

HINTERLAND SOLUTIONS

D) Incatourism, new livelihood opportunities and gender

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Another project will be a continuation of the CEDLA Incatourism programme (2003-07), and will be carried out in the two small rural communities in the Peruvian Andes that are locations of tourist development. One is the mountain village of Huallabamba located in the natural reserve Machu Picchu. The other is the island of Taquile in Lake Titicaca. Tourism has profoundly changed the livelihood of these communities. Due to protection measures and population pressure, agriculture and fishing no longer suffices to support them. At the same time, other livelihood opportunities have been created within the tourism sector. These shifts of livelihood opportunities have changed the gendered division of labour. The question is what the consequences of these are for family life and the way men and women relate to each other on a daily basis. Because of the tourism possibilities, the peasants do not want to give up their rural life (as many others have done who migrated to the city), but at the same time, they want to benefit from urban opportunities such as schooling and profitable investments. To reach this they have set up bi-local households and have spread their family-members over different urban and rural houses.