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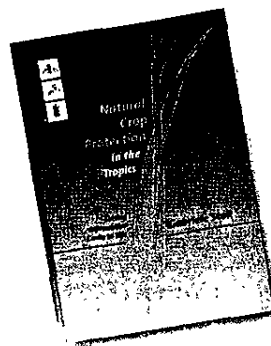
Protect crops naturally

Like many of the plants to which it is dedicated, this book is a flowering perennial. The new edition of *Natural Crop Protection in the Tropics* bears little resemblance to its 1986 predecessor which came to occupy a well-deserved place on – and off – the shelves of farmers and their advisors.

This is a sturdy and accessible volume with an exemplary presentation of texts and illustrations. The same basic content has been retained and expanded. Having described the pests which afflict various crops it explains various methods of field protection, ranging from intercropping and protecting

seedlings to plants which control insect pests, followed by storage protection steps such as prevention and use of animal substances and vegetable oils.

New to this edition are a glossary, Internet references, a detailed reading list and eight well-edited case studies which emphasise how to help farmers move to natural pest control. "Farmers," the author writes in her conclusion, "are no different from anybody else. They also strive for benefit and gain." It is with that basic realism that this book started out fifteen years ago; in its new rendition, it has a long and useful life ahead of it.



Natural Crop Protection in the Tropics
Letting Information Come to Life
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Thinking on your feet



Of late, after research bodies and small businesses, it has been the turn of NGOs to be provided with management guides. One, *Striking a Balance*, is already a classic in its own time. It is a concisely written book from a no-nonsense author. It was first published at a time when NGOs were finally recognised as a force with their own values and needs, instead of the irritant or cheap delivery system that governments and the private sector had seen them to be in the past. Sorry, make that NGOs, as the author insists that this management manual is for people with a development mission who started out without thinking that they would need management tools to succeed.

It takes the common sense methods used for decades by businesses to survive and prosper, and adapts them to the special context of NGOs. Which the author, sort of admits, include the problems that arise from the high motivation of social profit and emotional rewards that drive many NGOs leaders. Frank, and without the condescension of many guides for NGOs, *Striking a Balance* is required reading for people striving to make their organisations as solid as a rock but as full of energy as a rolling stone.

What then is so special about Fowler's successor volume *The Virtuous Spiral*? Basically it gives you the reassurance that 'sustainability' is a question of confidence. In yourselves, in your partners, and – above all – their confidence in you. The book oozes with case studies, mainly of those adult NGOs which now form the establishment, explaining how they overcame multifarious problems and settled down into the path of success. With some excellent discussion of questions like 'should we commercialise?' and 'should we have private sector as partners?', it is less of

a guide than a collection of insights. For Fowler, sustainability is 'agility with insight', as simple as that. One wonders if his next book will be even less of a manual, and more of a set of reflections, a guide for the perplexed? Here's one, Alan: "Civil society is not a structure, it is an attitude."



Striking a Balance A guide to enhancing the effectiveness of non-governmental organisations in international development
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Bees at work

A practical guide to the biology of pollination, methods of culturing and conserving bees, pollination requirements and recommendations for individual crops.

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