a case study about environmental movement building and campaigning. For that purpose she travelled up and down to Costa Rica for 5 years, 1995-2000. From 2002-2007 she worked for Oxfam Novib, responsible for the financing of international networks and co-operation programmes between NGOs concerned with biodiversity, environmental degradation, farmers rights, and indigenous peoples. Currently she is co-ordinating the Nature and Poverty Knowledge and Learning Network, a new initiative based at IUCN Netherlands Committee in which 17 environmental and development organizations and their Southern members take part.