

PCLG News Promoting mutual learning on conservation-poverty linkages

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 twenty-ninth issue of the PCLG newsletter. We hope you are finding this service useful and we look forward to receive any comments or suggestions on how to further improve this monthly bulletin to better serve your needs. In this issue you can find:

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If you have any news regarding your organisation's work that you would like us to include in the next issue of PCLG News, or any resources you would like us to advertise, please send it to pclg@iied.org by the end of April.

Secretariat News

PCLG International Symposium: The PCLG Secretariat is organizing an international symposium titled "Linking biodiversity conservation and poverty reduction: what, why and how?". The symposium will take place on 28th and 29th April 2010 and will be hosted by the Zoological Society of London. Recognising that the CBD 2010 target includes 'contributing to poverty reduction' as a key rationale for halting biodiversity loss, the aim of the symposium will be to review what we actually know about the degree to which biodiversity conservation contributes to poverty reduction. For more information, to see the programme and to register please go to: <http://www.zsl.org/zsl-london-zoo/whats-on/symposium-linking-biodiversity-conservation-poverty-reduction,360,EV.html>

Social Assessment of Protected Areas: Over the last couple of years the PCLG Secretariat has helped to support a process involving a number of PCLG members to get to grips with methods and indicators for assessing the social impacts of protected areas (<http://povertyandconservation.info/en/activity.php>). Most recently Care International and TNC were able to provide support for a consultancy to review existing social assessment methodologies, to explore their potential application to protected areas and to develop a standardized framework for protected area assessments. This review will shortly be published in IIED's Natural Resource Issues series (<http://www.iied.org/pubs/search.php?s=NRI>) and a side event will be held at SBSTTA 14 in May organized by the SAPA initiative partners: Care, UNEP-WCMC, CEESP-WCPA, and IIED.

Featured News

The Government of Finland announces international support for sustaining biodiversity in

association with the LifeWeb Initiative: On 16 March the Prime Minister of Finland, Matti Vanhanen, announced that Finland will support Tanzania under the LifeWeb Initiative. The LifeWeb Initiative is a partnership platform to strengthen financing for protected areas to conserve biodiversity, secure livelihoods and address climate change, through implementation of the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas. This support to Tanzania marks the first project that Finland will contribute to as a partner in the LifeWeb Initiative. Consistent with the Finnish Forest Biodiversity Programme (METSO), LifeWeb facilitates voluntary support for biodiversity priorities. The project in Tanzania will sustain biodiversity as a means to strengthen local livelihoods, especially those of women, and adapt to climate change in the Mahale Mountains National Park and surrounding villages. The project is based on the principle that, to achieve economic development and biodiversity conservation in rural landscapes, it is important to address the two simultaneously, and that local community empowerment is crucial to responsible natural resource management decision-making. With this in mind, project components include village land management planning, capacity development for sustainable forestry and other land use, conservation friendly business development training, as well as monitoring of results on local livelihoods and biodiversity health. For more information on Life Web, please visit www.cbd.int/lifeweb

News from PCLG Members

CPALI: Conservation through Poverty Alleviation International's first newsletter can be downloaded here (http://www.cpal.org/Updates_files/cpali%20newsletter%20March%202010.pdf). If you would like to receive future issues of CPALI's newsletter, please send a message to Catherine Craig (ccraig@cpali.org) putting "subscribe" in the subject line.

CREE: The Center for Rural Empowerment and the Environment (CREE) has a new project in Sri Lanka focusing on alternative coral reef livelihoods to help alleviate pressure on the reef's fisheries. For more information please visit: <http://www.conservationforpeople.org/coral-reefs-sri-lanka>

Terra Viva Grants: [Terra Viva Grants](http://www.terraviva.org) is a nonprofit NGO whose aim is to diffuse information about grant funding for agriculture, energy, environment, and natural resources in the developing world. The site posts detailed profiles of over 300 international grant makers that make grants to these sectors. It offers a calendar of application deadlines; information about new and changed grants programs; other funding news; and links and resources for grant seekers. Access to the website is free, and there is no advertising. Terra Viva Grants welcomes users from the PCLG.

WASWAC: The World Association of Soil and Water Conservation (WASWAC) is producing LANDCON e-LIBRARY: Our Gift to the Earth, a set of 4 DVDs offering a collection of technical papers/documents that will serve research and implementation in the fields of land, soil & water degradation, management, care, restoration, conservation, and improvement. The goal is to preserve valuable works for the long term and to enhance the visibility of works, authors, organizations and publishers. WASWAC invites you to submit digital works, including: (1) papers/articles from meetings, proceedings, books, magazines, bulletins; (2) whole books, reports, journals, magazines, bulletins, newsletters, dissertations; (3) PowerPoint presentations and (4) posters, brochures, flyers, paintings and other forms of art, calendars, maps, video-movies, audios, poems, photographs etc. Contributors will receive one complimentary set of DVDs and co-publishers will have their logos printed on the box. For more information contact Samran Sombatpanit (sombatpanit@yahoo.com).

Blue Ventures: Alasdair Harris, the founder of Blue Ventures, was selected as winner of the 2010 Young Conservationist Award, an award by the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas and the International Ranger Federation which honours outstanding achievements by young people in the world's protected areas. Alasdair won the international award for helping to create a new model of community-run Marine Protected Areas, which both saves marine diversity and helps to feed marine dependent communities. "Alasdair's outstanding work has benefited the marine environment and local people in Madagascar. It has shown that the involvement of local people with conservation can result in benefits to the environment and to people's livelihoods" says Nik Lopoukhine, Chair of the IUCN World Commission Protected Areas.

New Members

Global Nature Fund (GNF): Global Nature Fund is a non-profit, private, independent international foundation for the protection of environment and nature. GNF's work consists mainly of: Initiating and carrying out nature/environment protection projects to preserve migrating species, their habitat and their migratory routes; Publications and organization of events dealing with the protection of nature and environment; Promotion of international conventions on species protection.

Rubaga Division (Kampala City Council): Rubaga Division is a Local Government that is mandated by the Local Government Act (1997) of Uganda to provide services to, and to design and implement development plans that aim at improving the living conditions of all persons living within its boundaries. This includes poverty eradication and environmental management.

Fundación de Cultura Islamica: The Islamic Culture Foundation is a non-profit, non-partisan, strictly independent cultural and scientific Spanish organisation that concerns itself exclusively with matters related to cultural research, development and cooperation.

Forthcoming Events

Nature-What's in it For Me?: IUCN UK is excited to announce its first themed conference: "Nature-What's in it For Me?" to be held in **Edinburgh**, in association with the Royal Zoological Society of Scotland, **from April 18th to 20th**. The conference will help the IUCN UK committee play a leading role in the assessment and implementation of IUCN's Global Programme "Shaping a Sustainable Future".

The Great Escape: "The Great Escape - There is No Planet B! Biodiversity Conservation, a Natural Ally in Sustainable Poverty Reduction" is an event organised by the IUCN National Committee of the Netherlands that will take place on **26th – 27th April 2010 in Amsterdam**. Participants are invited to debate the proposition above, as well as dilemma's in the following areas: 1) Ecosystems and Human Well-being: An Introduction; 2) The Bio-based Economy - Escaping the land-use realities?; 3) Emergency Aid and Ecosystems - Escaping the impact of emergency aid operations on long-term environmental security; and 4) Payments for Ecosystem Services - Escaping the monetary stronghold: local ownership of REDD, and other financial instruments that put a value on the protection of ecosystems.

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24th International Congress for Conservation Biology (ICCB): The 2010 meeting of the Society for Conservation Biology (SCB) will be held in **Edmonton, Alberta, Canada on July 3rd-7th, 2010**. The theme of the meeting is "Conservation for a Changing Planet." Because of the focus on environmental change, the meeting will highlight the importance of multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary approaches to conservation.

12th Annual BIOECON Conference: Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei, in association with Conservation International and the United Nations Environment Programme, announces the Twelfth International BIOECON Conference "From the Wealth of Nations to the Wealth of Nature: Rethinking Economic Growth". The Conference will be held at the **Centro Culturale Don Orione Artigianelli, Venice, Italy, on September 27th-28th, 2010**. The central theme will focus on the identification of the most effective and efficient instruments for biodiversity conservation, such as auctions of biodiversity conservation contracts, payment-for-services contracts, taxes, tradable permits, voluntary mechanisms and straightforward command and control measures. Special attention will be given to the role of public bodies/NGOs in the creation of innovative mechanisms for the delivery of ecosystem benefits and in promoting the participation of a wider range of economic agents in biodiversity conservation. **The conference organizers invite submission of papers by May 28, 2010**. For more information on paper submission please go to: http://www.bioecon.ucl.ac.uk/04_12_ann-conf.htm The Conference Programme Committee will provide 10 grants to researchers coming from developing countries to participate in the conference. **To be considered for a Conference scholarship, applicants must submit a paper and attach a letter from their institution or supervisor that establishes financial need, and send it to Silvia Bertolin (silvia.bertolin@feem.it) by May 28, 2010.**

Tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity - CBD COP 10: The tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 10) will be held in **Nagoya, Japan on 8th-29th of October 2010**. This meeting is expected to assess achievement of the 2010 target to reduce significantly the rate of biodiversity loss, adopt an international regime on access and benefit-sharing and celebrate the International Year of Biodiversity 2010.

New Publications in our database

The publication "**A Landscape of Change: A Report on Community Based Adaptation and Vulnerability to Climate Change and its Social, Institutional and Ecological Inter Linkages in Bolivia**", by Surkin, J., Resnikowski, H., Sanchez, A. and Amaya, M., which was advertised in the March issue of PCLG News, can be downloaded from:
<https://library.conservation.org/Published%20Documents/2010/A%20Landscape%20of%20Change.pdf>

Nature & Faune, Vol 24 No 1, by **FAO Regional Office for Africa, 2009, FAO Regional Office for Africa, Accra, Ghana, 135 pp.**: This issue of Nature & Faune offers a collection of 14 diverse articles highlighting different aspects of mangroves - from the lush natural stands and enrichment planting, to the various uses of the mangrove ecosystems. The Special Feature highlights an original work from Cameroon, which provides good insight into mangrove ecosystem management from community to national level. The 'Country Focus' explains how Madagascar's wildlife, water resources and fisheries entwine with its mangrove ecosystems. And challenges of managing Mangroves in Red sea area are among the many issues visited.

Community Markets For Conservation Programme (COMACO) Phase II: Appraisal of the proposal to the Royal Norwegian Embassy, Lusaka, Zambia, by **Bie, S.W., Kuntashula, E., Mughogho, Lewis K., 2009, Noragric, Department of International Environment and Development Studies, Norwegian University of Life Sciences, 30 pp.**: This paper reviews the proposal for a Phase II of the Community Markets for Conservation Programme (COMACO) in Zambia. The programme is seen as a tool to offer poachers and charcoal burners incentives for abandoning illegal activities to protect wildlife and biodiversity through improved farming technologies and access to agricultural markets. The paper finds the proposal for a Phase 2 of the programme is generally well argued and appears to fit with current Norwegian development assistance policies on food security and poverty alleviation.

Integrating Environment and Development in Viet Nam: Achievements, challenges and next steps, by **Bass, S., Annandale, D., Phan Van Binh, Tran Phuong Dong, Hoang Anh Nam, Le Thi Kien Oanh, Parsons, M., Nguyen Van Phuc, Vu Van Trieu, January 2010, IIED, London, 56 pp.**: Viet Nam's extraordinarily rapid development has brought immediate and major benefits. But it has also led to poor people suffering pollution, climate change and soil infertility. It is time for development and environment to be considered together. This paper reviews what has worked well in integrating environment and development objectives in Viet Nam, as well as what currently constrains integration. It assesses future needs, given rapidly changing demographic, economic and environmental situations. Its recommendations offer a sure footing for 'preparing for green growth' in a future middle-income Viet Nam.

Wetlands and Water, Sanitation and Hygiene, by **Wetlands International, MetaMeta Research, Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust Consulting (WWTC), January 2010, Wetlands International, 96 pp.**: The health and livelihoods of people in rural and peri-urban areas in developing countries is often strongly related to ecosystems services and water supply, sanitation and hygiene (WASH). Although provision of both is integral to water management, the linkages between the two are rarely recognised in approaches to ecosystem management or WASH provision. This book presents a baseline of information that helps understanding of how WASH and wetland service provision are connected, why these linkages are vital and how they can be better managed. Furthermore, the publication presents a set of principles to be taken on by sector professionals as a way forward to improve integration in the future.

Resources

MSc programme in Conservation and Rural Development: A new interdisciplinary MSc programme in Conservation and Rural Development is **on offer from September 2010 at the University of Kent, UK**. Coordinated by the Durrell Institute of Conservation and Ecology (DICE), which is part of the School of Anthropology and Conservation, the programme combines natural science and social science perspectives in order to explore the relationship between conservation and rural development and presents practical and methodological tools for working at the interface between the two. It is particularly relevant to conservation professionals who are interested in developing their interdisciplinary expertise, whether for the purposes of theoretical research or in order to inform professional practice.

Publishing Opportunity: Emerald's Book Team is now actively commissioning new books in the subject of Environment to build on its existing books and journals portfolio in this area. Emerald is not prescriptive on the type of content they wish to publish, as long as the coverage has association with the broader field of Environment. They do, however, expect the proposal to be both methodologically sound

and of high quality. More information and links to Emerald's various support services for prospective authors and editors can be found by clicking on the following link: <http://info.emeraldinsight.com/products/books/authors/index.htm> or by contacting Emma Whitfield (ewhitfield@emeraldinsight.com).

Call for papers: Biodiversity, a peer-reviewed international journal that seeks to contribute to the understanding, protection and restoration of the diversity of living things, **is pleased to announce a call for papers for a special issue entitled "Biodiversity and Poverty Alleviation"**. Possible topics include but are not limited to: identifying and quantifying the links between biodiversity conservation, ecosystem services and poverty alleviation (PA); case studies using biodiversity resources in PA; integrating biodiversity conservation into development processes at national, regional and international levels. Submissions from all countries are encouraged. Proposals for papers should be submitted in the form of an abstract (250-300 words) that provides relevant background information, an outline of content and main discussion points. **Please submit your abstracts by 16 April 2010 to the Managing Editor, Stephen Aitken (aitken@tc-biodiversity.org).**

Call for papers: Environmental Conservation is producing a themed issue on "Payment for Ecosystem Services in Conservation: Performance and Prospects". The purpose of this issue is to strengthen the evidence-base through a collection of papers addressing diverse aspects of the performance of payments for ecosystem services in environmental conservation. Papers may take the form of case studies of individual schemes, comparative studies, or thematic or geographical reviews. The editors will prioritize strong empirical studies. Only original and unpublished high-quality research papers are considered and manuscripts must be in English. **The submission deadline is 31st October 2010.** Instructions for Authors can be found at: <http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayMoreInfo?jid=ENC&type=ifc>

BioSoc is the monthly bulletin of the PCLG, highlighting key new research on biodiversity and society, poverty and conservation. BioSoc is currently offline, but we anticipate the normal monthly service will resume very soon. To receive BioSoc, www.povertyandconservation.info/en/biosoc.php

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