Current projects

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Digby is an experienced project leader and manager, having managed a diverse range of projects with a combined value of over $1.5 million. He has published widely on the socio-economic aspects of changes facing rural communities and industries, with over 60 texts, research reports, and refereed journal articles. Some of Digby’s current projects include:

1. Exploring the capacity of local communities to respond to land-use change in the Boorowa district in NSW, with Professor Allan Curtis and Dr Jim Birckhead, and colleagues from NSW Department of Primary Industries [project value $200,000];

2. Exploring how small scale growers can form beneficial partnerships with forest companies in Indonesia and Australia, with Hugh Stewart (CSU PhD researcher), and colleagues from Indonesia’s Forest Research and Development Agency (FORDA), WWF Indonesia and the Centre for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), and funding from the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) [project value $400,000];

3. Reinforcing the social and community dimensions of ACIAR-funded research projects in Laos and Indonesia, with Dr Joanne Millar and Professor Allan Curtis, and funding from the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) [project valued at $83,250].