

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.

PCLG News is the newsletter of the Poverty and Conservation Learning Group. It provides monthly news on the work of the PCLG and its members.

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Welcome to the thirtieth 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 May.

Secretariat News

PCLG International Symposium: The symposium "Linking biodiversity conservation and poverty reduction: what, why and how?", organized by the PCLG Secretariat, took place on 28th and 29th April 2010 at the Zoological Society of London. More than 200 people, from a range of conservation and development organisations and academic institutions, attended the symposium to review what we actually know about the degree to which biodiversity conservation contributes to poverty reduction. **Information related to the symposium will be posted on the home page of the PCLG website:** <http://povertyandconservation.info/en>

Featured News

World governments fail to deliver on 2010 biodiversity target: World leaders have failed to deliver commitments made in 2002 to reduce the global rate of biodiversity loss by 2010, and have instead overseen alarming biodiversity declines. These findings are the result of a new paper published in the journal *Science* and represent the first comprehensive assessment of how the targets made through the 2002 Convention on Biological Diversity have not been met. The study used more than 30 indicators, measuring different aspects of biodiversity, including species' populations and risk of extinction, habitat extent and community composition. The indicators included in the study were developed through the 2010 Biodiversity Indicators Partnership, a collaboration of more than 40 international organizations and agencies, including IUCN. The results form part of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook 3*, the flagship publication of the Convention on Biological Diversity, to be released on May 10th in Nairobi, when government representatives from around the world meet to discuss the 2010 target and how to address

the biodiversity crisis. For more information see: Butchart, S. et al (2010) "Global Biodiversity: Indicators of Recent Declines", Science.

News from PCLG Members

Conservation organisations collaborate to promote human rights in conservation: Eight international conservation organisations, Birdlife International, Conservation International, Fauna & Flora International, IUCN The Nature Conservancy, Wetlands International, Wildlife Conservation Society and WWF, are collaborating on a Conservation Initiative on Human Rights (CIHR) to promote increased integration of human rights in their conservation work. IIED has played a support role in developing the Initiative. Under this initiative, each of the participating organizations commits to uphold a set of human rights principles, enhance its capacities to ensure their implementation, and put in place appropriate accountability measures. IUCN, CI, WI and WWF have approved a Conservation and Human Rights Framework as a foundation for their engagement in this work. WCS has adopted a set of principles that is based on this common framework. All the other organizations in the group are working to adopt the common framework or adapt it to their own institutional contexts. The Initiative is developing a programme of work to support collaborative learning on human rights principles as they relate to conservation and measures to implement them. More information is available at http://www.iucn.org/about/work/programmes/social_policy/scpl_cihr/

Terra Viva Grants: The following are some of the upcoming grant deadlines for poverty-conservation projects: U.S. National Peace Corps Association (15 May); McKnight Foundation-Southeast Asia Program (01 June); International Tree Foundation (30 June); Presbyterian Hunger Program (30 June); Commonwealth Foundation Civil Society Grants (30 June); Ramsar Small Grants (30 June); and IUCN Central African Regional Program for the Environment (30 June). For more information: <http://www.terravivagrants.org>

PEN: PEN will host a panel, 'Global comparative analysis of local incomes from the forests', as part of session H.03 Forests, communities and cultures' during IUFRO World Congress, on 23–28 August 2010 in Seoul, South Korea. Twelve PEN Partners have been selected to present their case-study results in the context of the emerging global results. For more information about the Congress go to <http://www.iufro2010.com/>

FPP Annual Report for 2009: Every spring Forest Peoples Programme assesses and reports on its work over the past year as required by law and by the donors, but also to make its work more visible to its partners and supporters. Internal assessments of FPP's programmes, carried out jointly with partners, are gradually being built into its work more systematically. Learning lessons from what works and what does not is vital to improving FPP's work in order to make it more effective. However, methodical assessments are often a bit boring to read. This year FPP is experimenting with a new format with the aims of making its annual reports more succinct, more easily accessible through the internet and more readable. The full report is available at: http://www.forestpeoples.org/documents/ann_rep/fpp_ann_rep_09_eng.pdf

IIED would like to invite you to join the Biodiversity Media Alliance's online network, which aims to boost the quantity and quality of media coverage of biodiversity around the world by building bridges between journalists and the sources of information they need to tell this story well. The site has just opened for membership and IIED is asking scientists, communicators, NGO staff, indigenous people and other biodiversity experts to join up and start using it before IIED formally launches the site and tells thousands of journalists around the world about it. To join simply visit <http://biodiversitymedia.ning.com/?xqi=47jl29c1xZDEjR> After registering you may need to check your email spam box in case the confirmation email goes there. Please also spread the word to your colleagues and other contacts who have expertise in biodiversity issues and are willing to boost the profile of these topics by helping to inform the media. If you have any questions about the site please contact Mike Shanahan (mike.shanahan@iied.org).

IUCN: The IUCN position papers with the Union's policy recommendations to the 14th meeting of the CBD's Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA14) and the 3rd meeting of the Working Group of Review of Implementation (WGRI3) have been posted online in the three IUCN languages and can be found at the link below: http://www.iucn.org/about/work/programmes/global_policy/gpu_resources/gpu_position_papers/sbstta14_and_wgri3.cfm These papers cover the following issues: IUCN's position on the revised CBD Strategic Plan for the post-2010 period; The Programme of Work on Protected Areas (POWPA); The Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (GSPC); Gender mainstreaming; A general position paper with the Union's recommendations on several issues in the agenda.

ANCE-Togo is organising a biodiversity forum from August 18 to 21, 2010 in Lome, Togo. This forum will assemble about 70 participants from 15 West Africa countries. Participants will be representatives of NGOs, research institutions, agencies and government institutions, and sub-regional institutions such as ECOWAS, WAEMU, ECOWAS Investment Bank, UNDP, etc. For more information, visit the conference page at: http://forum-biodiv.ancetogo.org/english_version/index.php?theme=conferences

CBD REDD & Biodiversity Newsletter: The aim of this e-Newsletter is to inform CBD National Focal Points and CBD partners about biodiversity aspects in relation to reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries (REDD-plus). To subscribe, please visit <http://www.cbd.int/forest/redd/newsletters/>

15th PEP Meeting – Malawi: The Fifteenth Poverty Environment Partnership (PEP 15) Meeting was held on 1 to 5 March 2010 in Malawi, and featured the theme "Climate and Environment Mainstreaming and the Green Economy to achieve the Millennium Development Goals." Materials related to PEP 15 will be posted on this page <http://www.povertyenvironment.net/> continually as they are made available. **Fundación IPADE:** The tight link between the effects of climate change and poverty is increasingly tangible. In order to analyze the relationship between both concepts, it is necessary to redefine and review the concept of development. This is the topic explored by an article recently produced by Fundación IPADE, which can be downloaded at: http://www.fundacion-ipade.org/uploa/pdf/Redefine_concept_development.pdf

New Members

Terra Viva Grants is an information directory of international grant makers for agriculture, energy, environment, and natural resources in the developing world. Terra Viva Grants provides detailed profiles of over 320 grant makers, and is adding to this base each month. Terra Viva Grants offers funding news for grant seekers, including a rolling calendar of application deadlines. Other funding news presents information on new and changed grants programs. Terra Viva Grants also provides links and resources for grant seekers. Compared with many other sources of grants information, Terra Viva Grants is integrative and global when considering sectors, regions, and grant purposes.

Forthcoming Events

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**.

STEPS Conference 2010: Pathways to Sustainability: Addressing environmental sustainability has become a central practical, moral and political challenge of our times. The conference, "Pathways to Sustainability: Agendas for a new politics of environment, development and social justice", which will take place on **23rd-24th September 2010 at the Institute of Development Studies, Sussex**

University, Brighton (UK), will explore how to conceptualise and build 'pathways' that link environmental integrity and social justice, while alleviating poverty and inequity. The five themes of the conference are: contesting sustainabilities; framing narratives; dynamics and sustainability; uncertainty, ambiguity and surprise; pathway-building and governance. If you would like to submit a paper, please send a title and short abstract (up to 200 words), your name and your institutional affiliation, to the STEPS Centre Administrative Co-ordinator Harriet LeBris (H.lebris@ids.ac.uk) by the deadline of **31 May 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

Hidden Forestry Revealed: Characteristics, constraints and opportunities for small and medium forest enterprises in Ghana, by Osei-Tutu, P., Nketiah, K., Kyereh, B., Owusu-Ansah, M., Faniyan, J., **March 2010, IIED, London, 70 pp.**: This report reviews the status of small and medium forest enterprises (SMFEs) in Ghana. It provides information on the various issues the sector confronts, and identifies mechanisms for harnessing the potential of SMFEs to effectively contribute to poverty reduction and sustainable forest management in Ghana.

Conceptual Framework for Eco-Development Including Community Based Eco-Tourism and its application in Satkosia Gorge Sanctuary, by Panwar, H.S., Green, M.J.B., Misra, M.K., **2009, Orissa Forestry Sector Development Project**: The Orissa Forestry Sector Development Project is focused on conserving natural forest biodiversity by reducing local dependencies on such resources through more sustainable approach to management, including the development of alternative livelihoods for local communities. The experience is described in these guidelines, which spell out the principles of eco-development and ecotourism, provide a framework for developing village plans and demonstrate how concepts and micro-planning are being successfully piloted within village communities in Satkosia Tiger Reserve.

Forests for People: Community rights and forest tenure reform, by Larson, A.M., Barry, D., Dahal, G.M., Carol J. Pierce Colfer, **February 2010, Earthscan, London, 256 pp.**: In recent years governments in the South have transferred at least 200 million hectares of forests to communities living in and around them. This book assesses the experience of what appears to be a new international trend that has substantially increased the share of the world's forests under community administration. Based on research in over 30 communities in selected countries in Asia (India, Nepal, Philippines, Laos, Indonesia), Africa (Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Ghana) and Latin America (Bolivia, Brazil, Guatemala, Nicaragua), it examines the process and outcomes of granting new rights, assessing a variety of governance issues in implementation, access to forest products and markets and outcomes for people and forests.

Resources

Funding Opportunities for Small Scale Initiatives: The Small-Scale Initiatives Programme run by the French Global Environment Facility is designed to support civil society organisations in Africa that are actively working on biodiversity protection and climate change action. The programme has been set up to help civil society organisations to: undertake field projects in West and Central Africa, Madagascar and Mozambique, strengthen their technical, training, management and project monitoring capacities, strengthen a small-scale projects monitoring network in West and Central Africa, strengthen their capacities for influencing environmental policy choices in the countries concerned, share and disseminate their experiences and successes. There is a rolling programme of applications and full details are available

at: <http://www.ffem.fr/jahia/Jahia/cache/offonce/lang/en/accueil/pid/26806:jsessionid=5F616BE7C3B7CC1630DD20C1B57BFF12>

Rufford Small Grants for Nature Conservation: Rufford Small Grants for Nature Conservation (RSGs) are aimed at small conservation programmes and pilot projects. RSG's are available to individuals and small groups. Applications can be made at any time of the year, decisions are usually made within three months. RSGs generally support projects of about a year's duration. Applications

from non-first world areas are strongly encouraged. For a list of the various grants they offer, please see www.ruffordsmallgrants.org

Fulbright Scholar Program: The Core Fulbright Scholar competition for 2011-2012 is now open. Over 800 grants are available for teaching, conducting research, or combining both in more than 125 countries around the globe. **The deadline is August 2.** For information on Fulbright Scholar Awards, consult www.iie.org/cies or write to scholars@iie.org

UNEP-WCMC Chevening MPhil Scholarships: The UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre, in collaboration with the Foreign & Commonwealth Office, The British Council, and in association with the University of Cambridge in its partnership with the Cambridge Conservation initiative, is very pleased to offer four UNEP-WCMC Chevening MPhil Scholarships in Conservation Leadership beginning in October 2010. Successful candidates will have the opportunity to spend a year at the Cambridge-based Centre, whilst undertaking the MPhil, where they will work alongside our experts to build their knowledge base on biodiversity and provide information products and services to decision makers ranging from UNEP, to the international environmental agreements, and the private sector.

Endeavour Awards: The Endeavour Awards is an internationally competitive, merit-based program providing opportunities for citizens of the Asia-Pacific region to undertake study, research and professional development in Australia. Awards are also available for Australians to do the same abroad. The 2011 round of application is now open and will close on **31 July 2010**.

International Foundation for Science Research Grants: Applications for IFS Research Grants are welcome from young scientists in developing countries to do research on the sustainable management, use or conservation of biological or water resources. This includes natural science and social science research on agriculture, soils, animal production, food science, forestry, agroforestry, aquatic resources, water resources, etc. Applications are accepted all year.

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

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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