

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Welcome to the sixth 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

2007 PCLG Annual Symposium: The 2007 PCLG Annual Symposium was held at the London Zoo, London (UK) on 7th-8th November, 2007. The main theme of this year's meeting was 'Climate Change, Conservation and Poverty - What are the implications of climate mitigation and adaptation for conservation-poverty linkages?'. The symposium proceedings, together with any other material produced for – or in the course of – the meeting, are now available for download from the PCLG website: <http://www.povertyandconservation.info/en/learning.php>. The PCLG Secretariat has also produced a number of CDs containing all the material from the symposium. If you would like to receive a copy of the CD, email pclg@iied.org.

On 10th-11th November 2007, the PCLG Secretariat was represented at the workshop '**Linking Nature Conservation and Poverty Reduction: Supporting a Networking Process**', held on the Isle of Vilm, Germany. This international workshop, organised by the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation, aimed to further elaborate and stress the links between nature conservation and poverty reduction and to develop mechanisms to foster conservation with sustainable development among governmental and non-governmental, conservation and development organisations. The main output of this workshop was the draft of a series of "Principles" that the attendees to this meeting believe should guide conservation practice. Plans are currently under development to feed the results of this workshop into international policy processes like the up-coming Conference of the Parties of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

Are you working on social impact assessment in protected areas?: The secretariat of the Poverty and Conservation Learning Group (PCLG) is pleased to announce the establishment of the PCLG online forum, which aims to facilitate the rapid exchange of information, requests for assistance and so on, among PCLG members. To access the PCLG online forum please go to: www.dgroups.org/groups/oneworld/pclg/index.cfm. We warmly invite all PCLG members to use this forum to exchange information and/or to start discussions related to the linkages between poverty reduction and biodiversity conservation. We are currently seeking your inputs into a review of tools and methodologies for assessing the social impacts of protected areas. Please visit the site, read the discussion document and give us your feedback!

Request for Information: The PCLG secretariat aims to expand the number of case studies currently available in its case studies' database. We call on ALL members to send us the description of projects capturing practical, on-the-ground experiences in linking conservation and poverty reduction and documenting the strategies employed in making these linkages. Please, browse the PCLG case studies' database (<http://www.povertyandconservation.info/en/csearch.php>) to check which projects are already available, and what type of information and level of detail we are looking for. A short set of guidelines on how to summarise a project is also available by emailing pclg@iied.org. The information collected will be added to the case studies database, and will be compiled in a briefing paper that will be produced in early 2008.

Featured News

Trondheim Conference on Biodiversity 2007: The 2007 Trondheim Conference on Ecosystems and People in October brought together 228 participants from science, governments, international and non-governmental organisations as well as business from 75 countries. Over five days, a wide range of issues of relevance to the forthcoming 9th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) was discussed, including progress toward the 2010 biodiversity target; biodiversity and poverty; biodiversity and the Millennium Development Goals; local and global governance in biodiversity; climate change, energy and biodiversity; biodiversity and food security; forest resources and biodiversity; wetlands and freshwater resources; and marine resources and biodiversity. The proceedings of this meeting are available from www.trondheimconference.org.

News from Members

Bushmeat Crisis Task Force (BCTF) Launches Its New Website: After several months of work, BCTF recently unveiled a new website. The most notable improvement in the site is the reorganization of BCTF publications and short reports into topical areas important to understanding the many facets of the bushmeat trade. Other new features of the website are: the Bushmeat Education Resource Guide (BERG), which is prominently featured and includes an updated "BERG Showcase" of education and outreach projects making use of the Guide; a new Media Center, which includes information on the services BCTF provides to journalists, documentary filmmakers and others, and includes a list of over 60 newspaper, magazine, radio and television publications supported by BCTF. www.bushmeat.org

Featured PCLG Member

Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS): The Wildlife Conservation Society saves wildlife and wildlands through careful science, international conservation, education, and the management of the world's largest system of urban wildlife parks. Today WCS is at work in 53 nations across Africa, Asia, Latin America and North America. WCS' conservation efforts extend beyond the boundaries of protected into large relatively intact landscapes and seascapes where some of the world's poorest most marginalized people live. Their dependence on the direct consumption of natural resources often makes local people strong advocates for conservation and important partners for WCS. Helping secure local livelihoods is a powerful means for WCS to maintaining a local constituency for conservation, and to conserve wildlife in wild places.

Among the many projects carried out by WCS is TransLinks, a recently established program supported by USAID and carried out in partnership with the Earth Institute at Columbia University, Enterprise Works/VITA, Forest Trends, and the Land Tenure Center at the University of Wisconsin. The program is designed to identify and support approaches that better integrate natural resource conservation, poverty reduction, and democratic governance. Core activities include applied research at WCS and partner field sites, developing decision support tools, holding training workshops, and disseminating lessons learned.

www.wcs.org

New Initiatives

Improving the Lives of People in Forests: The International Union of Forestry Research Organizations (IUFRO) has constituted a special Task Force on '*Improving the Lives of People in Forests*'. One of the activities of this Task Force, which will remain in existence until 2010, is to pull together materials that will help others work more effectively with peoples living in and around forests. The Task Force itself is composed of some of the most respected researchers and activists addressing issues of human well being in forests. The initiative's website is designed for making this expertise and experience more widely available for use in the field, in project funding, planning and evaluation, and by policymakers looking for ways to manage forests and improve human well being in their countries.

www.cifor.cgiar.org/livesinforessts/_ref/home/index.htm

Sustainable Livelihood Enhancement and Diversification (SLED) Initiative: The challenge to develop a systematic and comprehensive approach to facilitating livelihood change is the focus of IMM's Sustainable Livelihood Enhancement and Diversification (SLED) Initiative. SLED builds on a series of research projects over recent years that aim to understand the complexity of coastal livelihoods, the dependency of these livelihoods on aquatic resources, the drivers of change that affect these livelihoods and the impacts of change on the poor. From this research a livelihoods-based approach to understanding and responding to change in aquatic resource dependent communities was developed.

www.innovation.ex.ac.uk/imm/AltLivelihoods.htm

NP.net: Nature & Poverty Knowledge and Learning Network: The Nature & Poverty Knowledge and Learning Network (NP.net) evolved out of the natureandpoverty* programme, which has been carried out by WWF-NL, IUCN NL and Friends of the Earth Netherlands together with their Southern partners between 2002 and 2006. NP.net has started its first activities in 2007. NP.net brings together 17 Dutch conservation, developmental and research organisations and their respective extensive NGO networks in the South. The proposed overall goal of NP.net is to enhance the effectiveness, efficiency, impact and sustainability of interventions, with regard to the linkages between ecosystem management and poverty alleviation.

Forthcoming Events

World Conservation Congress

The World Conservation Congress will take place in Barcelona, Spain from 5th to 14th October 2008. This year Congress theme is 'A diverse and sustainable world'. Thematic streams include: i) a new climate for change; ii) healthy environments - healthy people; iii) safeguarding the diversity of life. www.iucn.org/congress/2008

IASC 12th Biennial Global Conference

The International Association for the Study of the Commons 12th Biennial Global Conference will be held on 14th – 18th July 2008 at the University of Gloucestershire, England. The theme of the conference will be: 'Governing shared resources: Connecting local experience to global challenges'. www.iascp.org/iasc08/2008themes.html

New Publications on our Website

Linking Biodiversity Conservation and Poverty Reduction: Who, What and Where?

The PCLG Secretariat has recently published its 2007 Directory of poverty and conservation organisations and initiatives. This is intended to provide a quick reference guide to different organisations working in this field – including conservation NGOs, development agencies, indigenous peoples' organisations and academic institutions. The Directory is divided into two main sections: Section One reviews the activities of PCLG member organisations and Section Two describes some of the global initiatives carried out by these organisations with the aim of pursuing both biodiversity conservation and poverty reduction goals. The Directory is based on a survey of current PCLG members – other organisations working on poverty-conservation linkages are strongly encouraged to submit their details for next year's edition!

www.povertyandconservation.info/docs/2007115-Survey_Update.pdf

Resources

Announcement: 2008 Summer Certificate Course on Sustainable Environmental Management

Behrs Environmental Leadership Program is currently seeking applicants for next year's summer certificate course in *Sustainable Environmental Management*, which will take place on June 27 - July 19, 2008, at the University of California, Berkeley, USA. Applications must be received no later than February 1, 2008.

<http://nature.berkeley.edu/BehrsELP>

BioSoc is the monthly bulletin of the PCLG, highlighting key new research on biodiversity and society, poverty and conservation. To receive it, or to download past issues,

www.povertyandconservation.info/en/biosoc.php

More Info

More information regarding members, publications, initiatives, and events listed in the newsletter is available on www.povertyandconservation.info, the website of the Poverty and Conservation Learning Group.

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PCLG News is the newsletter of the Poverty and Conservation Learning Group. PCLG News 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.

About PCLG

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

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