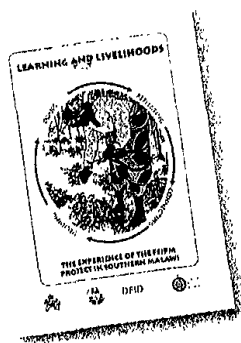


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Learning and Livelihoods.

The experience of the FSIPM project in southern Malawi
By A Orr, B Mwale et al, *Natural Resources Institute & Government of Malawi*, 2000. 58 pp.
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Sustainable Agriculture in Sub Saharan Africa. The role of soil productivity

By A J Rayar, 2000
ISBN 81 7525 181 6
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The Conservation Handbook:

Research, Management and Policy
By WJ Sutherland, *Blackwell Science*, UK. 2000. 296 pp.
ISBN 0632053445
GBP 24.99 • € 41.70
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Hay and straw conservation. For small-scale farming and pastoral conditions
FAO Plant Production and Protection Series, # 29, 2000.
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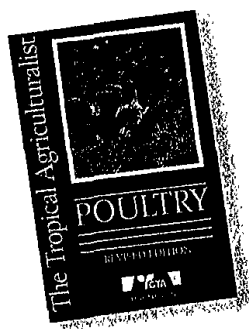
The Zambezi Basin

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Zambezi Basin 2000
By Munyaradzi Chenje, *Southern African Research and Documentation Centre*
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The-chicken-and-egg dilemma



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Poultry

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