



# PCLG News

Promoting mutual learning on conservation-poverty linkages

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**PCLG News** is the newsletter of the Poverty and Conservation Learning Group. It provides monthly news on the work of the PCLG Secretariat and of PCLG members as well as information about new publications, resources and forthcoming events.

**The Poverty and Conservation Learning Group (PCLG)** is an initiative facilitated by the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED). Its goal is to promote learning on conservation-poverty linkages between and within different communities of interest.

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Welcome to the second issue of our recently restyled newsletter. We hope you are finding this service useful and we look forward to receive any comment or suggestion on how to further improve this monthly bulletin to better serve your needs.

**Secretariat News**

Reminder: The PCLG Annual Symposium will take place on 7th-8th November 2007 at the Zoological Society of London (UK). The theme of this year's meeting is "Climate Change, Conservation and Poverty" and we would very much like to highlight members' activities on this theme. If you would like to make a short presentation detailing relevant work, lessons learned and so on, please do let us know. If you would like to know more about the 2007 PCLG Annual Symposium, contact us at [pclg@iied.org](mailto:pclg@iied.org) and we look forward to seeing you there.

**Featured News**

The official launch of the 2010 Biodiversity Indicators Partnership (2010BIP) took place on Thursday 12th July 2007 at UNESCO in Paris, during the Second Meeting of the Working Group on the Review of Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).

The Partnership, which has been successful in its application for funding from the Global Environment Facility (GEF), will coordinate the delivery and communication of a suite of indicators measuring progress towards the "2010 target", agreed by the Convention on Biological Diversity and the World Summit on Sustainable Development, to significantly reduce the rate of biodiversity loss by 2010. Since the 2010 target is now included within the Millennium Development Goals, the choice of indicators will be significant in better understanding conservation-poverty linkages.

[www.twentyten.net](http://www.twentyten.net)

**Fauna and Flora International, African Wildlife Foundation and Birdlife International:**

FFI, AWF and Birdlife have organised a workshop on 'measuring the socio-economic impacts of conservation' which was held in Cambridge (UK) on July 17th, 18th and 19th. Supported by SwedBio, the workshop aimed to discuss experiences of the application of social/livelihoods M&E methodologies, from which pragmatic guidelines and recommendations for conservation practitioners, that balance technical rigour with field realities, can be developed. Practitioners from conservation, development and donor organisations were invited to share their field level and organisational experiences of social impact monitoring. The workshop proceedings will be disseminated in due course to all members of the PCLG.

## Featured PCLG Member

**Progressio:** Progressio is the new name of the Catholic Institute for International Relations (CIIR). Progressio is an international development charity working for justice and the eradication of poverty. Progressio carries out an interesting advocacy work on sustainable environment, which consists in promoting the rational use and management of natural resources for the benefit of future generations. This includes promoting sustainable cultivation practices and resource management techniques, while improving productivity, income and living conditions in small farming communities.

[www.ciir.org](http://www.ciir.org)

## New Member

**A Rocha International:** A Rocha is a Christian conservation organisation working to tackling the crisis of biodiversity loss through community-based conservation projects across the world. Among its many activities, on the outskirts of the Mole National Park in northern Ghana A Rocha is using Community Resource Management Areas (CREMAs) as a tool for harmonising conservation goals, rural poverty reduction and sustainable natural resource management.

[www.arocha.org](http://www.arocha.org)

## Featured Initiative

**The Poverty Environment Network (PEN) Initiative:** Launched in September 2004 and managed by CIFOR and the University of East Anglia (UEA), PEN is the world's first global comparative and quantitative review of the role of tropical forest in alleviating poverty. PEN aims to explore the role that forests play in poverty alleviation through the systematic collection of socio-economic data in a variety of tropical ecosystems.

The UK Department for International Development (DfID) recently committed £500 000 to the PEN initiative. The funding from DfID will specifically support PEN's implementation of "Tropical forests in poverty alleviation: from household data to global-comparative analysis".

[www.cifor.cgiar.org/pen](http://www.cifor.cgiar.org/pen)

## Events

**Poverty Reduction and Forests: Tenure, Market and Policy Reforms:** The International Conference on 'Poverty Reduction and Forests: Tenure, Market and Policy Reforms', organized by RECOFTC in collaboration with the Rights and Resources Initiative, will be held in Bangkok on 4th - 7th September 2007.

<http://conference.recoftc.org>

**Trondheim Conference on Biodiversity 2007:** The fifth Trondheim Conference on Biodiversity will be held 29th October – 2nd November 2007. The title of the conference will be "Ecosystems and people – biodiversity for development – the road to 2010 and beyond". Participation is by invitation only, with up to 300 participants from governments and from key international organisations and institutions working on the issues involved. [www.trondheimconference.org](http://www.trondheimconference.org)

## New Publications in our Database

**Making Conservation Work**, Shahabuddin, G. and M. Rangarajan, Permanent Black, Delhi, July 2007

Reconciling the question of preserving what little wildlife remains with the needs of humans has never seemed as tangled as today. Shahabuddin and Rangarajan's new book brings together the thoughts of many new scholars on this urgent issue.

**Making Voluntary Carbon Markets Work for the Poor: The Case of Forestry Offsets**, Peskett, L., Luttrell, C. and D. Brown, ODI Forestry Briefing, ODI, London, November 2006

The volume of private finance flowing through the voluntary carbon market has increased significantly over recent years. Will this money be used to the benefit of the developing world, providing new opportunities for growth and poverty reduction, or will it be used to satisfy commercial and industrial interests in the north?

**Can Payments for Avoided Deforestation to Tackle Climate Change also Benefit the Poor?**, Brown, D., Peskett, L. and C. Luttrell, ODI Forestry Briefing, ODI, London, November 2006

Deforestation is a major source of carbon emissions, possibly accounting for 20-25% of total anthropogenic emissions of greenhouse gases, and arguably, therefore, one of the main causes of global environmental change.

### **Resources**

Smith Fellows 2008 Call for Proposals: The Society for Conservation Biology is pleased to solicit applications for the David H. Smith Conservation Research Fellowship Program. These two-year post-doctoral fellowships enable outstanding early-career scientists to improve and expand their research skills. The deadline for receipt of application materials is 28 September 2007.

[www.smithfellows.org/proposalguidelines.cfm](http://www.smithfellows.org/proposalguidelines.cfm)

**BioSoc** is the monthly bulletin of the PCLG, highlighting key new research on biodiversity and society, poverty and conservation. To receive it,

[www.povertyandconservation.info/en/biosoc.php](http://www.povertyandconservation.info/en/biosoc.php)

### **More Info**

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