

# UM-UWC Linkage Program Report

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*Statement of Accomplishments*

**A. Instruct social scientists at IIVC in the establishment of data collection transferring**

**and analytical methods, and numerical data analysis**

During July 3-13th, Drs. Aguilar and Goldin in cooperation with Mr. Richard Knight (Lecturer, Landscape and Social Ecology, Department of Biodiversity and Conservation Biology, UWC) worked in the design, preparation and delivery of a week-long course titled: **Socio-Economic Research Cluster Hub (SERCH) for the SADC Region - STATA Training**. The course targeted postgraduate students at UWC and other institutions of higher education in the SADC region. The group of 12 students included students from UWC, Stellenbosch University and in addition to South African students also students from Malawi, Kenya, and Zimbabwe.

Wednesday: Discussion of assigned reading, the need to understand the importance of reliable

Practicality of wood energy is highly contingent on timber markets. Often, the removal of wood for energy is only financially feasible if combined with the harvesting of timber products. Research shows that wood energy consumption is closely associated to harvesting levels by the

wood products industry. Moreover, the more timber harvested (at sustainable levels), the more carbon that stays fixed in the form of long-life products from houses to dining tables.

Strengthening the timber product industry might be one of the most efficient approaches to

increasing wood energy use. Public policy should embrace the multiple benefits provided by wood energy.

Social: A social gathering was held on Thursday July 12<sup>th</sup> at the Cape Town Downtown

Waterfront This was an informal interaction between students and instructors. The event was