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Cultural and Spiritual Values of Biodiversity. Posey, D.A. (editor), 2000. . IT Publications. ISBN: 1 85339 394 0 750 pp £35.00 / US\$55.00

The central importance of cultural and spiritual values in the appreciation and preservation of all life is highlighted in this book. It demonstrates how many cultures see Nature as an extension of society, and how sensitive stewardship is an integral part of existence. Chapters deal with language and how cognition and speech encoded in indigenous knowledge systems are critical for preservation of diversity; the complex issue of indigenous people and the problems of preserving their relationships both with and within their societies; voices of the world - expressions of concern and disquiet over the declining world diversity; holistic health practices where environment and diet are integrated into indigenous medical health systems; the importance of developing effective intellectual property rights and territorial and land rights to enhance and maintain local control. This book arose out of the Global Biodiversity Assessment (GBA), a massive review of current knowledge in the broad field of biological diversity, commissioned by the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP).

Pepo as an inner healing force. Practices of a female spiritual healer in Tanzania.

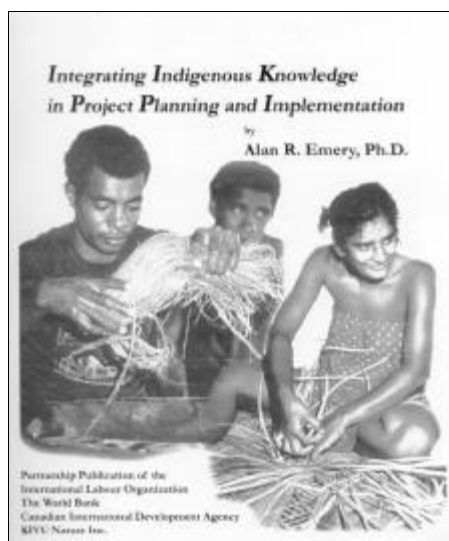
Erdtsieck, J. 1997. *Royal Tropical Institute, Amsterdam, the Netherlands.* Describes the life story and healing practice of a female spiritual healer, Nambela, in the south-western highlands of Tanzania both from an ethnographic and anthropological point of view. Pepo, the inner force or spirit of an individual, is the central concept and its state of balance is essential to personal well-being. Healing involves singing sessions as well as medicinal plants.

Integrating Indigenous Knowledge in Project planning and implementation

Alan Emery. Published by International Labour Organization, the World Bank, Canadian International Development Agency and KIVU Nature Inc. 2000, 159 pages.

A practical book with guidelines for development workers. These guidelines are arranged so that a proponent, government, or NGO can work through them in planning a development project that will contact indigenous peoples and incorporate their knowledge as part of the project planning, implementation, operation and evaluation. It contains worksheets, examples, web sites, addresses and literature. Obtainable free of charge at CIDA 200 Promenade du Portage Hull, Quebec, Can-

ada, and World bank 1818 H Street N.W. Washington D.C. USA.



The spirit of Regeneration; Andean Culture confronting Western notions of development. Apfel-Marglin, F, (editor) 1998, Zed books London. 252 pages ISBN 1 85649 548 5

The book gives a description of the experiences of PRATEC, the Andean Project for Peasant Technologies. Their insights in the Andean cosmovision, peasant agriculture, development, education and cultural affirmation are presented in different articles. The book argues for a plurality of ways of knowing since the universalism of the modern western way creates political domination. It offers an alternative development approach of mutual learning.

Introduccion al Mundo Callaway; Curacion ritual para vencer penas y tristezas Ina Roesing. Editorial los amigos del libro Cochabamba-la Paz Bolivia 1990. 324 pages.

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