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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.

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Welcome to the third 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

First a request for help: If you are a regular user of the [PCLG website](#) please, take the time to complete a very brief online survey we have recently launched as the information collected will help us to improve our service to you.

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 and we look forward to seeing you there.

Featured News

The International Day of the World's Indigenous People was commemorated on 9th August. On this day, indigenous peoples' contribution to environmental protection was also recognized. In caring for the environment, UNEP has long considered indigenous peoples as important stakeholders and actively seeks to cooperate closely with indigenous peoples in the pursuance of its mission of 'environment for development'. For example, UNEP has recently launched the Indigenous Knowledge in Africa (IK) web site, a web-enabled database containing information on indigenous practices for the sustainable use of natural resources in Africa.

In recognition of indigenous peoples' particular vulnerability to climate change and their important role in responding to it, the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in its 2008 session will focus on "Climate change, bio-cultural diversity and livelihoods: the stewardship role of indigenous peoples and new challenges".
www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/en/news_internationalday2007.html

The Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) has recently announced a \$50 Million expansion. This expansion comes as the French Development Agency (AFD) committed \$25 million to CEPF, thus becoming its sixth partner. In addition, Conservation International (CI), agreed to match the AFD commitment dollar-for-dollar. CEPF provides grants for nongovernmental groups and private sector partners to help protect Earth's biodiversity hotspots, while empowering local people in the management of natural resources. CEPF is a joint initiative of Conservation International, l'Agence Française de Développement, the Global Environment Facility, the Government of Japan, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, and the World Bank.

www.cepf.net

News from Members

Wetlands International: In July 2007 Wetlands International announced that the Dutch Ministry of Development Cooperation (DGIS) will support its major Wetlands and Livelihoods Programme (WLP). This programme will run from 2007 through 2010 and will build on the results of the Wetlands and Poverty Reduction Project (WPRP). The WLP will support the wetland and biodiversity conservation sector, the development aid sector and particularly also the private sector to cooperate in addressing poverty-environment and livelihood-environment issues in wetland areas. In this way it will contribute to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, in particularly goal 1 (halving poverty), 7 (environmental sustainability) and 8 (partnerships).

www.wetlands.org/event.aspx?ID=dd83308f-865b-4e82-aa1c-220407d29417

New Members

Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN), Germany: The BfN is the German central scientific authority at federal level for national and international nature conservation and landscape management. The BfN is actively involved in issues related to linking conservation and poverty reduction.

www.bfn.de

Itambya Community Based Organization, Kenya: Itambya's main objective is to improve rural economy through the promotion of sustainable enterprises and income generating activities like ecotourism, organic farming, honey production, basketry, and others.

Featured Initiative

Poverty and Environment Initiative (PEI): In 2005 UNDP and UNEP formed a global partnership by merging their poverty-environment programmes into one integrated programme - the UNDP/UNEP Poverty and Environment Initiative (PEI). The core focus of PEI is to support country-led efforts to integrate the environmental concerns of poor and vulnerable groups into policy and planning processes for poverty reduction and pro-poor growth.

Building on the continued focus at the international level on poverty-environment mainstreaming, UNDP and UNEP have produced a proposal in April 2007 for scaling-up the Poverty-Environment Initiative. The overall aim of this proposal is to support a significantly larger number of countries to prepare and implement sustained country-led environmental mainstreaming processes, and to tackle the institutional and capacity development challenges of maximizing the contribution of environment to poverty reduction, growth and achievement of the MDGs.

The PEI is now financed by the Poverty and Environment Facility. The Poverty and Environment Facility was jointly launched on 6 th February 2007 by UNEP and UNDP in an effort to fortify their partnership. The facility is one of the first concrete examples of UN reform and will help developing countries integrate sound environment management into their poverty reduction and growth policies.

<http://content.undp.org/go/newsroom/february-2007/undp-and-unesp-cement-their-partnership-with-new-poverty-and-environment-facility.en>

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 4 th - 7 th September 2007.

<http://conference.recoftc.org>

Trondheim Conference on Biodiversity 2007 : The fifth Trondheim Conference on Biodiversity will be held 29 th October - 2 nd 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

Linking Nature Conservation and Poverty Reduction: Supporting a Networking Process : This international workshop, organised by the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation, will take place on 10 th - 11 th November 2007, at the International Academy for Nature Conservation, Ile of Vilm, Germany. PCLG members who are interested in attending this workshop should contact Meike Kretschmar (meike.kretschmar@bfn.de).

New Publications in our Database

Seeing RED? Avoided Deforestation and the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities, Griffiths, T., Forest Peoples Programme, Moreton-in-Marsh, UK, 2007

This briefing paper is designed to alert community advocates and other policy-makers about the implications of Avoided Deforestation schemes for the hundreds of millions of forest-dependent communities whose livelihoods, cultures and futures strictly depend on forests.

Forest Resources of Bangladesh with Reference to Conservation of Biodiversity and Wildlife in Particular for Poverty Alleviation, Rahman, M.M., FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (RAPA), Bangkok, 2004

Proceedings of the Workshop on Forests for Poverty Reduction: Opportunities with Clean Development Mechanism, Environmental Services and Biodiversity, which was held in Seoul, Korea, on 27-29 August 2003.

Silver Bullet or Fools' Gold: A Global Review of Markets for Forest Environmental Services and their Impact on the Poor, Landell-Mills, N., Porras, I.T., IIED, London, 2002

This report sheds new light on the issue of markets for forest environmental services through a global review of emerging markets based on 287 cases from both developed and developing countries.

Resources

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

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