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## **1 Director's report**

PLAAS celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in July 2005, in the middle of what proved to be another demanding year of applied research, teaching and supervision, policy engagement and organizational change. We continued our efforts to secure long-term financial sustainability but met with several obstacles, and high levels of administrative staff turnover made it difficult to provide consistently high levels of support to research staff. High levels of stress were experienced by senior staff members.

Despite these problems, PLAAS researchers continued to be highly productive, and three staff members received good ratings from the National Research Foundation. Several new research projects were launched in 2005 and a programme of research internships was initiated. The relationship between PLAAS and the Department of Land Affairs improved greatly, and the Minister of Agriculture and Land Affairs, Thoko Didiza, visited PLAAS in November. The national land summit provided clear evidence of PLAAS recommendations having influenced government thinking on land reform. These and other highlights from the year are reported in more detail below.

### **Highlights of 2005**

PLAAS' 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations provided an opportunity to reflect on the achievements of its first decade of existence (1995-2005). These include securing grant income of around R42 million for over thirty large research, training and networking projects, producing and disseminating over 100 publication (books, research reports, occasional papers, policy briefs and information bulletins), initiating a unique post-graduate teaching programme in Land and Agrarian Studies (that produced 24 graduates, including two doctorates), and PLAAS researchers publishing 40 academic journal articles and 53 book chapters as well as playing key roles in a range of policy making processes.

The anniversary celebrations included the hosting of a well-attended symposium on public debate, policy critique and the role of public intellectuals. Speakers included Prof Achille Mbembe of Wits University, Yasmin Sooka of the Foundation for Human Rights, Prof Lungise, Ntsebeza of UCT and PLAAS researchers Drs Thembela Kepe, Andries du Toit and Moenieba Isaacs. An evening celebration was addressed by Tozi Gwanya, the Chief Land Claims Commissioner, UWC Rector Prof Brian O'Connell, and Dr Gary Hawes of the Ford Foundation.

The year also saw several visits to PLAAS from officials from the policy unit within of the Department of Land Affairs (DLA), requests to PLAAS researchers by the department to assist in commissioned research, and invitations to PLAAS staff members to present keynote papers or chair commissions at the National Land Summit in July 2005. More substantively, key sections of the DLA document for the Land Summit, notably those focused on new approaches to improve the pace and quality of land redistribution, were taken directly from PLAAS publications or presentations (but without attribution). Unfortunately the potential for constructive interaction around policy options was not realized in the six months following the Land Summit, and it is unclear whether or not the apparent willingness of both PLAAS staff and government to build a better working relationship than has obtained in the past five years will bear fruit.

Another positive development was the National Treasury commissioning Dr Andries du Toit and David Neves to engage in an 18-month study of vulnerability, labour markets and social protection, with a strong focus on developing a better understanding the survival strategies of the rural and urban poor.

Less positive was the reaction of some officials of Marine and Coastal Management (MCM), a directorate of the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism, to news that PLAAS researcher Dr Moenieba Isaacs had submitted an affidavit in support of a court challenge to the constitutionality of policies on fishing rights. These officials threatened to end MCM funding of PLAAS research on socio-economic aspects of fisheries, a threat not to be taken lightly given that the main donor that funds such research, the Norwegian government, channels its funds through MCM. In the end no such decision was taken, after several interactions between these officials and the Director of PLAAS.

Major new research projects initiated by PLAAS in 2005 included “The impact of HIV/Aids in selected fishing communities in South Africa” and “Well-being among fisher folk in Africa”(both led by Moenieba Isaacs and Mafa Hara); “Land redistribution and poverty reduction in South Africa” (led by Edward Lahiff); “Policy options for land and agrarian reform” (led by Ruth Hall); “Vulnerability, labour markets and social protection” (led by Andries du Toit); and “Land, water and poverty in Southern Africa” (led by Edward Lahiff and Bill Derman of Noragric) .

In 2005 PLAAS staff published a total of 37 book chapters, journal articles, research reports, occasional papers, policy briefs, and newspaper articles, and presented 71 papers at conferences, workshops and seminars. PLAAS itself published 18 reports, occasional papers and policy briefs. The three PLAAS researchers rated by the National Research Foundation this year were Ben Cousins (B2), Thembela Kepe (C2) and Mafa Hara (C2).

Graduates from PLAAS in 2005 included five with MPhils, four with Post-Graduate Diplomas and one with a PhD. A new programme of research internships was initiated, with the aim of providing opportunities for hands-on training of post-graduate students within PLAAS research projects. Boyce Tom, an MPhil student, was awarded the first of these and located within a research project on land reform, farm employment and livelihoods in four rural municipalities.

### **Organisational development**

In 2004 PLAAS secured a grant from the Foundation for Human Rights for a process of organizational development and hired the Community Development Resources Association to provide facilitation services. A demanding programme of activities, including interviews, workshops and reflection sessions was initiated. These helped PLAAS address longstanding issues of power, identity and organizational culture, questions of how to enhance interactions between staff members located within different projects, and the needs of trainee researchers.

PLAAS staff members felt that the considerable investments of time and effort that this process involved were well justified. At a final workshop in late 2004 they committed themselves to a range of new initiatives, many of which were implemented in 2005. These included:

- A programme of support to researchers, and young researchers in particular (eg. in relation to writing skills, advice on how to approach publication in journals, fund raising and proposal writing)
- A workshop on mentoring and supervision, for both senior and younger researchers
- Initiating research internships to help address the problem of researcher training
- Home Days on the first Monday of each month, to include a staff meeting, seminars or workshops, a shared lunch, and time for networking and co-authorship meetings; these activities being designed to facilitate interaction across project or focus area boundaries, and to promote collegiality and sharing of ideas
- Regular team-building meetings of the administrative team
- Restructuring of the administrative team, including the development of revised job descriptions

## Emerging challenges

A number of key challenges to PLAAS emerged in 2005. One is the difficulty of securing the long-term financial security of a large research centre that relies heavily on external sources. In 2003 a sustainability initiative was launched that included the establishment of an endowment fund from which a steady income can be earned to support core institutional functions. In 2004 a grant of US\$500 000 was received from the Ford Foundation, which was about to end ten years of core funding of PLAAS, and this was used to set up an investment fund managed on behalf of the university by RMB bank. A PLAAS Endowment Committee was established, to review the performance of the fund and to recommend ways of using semi-annual payments from the capital depletion fund. These have proved extremely useful for meeting core costs but are not sufficient to provide long-term security.

Strenuous efforts were made in 2005 to identify donors that might contribute to growth of the investment fund and move towards a target of R7 million, but have not met with success thus far. As a result PLAAS has developed an alternative core funding strategy. This involves seeking grants for programmes to address objectives that are central to the organization's mission, can cover some core administrative costs and staff salaries, and allow PLAAS to build long-term relationships with donors who might provide endowment grants in future.

A different set of challenges exists in relation to the post-graduate teaching programme. These include the fact that limited funds are made available by the university for teaching and administrative support, and that the academic quality of the student intake has not been as high as expected, with some students struggling to adjust to the high standards of work expected. Of particular concern is the slow throughput rate. Some diploma students take two or more years to complete the six taught modules, and some of the MPhil students take three or four years to complete their mini-thesis research projects. There appear to be two main reasons for slow throughput: (a) students are almost all in full-time employment and registered on a part-time basis, which makes the completion of written assignments and mini-theses somewhat difficult for them; (b) many students are ill-prepared for academic study and research and fail to meet required standards in much of their analysis and writing. The latter means that intensive supervision is often required, but PLAAS researchers have little spare time for this given that they are employed in full-time research projects with demanding schedules and deadlines.

A third set of challenges arises from the extremely taxing work loads of senior researchers and managers at PLAAS and the high levels of stress that result. This can lead to 'burn out', a syndrome of physical and mental exhaustion and lowered productivity.

In 2006 PLAAS will be considering ways to enhance the effectiveness of its activities and programmes, reduce the management and administrative burden of senior staff, and streamline its administrative support section. Some of these challenges might be integral to a phase of 'organizational maturity', as PLAAS enters its second decade, but it is clear that a number of structural problems, related to inadequate university support for externally-funded research units, will have to be addressed if the challenge of sustainability is to be met.

## 2 Staffing

PLAAS employed a total of 31 staff members during 2005.

### Director

- Prof Ben Cousins

### **Deputy Director**

- Dr Thembela Kepe

### **Research and academic staff**

- Xakathile Dabula (Field Assistant, from June 2005)
- Dr Andries du Toit (Senior Researcher)
- Ruth Hall (Researcher)
- Dr Mafaniso Hara (Senior Researcher)
- Dr Moenieba Isaacs (Researcher)
- Karin Kleinbooi (Researcher)
- Dr Edward Lahiff (Senior Researcher)
- Themba Maluleke (Researcher, from July 2005)
- Dr Frank Matose (Senior Researcher)
- Sibongile Mtini (Field Assistant, from April 2005)
- Zuko Ndamane (Field Assistant, from April 2005)
- David Neves (Researcher, from April 2005)
- Munyaradzi Saruchera (Researcher/Network Co-ordinator, until May 2005)
- Barbara Tapela (Researcher)
- Boyce Tom (Research Intern, from August 2005)
- Webster Whande (Researcher/Network Co-ordinator)

### **Administrative staff**

- Gretna Andipatin (Administrator, June–December 2005)
- Ursula Arends (Administrative Manager)
- Rowena Christian (Administrator, until April 2005)
- Lulekwa Gqiba (Administrator)
- Robertha Isaacs (Finance Assistant, until March 2005)
- Bealah Jacobs (Administrator)
- Nazli Johaardien (Reception Officer, October–December 2005)
- Edgar Joshua (Business Manager)
- Vivian Magerman (Secretary/Receptionist, until February 2005)
- Ithra Najaar (Finance Assistant, from March 2005)
- Nobomvu Toleni (Secretary/Receptionist, March–July 2005).

*Diversity profile of the Programme for Land and Agrarian Studies as at December 2005*

	<i>Black</i>		<i>White</i>		<i>Total</i>
	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	
Academic	4	8	1	4	17
Administrative	6	1	0	0	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>24</b>

As at December 2005, the majority of PLAAS staff (79%) were black, and 71% of researchers were black. In terms of gender, 46% of staff were women, but only 29% of researchers were women.

### **3 Research and networking focus areas**

This section contains details on the research programme currently being undertaken by PLAAS staff, within a range of projects and collaborative arrangements with diverse partners nationally, regionally and internationally. Brief summaries of each project under four focus areas list the objectives, PLAAS staff members involved, partner organisations, and sources of funding.

#### ***Focus area: Land reform and rural livelihoods***

##### **Human Rights and Governance in South Africa's Land Reform**

This programme represents a collaboration between PLAAS and Noragric [the Department of International Environment and Development Studies at the Norwegian University of Life Sciences], which was initiated in 1999. The programme seeks to develop a better understanding of key issues in South Africa's land and agrarian reform in South Africa and in Norway; to provide institutional support to PLAAS capacity-building efforts; to enable exchange visits between the partners to enhance research capacity and facilitate collaboration in research and training; and to provide study grants to students in PLAAS's post-graduate programme for research on land and agrarian reform in South Africa. During 2005 the programme facilitated policy-relevant applied research that informed policy debates, policy formulation and policy implementation. Research topics fell under three broad themes:

- Politics of land reform and land use planning
- Formalisation of land rights and effects on poverty alleviation
- Water rights and rural poverty.

Dr Thembela Kepe is undertaking research on land and resource rights in the context of land use planning (with a particular focus on the Eastern Cape). This work has largely focused on the challenges of land reform in conservation areas, as well as the impact of natural resource management policies on rural livelihoods. Barbara Tapela of PLAAS is undertaking research on integrated rural development strategies, land and water rights and sustainable livelihoods. Ruth Hall of PLAAS is conducting research into the politics of land reform. One of the key objectives of the programme is the dissemination of information.

The PLAAS component of the programme is co-ordinated by Dr Thembela Kepe. The project is funded by the Norwegian Embassy and administered by the Norwegian Centre for Human Rights (NCHR) at the University of Oslo.

### **The Dynamics of Poverty and Land Reform in Namaqualand**

This three-year project, which investigated rural livelihoods, poverty and the impact of land reform in the former 'coloured' reserves of Namaqualand in the Northern Cape, came to an end in 2005. It was undertaken in close collaboration with Noragric. Drs Espen Sjaarstad and Tor Arve Benjaminsen of Noragric are the lead researchers from Norway, and the PLAAS component is co-ordinated by Dr Edward Lahiff, with field research being undertaken by Karin Kleinbooi of PLAAS and Harry May of the Surplus People Project. The project is co-funded by the National Research Foundation and the Norwegian Research Council. During 2005, Karin Kleinbooi and Edward Lahiff continued with interviews with rural women in Namaqualand, with particular attention to the gendered dynamics of women's access to land. The highlight of the year was the Namaqualand Colloquium, jointly organised by PLAAS in Springbok in May 2005. This Colloquium brought together a wide range of natural and social scientists working in Namaqualand to debate current research and its applicability to meeting challenges of poverty alleviation and development in the area. A range of outputs are now in preparation, including a PLAAS research report on women's land rights in Namaqualand and a number of articles for a special edition of the *Journal of Arid Environments*.

### **Policy Options for Land and Agrarian Reform (POLAR)**

In October 2005, PLAAS initiated a two-year project to develop a set of far-reaching policy options for key areas of land and agrarian reform and to create opportunities for South Africans to debate these. The project was a response to an expressed need by civil society organisations for concrete proposals on alternative policy options, and has been funded by Interchurch Organisation for Development Co-operation (ICCO), a Dutch interdenominational church group. PLAAS research staff working on the project include Ruth Hall (Project Manager), Dr Edward Lahiff and Karin Kleinbooi. An intern is to be appointed on the project. The focus will be on identifying best practices and engaging in lesson learning, combined where appropriate with theoretical considerations and international experience. An international advisor on the project, Prof Lionel Cliffe, emeritus professor at the University of Leeds in the UK, was contracted to give periodic input, drawing on comparative experiences with land reforms and agricultural policy elsewhere, and particularly in Africa. The project commenced with networking activities and gathering comparative experiences. These activities included input into the Conference on Farm Dweller Rights (Nkuzi Development Association); the Regional Workshop on Land and Rural Policy Research in Southern Africa (held by PLAAS in Mozambique); the conference on Changing Politics of Land in Africa (French Institute of South Africa (IFAS) and London School of Economics (LSE)); and the Colloquium on Land Reform in Southern Africa: Beyond the Impasse (Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations). The policy options being investigated are organised into three themes:

- *land demand, targeting and acquisition* through market and non-market mechanisms
- *land-based rural livelihoods*, agricultural development and land use models
- *support for land rights* and the role of the state in defining and securing tenure.

### **Land Redistribution and Poverty Reduction in South Africa**

Land redistribution is critically important in southern Africa, but the extent to which land reform efforts are currently achieving poverty reduction and livelihood improvement objectives has not been accurately assessed. There is a huge data gap on the livelihood impacts of land redistribution in the newly resettled areas, and it is widely recognised that no comprehensive strategy is in place for monitoring the livelihood impacts of land reform. The key objective of this project, funded by the Ford Foundation, is to investigate the livelihood consequences of land transfers in South Africa. In doing so it will critically examine the impact of land redistribution (including restitution) on the livelihoods of beneficiaries, and elaborate and field-test methodologies for assessing the impact and

sustainability of land reform projects. This will in turn lead to policy proposals aimed at land reform policy to encompass broadened definitions of viability and improving monitoring and evaluation activities in the region. The research, which runs from May 2005 to April 2007, will focus on a series of in-depth case studies where both qualitative and quantitative information will be collected in a systematic manner according to a broadly-defined research agenda. The study is being conducted as a partnership between PLAAS and Nkuzi Development Association, a non-profit land rights organisation based in Limpopo province. Case studies have been selected from within the province, and include a range of different land reform models: restitution, redistribution and informal occupation. Limpopo has been selected due the rural nature of the province, the high incidence of poverty, and exceptional demand for land. Dr Edward Lahiff is the project manager and Themba Maluleke has been recruited as a full-time fieldworker based in Limpopo.

#### **Four Rural Municipality Case Studies: Land Reform, Farm Employment and Livelihoods**

PLAAS is collaborating with the Human Sciences Research Council and with Praxis Development Facilitation on a study of land reform, livelihoods and farm employment. This has been commissioned by the South African National Treasury as part of its ongoing monitoring of the impact of government programmes, and is funded by USAID. The main objective of the study is to understand the present economic impact of land reform in the context of a changing rural economy. The study is based on intensive exploration in four municipalities in different parts of the country. PLAAS is engaged in a case study of Theewaterskloof Local Municipality in the Overberg region of the Western Cape. Methods used include close engagement with local and district municipalities as well as other government departments operating in the area, interviews with commercial farmers, case studies of land reform projects in the area and a survey of evictions from farms. Research is being carried out by Dr Edward Lahiff (Project Manager), Karin Kleinbooi (Researcher) and Boyce Tom (PLAAS Intern). The project runs from August 2005 to June 2006.

#### **Land, Water and Poverty in Southern Africa: Breaking with the Past**

This project is a joint initiative of PLAAS and Noragric, and is funded through the Norwegian Research Council. It will run for three years, from 2005 to 2007. The overall goal of the study is to analyse the multiple impacts of contemporary land and water reform as strategies to reduce or end rural poverty. The project has an interdisciplinary approach, involving an anthropologist, a geographer, an economist, a lawyer and researchers specialising in land and water reform. The project is co-ordinated by Prof Bill Derman (Noragric) and Dr Edward Lahiff (PLAAS). The project team includes a Masters student, Thoko Masangu, who was granted a bursary in October 2005 to conduct research on water and land reform in the Letaba catchment area in Limpopo province.

#### **Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation of the South African Land Reform Programme**

The need for monitoring and evaluation (M&E) of the South African land reform programme has been widely recognised. As the scale and complexity of the programme has developed, however, it has proved difficult for the M&E function within government to keep pace, and information gaps now exist across all aspects of the programme. This situation is compounded by a lack of systematic study or analysis from outside government, although a range of academics, NGO and private-sector organisations have contributed to the field. Without high quality, up-to-date information, the Department of Land Affairs (DLA) faces difficulties in managing its programmes effectively. Poor reliability of information in the public domain also limits the prospects for reflexive learning and the development and application of 'best practice' among beneficiaries and other stakeholders. Edward Lahiff and Karin Kleinbooi of PLAAS aim to contribute towards improving the situation through this project. The newsletter *Umhlaba Wethu* was launched in 2004 to provide readily-accessible information on the implementation and impact of land reform. Feedback from the

governmental and non-governmental sectors suggests that this publication is reaching its desired audience and is providing useful information and focus for debate. Two further issues were produced in 2005:

- *Umhlaba Wethu*, no. 3, June 2005.
- *Umhlaba Wethu*, no. 4, November 2005.

### **Focus area: Community-based natural resource management**

#### **‘Breaking New Ground’: Approaches to People-Centred Natural Resource Management for Development in Southern Africa**

This is a collaborative project between PLAAS and the Centre for Applied Social Sciences (CASS) at the University of Zimbabwe. The programme aims to contribute to poverty reduction and sustainable livelihoods in southern Africa by promoting a deeper understanding of how natural resources can be used and managed sustainably, and advocating a people-centred approach to development and biodiversity conservation. It does this through commissioned studies based on secondary research, and through networking, information sharing and dissemination through Internet-based discussion forums, short papers on policy and practice, newsletters, facilitated exchange visits and annual regional meetings. The programme is currently under the leadership of Dr Frank Matose of PLAAS with Webster Whande (who led the first phase) as research and analysis co-ordinator and Shingirai Mandizadza of CASS as networking and communications co-ordinator. It is co-funded by the Ford Foundation and the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) of Canada. During 2005, eight research papers were produced, namely:

- Brian Jones. *CBNRM, poverty reduction and sustainable livelihoods: Developing criteria for evaluating the contribution of CBNRM to poverty reduction and alleviation in southern Africa*. (Commons southern Africa occasional paper; no. 7.)
- GC Kajembe, J Nduwamungu & EJ Luoga. *The impact of community-based forest management and joint forest management on the forest resource base and local people's livelihoods: Case studies from Tanzania*. (Commons southern Africa occasional paper; no. 8.)
- Friday Njaya. *Challenges of co-management on shared fishery ecosystems: The case of Lake Chiuta*. (Commons southern Africa occasional paper; no. 9.)
- Alois Mandondo. *Dialogue of theory and empirical evidence: A weighted decision and tenurial niche approach to reviewing the operation of natural resource policy in rural southern Africa*. (Commons southern Africa occasional paper; no. 10.)
- Doreen Atkinson. *People-centred environmental management and municipal commonage in the Nama Karoo*. (Commons southern Africa occasional paper; no. 11.)
- Claudious Chikozho. *Policy and institutional dimensions of integrated river basin management: Broadening stakeholder participatory processes in the Inkomati River Basin of South Africa and the Pangani River Basin of Tanzania*. (Commons southern Africa occasional paper; no. 12.)
- Isaac Malasha. *Contested fishing grounds: Examining the possibility of a transboundary management regime in the Lake Kariba fishery*. (Commons southern Africa occasional paper; no. 13.)
- Alfons Wahabe & Karl Mutani Aribeb. *Exclusion through defined membership in people-centred natural resources management: Who defines?* (Commons southern Africa occasional paper; no. 14.)

In addition, six sets of materials were posted on the Internet for debate and discussion among a variety of CBNRM practitioners in the region. Three workshops were held, which resulted in intensive networking opportunities for the programme and participants within the region.

### **Towards Policy Guidelines for the Sustainable Harvesting of *Agathosma betulina***

The South Africa Netherlands Research Programme on Alternatives in Development (SANPAD) funded this collaboration between the Free University of Amsterdam, the University of Cape Town and PLAAS. The research, which began in 2004, investigates the biological and social aspects of the harvesting of *Agathosma betulina* (buchu). The research is being carried out by one Masters student based at PLAAS (supervised by Dr Thembela Kepe), a PhD student based at UCT, and three senior researchers.

### **The Role of Forestry in Reducing Poverty in South Africa**

As the role of government changes from direct participation in forestry as an owner of land and producer of timber towards regulation and facilitation with a focus on rural development and poverty reduction, increasing use is being made of contractors. This project, completed in April 2005, used case studies to analyse the contribution of small-scale contracting enterprises and contracting arrangements to poverty reduction at household and community level with a view to identifying key governance constraints and opportunities. Dr Moenieba Isaacs and PLAAS Research Associate Jeanette Clarke were commissioned to undertake the study by the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) and the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry (DWAFF). An outcome of this project was the selection of Dr Moenieba Isaacs to the steering committee for drafting the forestry charter on Broad-based Black Economic Empowerment (BBBEE) in June 2005. The charter process is due for completion in 2006.

### **Local-Level Trade in Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFPs) in South Africa: Opportunities and Challenges**

SANPAD has funded a collaboration between the Free University of Amsterdam, the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), Rhodes University, the University of Transkei and PLAAS. Beginning in 2003 and ending in 2005, the project investigated the dynamics of local-level trade in natural resources in South Africa. It involved two Honours, two Masters and one PhD student. One Masters student, Zwoyitwa Makhado, was registered at PLAAS and graduated in March 2005. In addition, there were seven senior researchers, including Dr Thembela Kepe of PLAAS.

### **Focus area: Fisheries and marine resources**

#### **National Programme on Coastal and Fisheries Co-Management**

This programme seeks to provide support to initiatives and projects which are investigating and implementing community-government co-management arrangements in relation to coastal and fisheries resources. It further seeks to promote active co-operation between such initiatives and provide facilitation, capacity building and other developmental support to such projects. This project is funded under a joint Norwegian-South African bilateral co-operation agreement and the implementing agency is the Branch: Marine and Coastal Management, Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEAT). The executing agencies are the Environmental Evaluation Unit of the University of Cape Town (UCT), represented by Dr Merle Sowman and Lynette Munro, and PLAAS, represented by Dr Mafaniso Hara and Dr Moenieba Isaacs. Aspects of the work have been subcontracted to regional service providers: the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Wildlife and Rhodes University (Eastern Cape). In March 2005 Dr Moenieba Isaacs conducted training on co-management in Hondeklipbaai. In May 2005 she organised an exchange visit

between the fishing communities of Hondeklipbaai in the Northern Cape and Ebenheaser/Papendorp in the Western Cape to share their co-management experiences.

### **Economic and Social Contributions of Hake Fisheries in Namibia and South Africa**

The objective of this transborder, multidisciplinary project launched in 2003 and completed in 2005 was to determine the optimal harvesting ratio between trawled and longlined hake in order to extract maximum socio-economic value from these resources, while at the same time ensuring long-term sustainability of hake stocks in the Benguela Current Large Marine Ecosystem (BCLME) in the Atlantic Ocean. Dr Moenieba Isaacs led the social analysis and modelling component of the project, which aimed to determine the optimum number of fish harvesting licences with a view to overcoming the injustices of apartheid which were visited on both countries. The project team had a successful training workshop in Windhoek, Namibia in September 2005 and submitted the final report in December 2005. This project was a partnership between the Fisheries Economic Research Unit (FERU), an arm of the University of British Columbia's Fisheries Centre, Canada; the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (CEFAS), UK; the University of Namibia and PLAAS.

### **Valuation of Benefits and Sustainable Management of Coastal Ecosystem Products and Services**

This investigation runs for the period 2005–2007 and is part of the European Union's international Integrating Multiple Demands on Coastal Zones with Emphasis on Aquatic Ecosystems and Fisheries (INCOFISH) project. A team of economic, social science, biology and ecology researchers aims to determine the market (economic) and non-market (social) value of the benefits of sustainable management of coastal ecosystems and products in the Gulf of Thailand and the Benguela Current. Partner institutions include the Coastal Development Centre, University of Bangkok, Thailand; the University of Bremen, Germany; the University of Trømsø, Norway and the University of Namibia. Dr Moenieba Isaacs of PLAAS is leading the social science input in the multidisciplinary research team. An introductory workshop was held in Kiel, Germany in October 2005.

### **Well-being Among Fisher Folk in Africa Research (WELFARE)**

The overall aim of this three-year project, initiated in 2005, is to further substantiate some of the findings that are particularly relevant to poverty analysis and to contribute to an understanding of poverty processes in African fisheries. For practical reasons, the main empirical focus will be on the southern African region (Malawi, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe). For the purpose of broader comparative analysis, the project will also focus on west Africa. In South Africa, the project will investigate whether or not the redistribution of fishing rights (governance reforms) in the South African fishing industry has impacted positively or negatively on the economic lives of fishing communities and whether or not this has contributed towards the alleviation of poverty and vulnerability in fishing communities. The project is funded by the Norwegian Research Council and the lead institute is the Chr Michelsen Institute. Other partner institutions include the Centre for Social Research (CSR), Chancellors College, University of Malawi; PLAAS and the Centre for Applied Social Sciences, University of Zimbabwe. The South African lead researchers on this project are Dr Mafa Hara and Dr Moenieba Isaacs.

### **Impact of HIV/Aids in selected fishing communities in South Africa**

The objective of this three-year research project, which started in 2005, is to undertake in-depth analysis of the links between HIV/Aids, poverty and gender, the nature of underlying factors influencing the HIV risk and Aids, and the potential social and economic impacts of HIV/Aids on selected fishing communities in South Africa. It is hoped that the research will improve and deepen

available knowledge about the causes and impacts of HIV/Aids in fishing communities and contribute towards informed development policies and strategies for dealing with this issue. This research is funded through a joint bilateral co-operation agreement between Norway and the Marine and Coastal Management branch of the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism. The lead researchers on this project are Dr Moenieba Isaacs and Dr Mafa Hara.

### ***Focus area: Chronic poverty***

#### **Chronic Poverty and Development Policy**

This project was initiated late in 2000, in collaboration with the Chronic Poverty Research Centre (CPRC) at the Institute for Development Policy and Management (IDPM) at the University of Manchester and other research units in the UK and in Sri Lanka, India, Bangladesh and Uganda. Funded by the UK Department for International Development (DFID), PLAAS researchers Dr Andries du Toit and David Neves are exploring the condition of chronic poverty so that appropriate development policies to address the needs of the chronically poor can be developed. The year under review saw the inception of the third phase of this research project, and a significant amount of time and energy was spent on research planning for this phase of the work. A wide-ranging programme focusing on research and advocacy has been planned for the next four years.

#### **Vulnerability, Labour Markets and Social Protection**

This 18-month study, led by Dr Andries du Toit, was commissioned by the National Treasury and is funded by USAID through the Support for Economic Growth and Analysis project (SEGA). The focus is on developing a better understanding of the survival strategies of the rural and urban poor. Extensive fieldwork is being undertaken in Mount Frere in the Eastern Cape and in selected suburbs of Khayelitsha in Cape Town in the Western Cape. A presentation of the preliminary findings to Treasury staff was very positively received. Institutionally, an important step was the appointment of a researcher, David Neves, to the project. He has since become part of the core team working in the poverty focus area.

## **4 Policy engagement**

The year under review was characterised by a considerable improvement in PLAAS's relationship with government. The year saw several visits to PLAAS from members of the Policy Unit of the DLA to discuss ways of engaging constructively around land reform policy; invitations by DLA to PLAAS researchers to assist in a variety of commissioned research projects, which led to the participation by Ruth Hall in two of these; a keynote address by the Chief Land Claims Commissioner at the PLAAS 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations; invitations to PLAAS staff to present papers or chair commissions at the National Land Summit in July 2005; and a visit to PLAAS by the Minister of Agriculture and Land Affairs, Thoko Didiza, in November 2005.

Another positive development was the National Treasury commissioning PLAAS researchers, Dr Andries du Toit and David Neves, to engage in an 18-month study of vulnerability, labour markets and social protection, with a strong focus on developing a better understanding of the survival strategies of the rural and urban poor.

Dr Moenieba Isaacs submitted an affidavit in support of a court challenge to the constitutionality of policies guiding the allocation of fishing rights, to be mounted by the Legal Resources Centre on behalf of coastal community members.

### ***Land and agrarian reform policy frameworks***

Prof Ben Cousins engaged in international policy debates on the link between formalisation of property rights and poverty. He assisted in the design and chairing of one of the commissions (on Tenure Reform) at the National Land Summit, while Ruth Hall presented a keynote paper to this major gathering. Hall and Dr Edward Lahiff made keynote presentations to provincial summits that preceded the national summit, in Mpumalanga and the Northern Cape respectively. Key sections of the DLA document for the National Land Summit, notably those on ways to improve the pace and quality of land redistribution, were taken directly from PLAAS publications or presentations (but without attribution). PLAAS initiated a collaborative relationship with the International Water Management Institute (IWMI) and a workshop was convened to identify the scope for a policy and programme development process that brings together land and water. The strategic aim of this initiative is to establish the institutional relationships required for more effective policy engagement by PLAAS and Noragric researchers. Barbara Tapela participated in institutional capacity building processes for regional trans-boundary integrated water resources management for the Orange-Senqu River Basin. Participants were drawn from the Orange-Senqu River Basin Commission (ORASECOM) and the Limpopo River Basin Commission (LIMCOM). Further engagement is envisaged for the Nile and Equatorial Lakes Region (NELSAP). At a local level, Barbara co-facilitated two workshops to develop guidelines for equitable best practice for research in rural communities living on the margins of trans-boundary protected areas. The initiative emanates from resolutions of the World Parks Congress held in Durban and the Indaba on Social Research in Protected Areas, held at Skukuza in April 2005. Workshops involved representatives of all seven forums representing +/-180 rural communities living along the western boundary of the Kruger National Park. The strategic objective is to foreground local views in engaging researchers, Research Ethics Committees, funding agencies and academic institutions regarding equitable best practice in general and research ethics in particular.

### ***Poverty reduction policies and strategies***

Advocacy and policy engagement work focused mainly on building strong relationships with policymakers and decision makers. The Vulnerability, Labour Markets and Social Protection project was developed in close consultation with National Treasury. Links have been established with the Isandla Institute, a policy think tank aimed at supporting the development of policy for equitable cities and specialising in facilitating debates and dialogues between researchers, citizens and government. In addition, a public seminar on chronic poverty and development policy in South Africa, with presentations by PLAAS staff as well as researchers from the Overseas Development Institute, London, and the Centre for Social Science Research, University of Cape Town, was well attended.

## **5 Teaching activities**

In 2005 the PLAAS post-graduate teaching programme was coordinated by Dr Thembele Kepe, PLAAS Deputy Director. It is undertaken in close collaboration with various academic departments at the University of the Western Cape (Economics; History), the University of Cape Town and the University of Stellenbosch (Agricultural Economics) as well as the Legal Resources Centre. PLAAS is responsible for three of the six modules currently on offer, and is responsible for all thesis supervision.

In 2005 new students registering for the Post-Graduate Diploma course and the MPhil programme numbered 29 in all, and a further 14 students (who had completed the teaching component in either 2003 or 2004) registered to complete their mini-theses. The total number of registered PhD candidates was six, with one new student joining the PhD programme in 2005. Most students, as

before, were employees of land-related NGOs or professionals in the land and rural development sectors.

Graduates from PLAAS in 2005 comprised five MPhil students, four Post-Graduate Diploma students and one PhD student.

## 6 Staff development

A range of staff development activities are undertaken at PLAAS. The major thrust to date has been 'on-the-job' training, hiring researchers for specific research projects that create opportunities for post-graduate training, mainly in the form of dissertation-based degrees. In 2005 a new programme of research internships was initiated. Boyce Tom, a PLAAS MPhil student, was awarded the first internship and located within the research project on land reform, farm employment and livelihoods in four rural municipalities.

Five PLAAS staff members are currently registered for a post-graduate degree:

- Ursula Arends (MA, Development Studies, due to complete in 2007)
- Ruth Hall (PhD, due to complete in 2007)
- Karin Kleinbooi (MPhil, Land and Agrarian Studies, due to complete in 2006)
- Barbara Tapela (PhD, due to complete in 2007).
- Webster Whande (PhD, due to complete in 2007).

Three PLAAS researchers were rated by the National Research Foundation this year: Prof Ben Cousins (B2), Dr Thembele Kepe (C2) and Dr Mafa Hara (C2).

## 7 PLAAS publications in 2005

PLAAS produced 18 publications in the year under review, including a research report, occasional papers, policy briefs, chronic poverty research reports and newsletters.

### **Research reports**

- Barbara Tapela. *Joint ventures and livelihoods in emerging small-scale irrigation schemes in Greater Sekhukhune District: Perspectives from Hereford.* (No. 21.)

### **Land reform and agrarian change in southern Africa occasional paper series**

- Aninka Claassens. *The Communal Land Rights Act and women: Does the Act remedy or entrench discrimination and the distortion of the customary?* (No. 28.)

### **Policy briefs**

- Moenieba Isaacs, Mafa Hara & Jesper Raakjær Nielsen. *South Africa's fisheries reform – past, present, future?* (No. 16.)
- Edward Lahiff. *From willing seller, willing buyer to a people-driven land reform.* (No. 17.)
- Ben Cousins, Tessa Cousins, Donna Hornby, Rosalie Kingwill, Lauren Royston & Warren Smit. *Will formalising property rights reduce poverty in South Africa's 'second economy'? Questioning the mythologies of Hernando de Soto.* (No. 18.)
- Bram Büscher. 2005. *Land and resources in a transfrontier setting: The case of the Maloti-Drakensberg Transfrontier Conservation and Development Project.* (No. 19.)

### **Chronic poverty and development policy series**

- Andries du Toit. *Poverty measurement blues: Some reflections on the space for understanding 'chronic' and 'structural' poverty in South Africa.* (No. 5.)
- Andries du Toit. *Chronic and structural poverty in South Africa: Challenges for action and research.* (No. 6.)

### **Umhlaba Wethu newsletter**

- Issue no. 3, June 2005.
- Issue no. 4, November 2005.

### **Commons Southern Africa occasional paper (with CASS, University of Zimbabwe)**

- Brian Jones. *CBNRM, poverty reduction and sustainable livelihoods: Developing criteria for evaluating the contribution of CBNRM to poverty reduction and alleviation in southern Africa.* (No. 7.)
- GC Kajembe, J Nduwamungu & EJ Luoga. *The impact of community-based forest management and joint forest management on the forest resource base and local people's livelihoods: Case studies from Tanzania.* (No. 8.)
- Friday Njaya. *Challenges of co-management on shared fishery ecosystems: The case of Lake Chiuta.* (No. 9.)
- Alois Mandondo. *Dialogue of theory and empirical evidence: A weighted decision and tenurial niche approach to reviewing the operation of natural resource policy in rural southern Africa.* (No. 10.)
- Doreen Atkinson. *People-centred environmental management and municipal commonage in the Nama Karoo.* (No. 11.)
- Claudious Chikozho. *Policy and institutional dimensions of integrated river basin management: Broadening stakeholder participatory processes in the Inkomati River Basin of South Africa and the Pangani River Basin of Tanzania.* (No. 12.)
- Isaac Malasha. *Contested fishing grounds: Examining the possibility of a transboundary management regime in the Lake Kariba fishery.* (No. 13.)
- Alfons Wahabe & Karl Mutani Aribeb. *Exclusion through defined membership in people-centred natural resources management: Who defines?* (No. 14.)

## **8 Publications and presentations by PLAAS staff in 2005**

In 2005 PLAAS staff published a total of 37 book chapters, journal articles, research reports, occasional papers, policy briefs, and newspaper articles. They also presented a total of 71 papers at conferences, workshops and seminars.

### **Prof Ben Cousins**

#### **Publications**

- (with Aninka Claassens) Communal tenure from above and from below: Land rights, authority and livelihoods in rural South Africa, in *Competing jurisdictions: Settling land claims in Africa*, edited by S Evers, M Spierenberg and H Wels. Leiden and Boston: Brill: 245–270.

- (with Aninka Claassens) Communal land rights and democracy in post-apartheid South Africa, in *Democratising development. The politics of socio-economic rights in South Africa*, edited by P Jones and K Stokke. Leiden and Boston: Martinus Nijhoff Publishers.
- (with Thembele Kepe) Decentralisation when land and resource rights are deeply contested: A case study of the Mkambati Eco-Tourism Project on the Wild Coast of South Africa, in *Democratic decentralisation through a natural resource lens: Experiences from Africa, Asia and Latin America*, edited by JC Ribot and AM Larson. London and New York: Routledge.
- (with Edward Lahiff) Smallholder agriculture and land reform in South Africa. *IDS Bulletin*, 36(2).
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- Tenure reform in South Africa: Titling versus social embeddedness. *Forum for Development Studies*, 2:415–42.
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- Agrarian reform and the 'two economies'. Transforming South Africa's countryside. *Trade and Industry Monitor*, 35, September 2005.
- Rethinking land reform and sustainable development. *Opportunity*, October 2005:56–9.
- Wanted: A shift in G8 thinking on Africa. *Mindshift*, 1, November/December 2005:20.

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- *Land reform: Can it reduce poverty in South Africa?* 'The Roundtable' panel discussion, SABC 3, 20 January 2005.
- *Property rights and poverty: A critique of de Soto's approach to economic development*. Presentation to the NGO Policy Forum of Tanzania, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, 10 February 2005.
- *Connecting the dots: Land, agriculture, livelihoods*. Presentation to an NGO workshop on 'Land rights and land use', The Valley Trust, Botha's Hill, KwaZulu-Natal, 14 February 2005.
- *Tenure in context: The politics of property rights in Mkambati, Pondoland*. Presentation to the 'Urban land tenure' seminar, University of Cape Town and Mandlovu Institute, 25 February 2005.

- *Resource access and development policy*. Keynote address presented to the Expert Workshop on Drylands Tenure, United Nations Development Programme, Nairobi, Kenya, 28 February 2005.
- *Tenure reform in South Africa: Experiences and innovations*. Paper presented at the Expert Workshop on Drylands Tenure, United Nations Development Programme, Nairobi, Kenya, 1 March 2005.
- *Embeddedness vs. titling: African land tenure and policy failure*. Paper presented at the International Property Law Conference, University of Stellenbosch, 5 April 2005.
- *Land, rural livelihoods and primary health care*. Presentation at the Primary Health Care Seminar Series, University of Cape Town Medical School, 4 May 2005.
- *Grounding democracy: The politics of land reform in post-apartheid South Africa*. Presentation, PLAAS Seminar Series, University of Western Cape, 20 May 2005.
- *Towards sustainable land use in Namaqualand: Social science perspectives*. Paper presented to the Sustainable Land Use in Namaqualand Research Colloquium, Springbok, 26 May 2005.
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## **Dr Andries du Toit**

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- Andries du Toit. *Poverty measurement blues: Some reflections on the space for understanding 'chronic' and 'structural' poverty in South Africa*. (PLAAS Chronic poverty and development policy series; no. 5.) (Also Chronic Poverty Research Centre working paper; no. 55.)
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- (with Zuko Ndamane) *Sustaining chronic poverty in South Africa*. Presentation at the Chronic Poverty and Development Policy in South Africa Seminar, 20 September 2005.
- (with David Neves) *Chronic poverty research and the place of the microsocial*. Paper presented at the Institute for Social Psychology Seminar Series, London School of Economics, 1 November 2005.
- (with David Neves) *Migrant livelihoods and vulnerability: Emerging issues in ongoing fieldwork*. Presentation of interim findings to the National Treasury, 2 December 2005.
- *An example of a theoretically informed integration of qualitative and quantitative data on livelihoods in Ceres, South Africa*. Presentation to the Centre for Chronic Poverty Research Panel Surveys and Life History Methods Workshop, 24–25 February 2005.

## **Ruth Hall**

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- (with Ben Cousins and Edward Lahiff) The land shall be shared among those who work it! *New Agenda*, 18 (Second Quarter 2005):35–39. (Special issue on the Freedom Charter: The next fifty years.)
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### **Dr Mafa Hara**

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### **Dr Moenieba Isaacs**

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## **Dr Thembela Kepe**

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## **Karin Kleinbooi**

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## **Dr Edward Lahiff**

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## **Dr Frank Matose**

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## **David Neves**

### **Publications**

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## 9 Research workshops and seminars

On 1 July 2005, on the occasion of its tenth anniversary, PLAAS organised a symposium on “Reducing poverty and inequality in South Africa: public debate, policy critique and the role of public intellectuals”. In May 2005 PLAAS co-hosted a ‘Research Colloquium on Sustainable Land Use in Namaqualand’, together with Surplus People Project, the Leslie Hill Institute for Plant Conservation at UCT and the Agricultural Research Council. This was held in Springbok and was attended by over 100 participants.

A research seminar on “Connecting land and Water Reform” was co-organised by PLAAS and the International Water Management Institute (IWMI), in Pretoria, and PLAAS organised a regional workshop on “Land and rural development research” in Maputo, Mozambique, attended by scholars and practitioners from Namibia, Mozambique and South Africa.

The PLAAS 2005 seminar series focused on policies and programmes that relate to fundamental socio-economic problems in South Africa and the wider region, and explored core issues of *poverty*, *power relations* and *property rights*. Key questions were the extent to which reducing poverty and

inequality requires structural change, such as the redistribution of productive assets, and what policies can produce structural change.

PLAAS hosted the following seminars in 2005:

- ‘Land and water reform in Egypt’ Dr Habib Ayeb, University of Paris, 28 February.
- ‘Land policy in a post-conflict country: the case of Cambodia’ Prof Michael Kirk, Philipps University–Marburg, 22 March.
- ‘Transformation in South Africa’s industrial fisheries’ Dr Mafa Hara, PLAAS, and Prof Jesper Raakjær-Nielsen, Institute for Fisheries Management (IFM), Denmark, 15 April.
- ‘Agri-BEE and joint ventures in small-scale irrigation schemes in Greater Sekhukhune’ Barbara Tapela, PLAAS, 18 April.
- ‘Poverty measurement blues: beyond qualitative-quantitative “integration” in poverty research’ Dr Andries du Toit, PLAAS, 22 April.
- ‘Discourse and law in policy-making: the case of land tenure reform in post-apartheid South Africa’ Elizabeth Fortin, Institute of Development Studies, Sussex, 29 April.
- ‘Grounding democracy: the politics of land reform in South Africa, 1994–2004’ Prof Ben Cousins, PLAAS, 20 May.
- ‘Challenges to people-centred approaches in natural resources management in Southern Africa: a synthesis of issues’ Dr Frank Matose, PLAAS, 8 July.
- ‘Forestry and poverty reduction strategies’ Dr Moenieba Isaacs, PLAAS, 15 July.
- ‘Africa, value chains and the global economy’ Dr Stefano Ponte, Danish Institute for International Studies, 5 August.
- ‘Contestations in conservation and development: An international power perspective’, Bram Büscher, Vrije Universiteit, Netherlands, 10 August.
- ‘Mali’s cotton conundrum: Commodity production and development on the periphery’, Prof Bill Moseley, Macalester College, Minnesota, 26 August.
- From “willing seller, willing buyer” to a people-driven land reform’, Dr Edward Lahiff, PLAAS, 9 September.
- ‘Understanding chronic and structural poverty in South Africa’, Dr Andries du Toit, PLAAS, 21 September.
- ‘Decentralization and its discontents: redefining winners and losers on the South African “waterscape”’, Erin Bohensky, University of Stellenbosch, 23 September.
- ‘The Ken Saro–Wiwa led struggle for the protection of the Ogoni ethnic minority: The catalyst in the Nigerian geo-political configuration’, Pastor Barry Wuganaale, Ogoni Solidarity Forum, Nigeria, 14 October.
- ‘Marine Protected Areas and local community involvement in South Africa’, Carolyn Petersen, Centre of African Studies, University of Edinburgh, 16 November.
- ‘The challenges of institutionalizing informal seed systems through organized seed banks: a case study of KwaNgwanase Community Seed Bank in KwaZulu Natal’, Munyaradzi Saruchera, Biowatch, 25 November.
- ‘Global water governance and north-south relations’, Lena Partzsch, Free Univ of Berlin, Germany, 2 December.

## 10 Institutional linkages

### *International*

Currently PLAAS maintains its close working relationships with the Environment Group at the Institute for Development Studies at the University of Sussex (IDS). Collaborative research with the Norwegian College of Fisheries Science at the University of Tromsø continues, as does the close and mutually rewarding partnership between PLAAS and Noragric at the Agricultural University of Norway and the Norwegian Centre for Human rights at the University of Oslo.

The Chronic Poverty and Development Policy project has developed close ties with the Institute for Development Policy and Management (IDPM) and the Chronic Poverty Research Centre (CPRC) at the University of Manchester, and ties with the Centre for the Analysis of Southern African Social Policy (CASASP) at Oxford University have been strengthened. New working relationships have been established with the Isandla Institute and the Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit (Saldru) at the University of Cape Town. Links with partners such as the School of Public Health at the University of the Western Cape, the Centre for Popular Memory, the Centre for Social Science Research, the Department of Geographic and Environmental Sciences and the Children's Institute, all at the University of Cape Town, continue to strengthen.

A close and longstanding relationship continues with the Natural Resources Group of the Centre for Development Co-operation Services at Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam. Dr Stephen Turner, who seconded to PLAAS for four years (1997–2001), continues to collaborate with PLAAS in a variety of ways (for example, within the regional community-based natural resource management networking programme).

Fisheries research involves close relationships established with the Centre for Applied Social Sciences, University of Zimbabwe; the Fisheries Department, Malawi; the Instituto de Desenvolvimento da Pesca de Pequena Escala, Mozambique; the Department of Fisheries, Zambia; the Institute for Fisheries Management & Coastal Community Development (IFM), Denmark; Wageningen University, Holland; the University of Bergen, Norway; Chr. Michelsen Institute, Norway; and the Fisheries Economic Research Unit of the University of British Columbia, Canada.

A longstanding and close working relationship is maintained with the Centre for Applied Social Sciences at the University of Zimbabwe, principally through joint management of the regional community-based natural resource management networking and research programme.

### *National*

Locally, PLAAS works closely with the Environmental Evaluation Unit of the University of Cape Town on the coastal and fisheries co-management programme. PLAAS's teaching activities draw on experts from the University of Cape Town, the University of Stellenbosch and the Legal Resources Centre.

Close working relations are maintained with various NGOs active in the land sector, including the Nkuzi Development Association, the Association for Rural Advancement, the Border Rural Committee) and land rights organisations within the Western Cape (for example, the Surplus People Project, the Legal Resources Centre and the Trust for Community Outreach and Education).

An excellent long term research partnership with Prof Timm Hoffman, currently Director of the Leslie Hill Institute of Plant Conservation, has been maintained since 1995, centred on multi-disciplinary research in Leliefontein Communal Area, Namaqualand.

## 11 Academic, community and public body memberships

### Prof Ben Cousins

- Member of the UWC Senate.
- Member of the UWC School of Government board.
- Trustee of the Cape Land Development Trust.
- Member of the steering committee, Legal Entity Assessment Project.
- Member of the steering committee, Centre for Applied Social Studies-PLAAS regional programme on community-based natural resource management in southern Africa.
- Board member of the Leslie Hill Institute for Plant Conservation, University of Cape Town.
- Member of the National Research Foundation Specialist Committee for Anthropology, Geography, Sociology, Social Work and Development Studies.
- Member of the International Association for the Study of Common Property (IASCP).

### Dr Andries du Toit

- Centre director for the South African chapter of the ManKind Project, a progressive men's network.

### Ruth Hall

- Member of scholarship selection committee, United World Colleges.
- Member of scholarship selection committee, Rhodes Scholarships.
- Member of the Department of Land Affairs reference group on Alternative Dispute Resolution.
- Member of the Department of Land Affairs reference group on Communal Property Institutions.
- Member of the Health, Environment, and Economic Development (HEED) Programme on Pesticide Use Among Small-Scale Farmers in South Africa and Tanzania, School of Public Health, University of Cape Town.
- Member of the HOPE Africa reference group on Development and Human Rights Training for southern African clergy of the Anglican church.
- Board member and vice-chairperson of Rural Education Awareness and Community Health (REACH).
- Reviewer for the panel on Gender, Land and Agriculture at the International Sociological Association Congress, due to take place in Durban, July 2006.
- Member of the expert review panel of the Women and Girls' Property and Inheritance Rights Grants Program, part of the Reducing Women and Girls' Vulnerability to HIV/Aids by Ensuring their Property and Inheritance Rights program of the International Center for Research on Women (ICRW) together with the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and Global Coalition on Women and Aids (GCWA), with funds provided by UNAIDS.

**Dr Mafa Hara**

- Member of the Executive Committee of the International Institute for Fisheries Economics and Trade (IIFET).
- Member of the International Association for the Study of Common Property (IASCP).
- Regional Co-ordinator for the Southern Africa Fisheries Network.
- Member of the South African Network for Coastal and Oceanic Research (SANCOR).
- Member of the British Ecological Society.

**Dr Moenieba Isaacs**

- Member of the Western Cape Provincial Task Team on Aquaculture.
- Member of the advisory committee of the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) Marine Programme.
- Member of the steering committee of Table Mountain National Park.
- Member of the steering committee for drafting the charter for Broad-based Black Economic Empowerment
- Member of the International Association for the Study of Common Property (IASCP)
- Board member of the Ocean View Development Trust.
- Board member of Women on Farms.
- Member of the International Institute for Fisheries Economics and Trade (IIFET).

**Dr Thembela Kepe**

- Reviewer for the National Research Foundation's university niche area grant applications, 2005.
- Trustee of Biowatch South Africa.
- Trustee of the Cecil Manona Graduate Scholarship in Social Sciences, Rhodes University.

**Karin Kleinbooi**

- Member of the Western Cape Government Task Team on Land Reform.

**Dr Edward Lahiff**

- Project reviewer for the National Research Foundation's institutional research development programmes.
- Member of the Western Cape Government Steering Committee on Land Reform.
- Member of the Department of Land Affairs reference group on Communal Property Institutions.

**Dr Frank Matose**

- Member of the International Association for the Study of Common Property (IASCP).
- Member of the Environment and Society working group (RC24) of the International Sociological Association.

- Member of the Southern Africa Sustainable Use Specialist Group (SASUSG) of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature's (IUCN).
- Member of the Trans-Boundary Protected Areas Research Initiative

**David Neves**

- Member of the Health Professionals Council of South Africa (HPCSA).

**Barbara Tapela**

- Member of the Society of South African Geographers (SSAG).
- Member of the International Association for the Study of Common Property (IASCP).
- Member of the Transboundary Protected Areas Research Initiative (TPARI)
- Member of the Southern African Water Network (Waternet)

**Webster Whande**

- Member of the FRAME Contact Group (a project of the Africa Bureau Office of Sustainable Development of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID)).
- Member of the Thematic Group on 'Indigenous, Local Communities, Equity and Protected Areas' of the World Conservation Union Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy.