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Curriculum Vitae

Marieke Hobbes followed secondary education at the Stedelijk Gymnasium in Leiden from 1988 to 1995. In that year, she took up Anthropology and Sociology of non-Western Societies at Leiden University, specializing in 'Environment and Development', which included courses at the Center of Environmental Sciences (CML) and a self-arranged curriculum of half a year of courses and fieldwork at the University of the Philippines in Los Baños. For the fieldwork for her masters thesis, Marieke sought collaboration with the Palawan Tropical Forestry Protection Programme on Palawan Island in the Philippines. This case study tells a story on the effects of a co-management strategy on the indigenous upland dwellers (Pala'wan). She graduated (*cum laude*) in December 2000.

From 2001 to 2004 Marieke worked at CML for the EU sponsored project called "Southeast Asia in Transition" (SEAtrens), a joint effort of ten European and Southeast Asian universities. Her contribution concerned the adaptation, communication and application of the "Action-in-Context" framework with the other partners, the organization and leadership of the fieldwork in villages in Vietnam and the Philippines and the writing of project reports and articles for this dissertation. From 2004 to 2006, she worked for the EU sponsored TIPOT project that focused on the subterranean purification of drinking water polluted with arsenic in West Bengal, in cooperation with European and Indian partners. Her contribution was the design of user-friendly systems and the optimal market chain (builders, governments, certifiers, etc.) and 'willingness to pay' and socio-economic, cultural and land use research in an Indian village combined with work specifically for this dissertation. With financial support of CML, the PhD dissertation was finished early 2009. Marieke then took up a job as knowledge officer at Hivos, a development organization.