

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 thirty-third 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 August.

Secretariat News

PCLG at CBD COP 10: As you all know, the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 10) will be held in Nagoya, Japan from 18-29 of October 2010. We are considering organising a meeting of PCLG members during the CoP and so would be interested to know if **PCLG members** are planning to attend and if they would be interested in participating in a meeting to catch up with other members. Please let us know so that we can organise accordingly. Whether or not a PCLG meeting will be organised during CBD COP10, IIED has an exhibition stand, which will run for most of the CoP. Part of the space will be allocated to the display and distribution of publications from **PCLG members only**. We also have the potential to show short videos. Please let us know if you would like to make use of this service and what material you would like us to distribute. If we have lots of requests, priority will be given to members from developing countries. All replies should be addressed to: pclg@iied.org

Request for Information: The PCLG secretariat calls on ALL members to send us updates on relevant projects and activities carried out by their organisations or initiatives on poverty-conservation linkages. This information will be compiled in a briefing paper that will constitute an update of the 'PCLG Directory of Poverty and Conservation Organisations and Initiatives 2008' (http://povertyandconservation.info/docs/20081117-PCLG_Directory_2008_17-11-2008.pdf). The 2010 directory will be disseminated during the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 10) in Nagoya in October. This is a great opportunity to inform others on the work you have been doing!

2011 PCLG Meeting: We are starting to plan next year's PCLG meeting. This event will be open to PCLG members only, numbers will be kept low (30-50 participants), and financial support will be available for developing countries participants. **We would very much like to hear what you think should be the theme of the 2011 PCLG meeting.** During the 2007 PCLG meeting we discussed the linkages between climate change, conservation and poverty, focusing on REDD in particular. Maybe next year's meeting could centre on adaptation strategies? If there are no burning issues that the majority of PCLG members agree to discuss, we could have a general network meeting at which different topics dealing with poverty and conservation could be discussed. Please, send your comments, suggestions and ideas to: pclg@iied.org

Featured News

UN and Oxford University unveil a new index to measure poverty: The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Oxford University launched in July a new index to measure poverty levels, which they said gives a "multidimensional" picture of people living in hardship, and could help target development resources more effectively. The new measure, the Multidimensional Poverty Index, or MPI, was developed and applied by the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI) with UNDP support. It will be featured in the forthcoming 20th anniversary edition of the UNDP Human Development Report, and replaces the Human Poverty Index, which had been included in these reports since 1997. This year's Human Development Report will be published in late October, but research findings from the MPI are already available online on the websites of OPHI (<http://www.ophi.org.uk>) and the UNDP Human Development Report (<http://hdr.undp.org/en/>). **Ford Foundation Commits \$85 Million to Advance Rural Land Rights and Reduce Climate Change:** In July the Ford Foundation announced a five-year, \$85 million initiative that will make rural and indigenous people a stronger part of the world's response to climate change, saying that engaging these populations is essential to reducing poverty and building long-term climate solutions. Focused on six key regions, the initiative will empower rural communities whose livelihoods depend on natural resources to play a more active role in the stewardship of those resources. The foundation will also work with the global organizations, multilateral funders and governments that are set to invest billions of dollars over the coming years in climate change programs that will affect these communities. "We believe that the work we are supporting demonstrates a critical new paradigm: What's good for rural and indigenous communities is also good for the economy, the environment, and the world," said David Kaimowitz, the foundation's director of Sustainable Development. "We want to ensure that the lessons and promise of that work are understood and utilized by global policymakers, governments and other leaders."

News from PCLG Members

IIED is currently preparing a major overhaul of its **Environmental Mainstreaming** website - IIED's website dedicated to the issue of integrating environment into development institutions and decisions - with lots of new info, including a first draft of IIED's online sourcebook on Environmental Mainstreaming. To browse IIED's Environmental Mainstreaming website got to: www.environmental-mainstreaming.org

The **Equator Initiative**, a UNDP-led partnership that works to support and raise the profile of outstanding local and indigenous community efforts to reduce poverty through the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, **recently announced the twenty-five winners of the Equator Prize 2010**. Representatives of each winning community will participate in the Community Summit dialogue space, to run 15-24 September 2010 in conjunction with the United Nations General Assembly, and will be celebrated at the Equator Prize 2010 Award Ceremony on 20 September 2010 at the American Museum of Natural History in New York. Summaries of the Equator Prize winners are available at www.equatorinitiative.org. For more information on Equator Prize 2010 winners, the Community Summit, or the Equator Prize 2010 Award Ceremony, please contact Joseph Corcoran (joseph.corcoran@undp.org).

Open invitation to join the Tourism Sustainability Council (TSC): This is an invitation to all those who are working on sustainable tourism to join the Tourism Sustainability Council (TSC), a global initiative dedicated to promoting sustainable tourism practices around the world. Representing a diverse and global membership - including UN agencies, academia, governments, leading travel companies, hotels, country tourism boards and tour operators - TSC serves as the international body for promoting the increased knowledge, understanding and adoption of sustainable tourism practices. TSC will be holding its first Annual Meeting on August 11-12, 2010 in Washington DC. If you are interested in becoming a member, please email GSTCmember@unfoundation.org for an application form. More information can be obtained from Catalina Etcheverry (etcheverry@unfoundation.org).

The **Society for the Conservation of Nature of Liberia (SCNL)** recently conducted a two-day workshop to introduce the “Across the River Project”, a trans-boundary Peace Park for Liberia and Sierra Leone, to the local community. At the workshop community people were able to identify their role in the management of the forest and its natural resources. The community people also outlined several issues that are preventing them from managing the forest more wisely. For more information:

<http://povertyandconservation.info/docs/20100728-SCNL-Workshop.pdf>

Blue Ventures is one of 12 finalists competing for this year's prestigious World Challenge award, an international competition organised by BBC World News and Newsweek magazine to champion projects showing enterprise and innovation at a grassroots level. The judges selected the finalists from over 800 nominations, recognising Blue Ventures' work in Madagascar as a powerful demonstration that social enterprise can be an effective engine for developing sustainable conservation initiatives. Blue Ventures' work will be featured on BBC World News television and in Newsweek magazine. The winner of World Challenge 2010 will be announced at a ceremony in The Hague in December, and will receive a US\$20,000 grant from Shell to invest in their work. A public vote will open on 27th September. For more information: <http://blueventures.org/newsroom/press-releases/711-blue-ventures-announced-as-finalist-for-bbc-world-challenge-2010.html>

WWF: A new climate change adaptation focused blog, **ClimatePrep.org** (<http://www.climateprep.org>), has recently been launched by WWF. With the help of first-hand accounts and expert interviews, the site aims to illustrate climate change adaptation using on the ground adaptation projects, explorations of adaptation concepts, and tracking the progress of adaptation in the international policy arena. WWF would like to invite the submission of new material for the blog. If you have an adaptation related project, event, or concept that you would be interested in writing about, please feel free to get in touch with Eliot Levine (eliot.levine@wwfus.org).

Wetland International: • Six West African governments have signed a document to commit to the protection of the sub-region's mangroves on June 30th. This Mangrove Charter features country-specific Action Plans in which detailed activities are described to be undertaken by each government and provides incentives for large-scale restoration/conservation activities and improving their wise use. Read more at: <http://afrigue.wetlands.org/News/tabid/1790/articleType/ArticleView/articleId/2306/Default.aspx> • Wetland International Thailand's restoration and livelihood work go hand in hand in the three Thai provinces of Krabi, Surat Thani and Nakhon Si Thammarat. Mud crab farming in mangroves and abandoned shrimp pond restoration in Surat Thani Province, as well as rubbish collection and recycling in Krabi Province have generated higher income and less dependence on extractive activities, plus increased environmental awareness. Read more at: <http://thailand.wetlands.org/NEWSANDEVENT/NEWS/tabid/2109/articleType/ArticleView/articleId/2321/Default.aspx>

BirdLife: A new report, “**Partners for Sustainability – What BirdLife is doing for People and the Planet**”, highlights BirdLife's work around the world that combines biodiversity conservation with sustainable development. There is a growing consensus that the international community will be much more likely to meet objectives like reducing poverty and improving health, wellbeing and resilience to climate change if we give biodiversity and ecosystem services the priority they deserve. Partners for Sustainability describes how BirdLife is working locally, nationally and globally, with communities, governments, international bodies and the public and private sectors, to create the environmental conditions for sustainable development.

The **2010 Biodiversity Indicators Partnership (2010 BIP)** brings together over 40 organizations and a suite of biodiversity indicators, allowing for a more comprehensive and consistent monitoring and assessment of global biodiversity, with a view to measuring progress towards the CBD's target to reduce the rate of biodiversity loss by 2010. The 2010 BIP Secretariat is currently carrying out its second **User Needs Survey** and would be very grateful if you could spare a few minutes to complete it. The Survey examines the background potential users of 2010 BIP outputs, and their preferences for 2010 BIP outputs. It is available in all six UN languages and Japanese at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JGLTJN2>, and will be open until Monday, 9 August 2010. For more information on the 2010 BIP, see <http://www.twentyten.net> or email info@twentyten.net

IISD RS is pleased to announce that the newest issue of MEA Bulletin is now available. To access the 97th issue directly, visit: <http://www.iisd.ca/mea-l/meabulletin97.pdf>. The 97th issue of MEA Bulletin includes reports on the resumed ninth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the fourth meeting of the Bureau of the ninth session of the UN Forum on Forests, among other reports. MEA Bulletin is a publication created by the International

Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD), in cooperation with the United Nations Environment Programme's Division of Environmental Law and Conventions (UNEP DELC). To read past issues and to sign up to receive the PDF version, visit: <http://www.iisd.ca/email/mea-l.htm>

IUCN: Arborvitae, the bulletin of IUCN's Forest Conservation Programme, is now available online in English, French and Spanish at www.iucn.org/forest/av. Recent editions include – Forest Finance, Forest Partnerships and Forests & Climate Change.

New Members

Environment for Development Initiative (EfD): The Environment for Development (EfD) initiative is an environmental economics program focused on international research collaboration, policy advice, and academic training. The overall objective is to support poverty alleviation and sustainable development through the increased use of environmental economics in the policy making process. EfD includes research centers in Central America, China, Ethiopia, Kenya, South Africa, and Tanzania, in partnership with the Environmental Economics Unit at the University of Gothenburg in Sweden and Resources for the Future in Washington, DC.

Forthcoming Events

STEPS Conference 2010: Pathways to Sustainability: 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.

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.

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.

CEESP Sharing Power Conference: The conference 'Sharing Power: A New Vision for Development' will take place on **10th - 15th January 2011 in Whakatāne, New Zealand**. The Conference focuses on the need for policy and decision makers in Governments and Corporations to accommodate a greater level of inclusion of indigenous peoples and all citizens, in national and international policies on the management and governance of bio-cultural resources, and advocates the rights of mother earth - the planet. Contributions are now being sought for this conference. If you wish to give a presentation, send a paper, short linking video, poster or documentary, please submit your abstract online through the Conference website: <http://www.sharingpower.org/about-the-conference/call-for-contributions.html>. **The Deadline for submissions of abstracts or proposals is 18 September 2010.**

Nature™ Inc? Questioning the Market Panacea in Environmental Policy and Conservation: In order to respond to the many environmental problems the world is facing, new and innovative methods are necessary and markets are posited as the ideal vehicle to supply these. This conference, which will take place on **30th June – 2nd July, 2011, in The Hague, The Netherlands**, seeks to critically engage with the

market panacea in environmental policy and conservation in the context of histories and recent developments in neoliberal capitalism. **Paper proposals are due 15 December 2010.** Please send a 250-300 word proposal, with title, contact information, and three keywords as a Word attachment to: nature2011@iss.nl

New Publications in our database

Manejo Comunitario de Vicuñas en Perú: Estudio de Caso del Manejo Comunitario de Vida Silvestre, by Lichtenstein, G., Oribe, F., Grieg-Gran, M., Mazzucchelli, S., 2002, Poverty, Inequality, and the Environment No2, IIED, UK, 90 pp.: This study forms part of IIED's Evaluating Eden project, which explores community-based wildlife management (CWM) through a comprehensive review of initiatives worldwide, the aim being to assess what CWM has achieved for wildlife and for people and to identify the social, political, economic and environmental factors that influence its efficacy. Vicuna management in Peru was chosen as a case study because of the moves to give Andean communities more rights over these wild animals and the Government initiatives to promote sustainable use.

Manejo de Vicuñas en Cautiverio: El modelo de criaderos del CEA INTA (Argentina), by Lichtenstein, G., 2006, Investigación, conservación y manejo de vicuñas, Proyecto MACS, Universidad Nacional de Lujan., pp. 133-146.: Argentina is the pioneer country for vicuna captive breeding. The model was developed by the National Institute of Agriculture and Cattle Technology (INTA) at their High Altitude Experimental Station (CEA) with the aims of improving the economic situation of local people while contributing towards vicuna conservation. The lessons learnt from this system could be applied to other captive management systems.

Retórica y Praxis de la Participación Local en los Proyectos de Manejo de Vicuñas, by Lichtenstein, G., Renaudeau d'Arc, N., 2008, Cuadernos XXI del Instituto de Antropología y Pensamiento Latinoamericano, Vol 21, pp. 133-141: This paper explores the rhetoric and praxis of local participation in conservation and development projects using vicuna use by Andean communities as a case study. It concludes that most of the projects have failed to link participation with a process of empowerment of local people.

Vicuña Conservation and Poverty Alleviation? Andean Communities and International Fibre Markets, Lichtenstein, G., February 2010, International Journal of the Commons, Vol 4 No 1, Igitur, Utrecht Publishing & Archiving Services for IASC, pp. 100–121: This paper explores multiple-objective projects that address vicuña conservation and poverty alleviation in Andean countries. In doing so, it analyses the tensions that exist between these objectives, as well as the factors that limit a more equitable distribution of benefits among stakeholders.

Resources

Smith Fellows 2011: 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 Program especially encourages individuals who want to better link conservation science and theory with pressing policy and management applications to apply. **The deadline for receipt of application materials is 24 September 2010.** For detailed proposal guidelines, please visit <http://www.conbio.org/smithfellows/apply/>. Questions may be directed to Shonda Foster (sfoster@conbio.org).

PARKS - Call for articles: The journal PARKS is calling for articles to include in its next edition. The 2010 edition will not be themed and is open to articles on any topic related to protected areas. The Journal PARKS is published to strengthen international collaboration among protected area professionals, to enhance understanding of the values and benefits derived from protected areas of all kinds and assist professionals in all their roles, status and activities. For more information email Peter Valentine (peter.valentine@jcu.edu.au).

The **WCS Research Fellowship Program (RFP)** is a small grants program administered by the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) Institute. In 2010, the RFP was re-designed and re-launched with a new focus of supporting work directly related to WCS priority land/seascapes, species, and/or the global challenges of wildlife health, climate change, human livelihoods, and natural resource extraction. The Program seeks to

support the fieldwork of graduate-level students who will work with WCS staff in Asia, Africa, Latin America, and in special cases, North America. Collectively, the professionals receiving RFP grants will apply field-tested conservation science to the challenges facing the natural world. Individuals interested in submitting an RFP application should visit <http://programs.wcs.org/grants> for eligibility information. **The application deadline is January 5, 2011.** The maximum award is \$20,000. For more information, please email fellowship@wcs.org.

SEED Awards 2010 Open: The SEED Awards for Entrepreneurship in Sustainable Development is an annual awards scheme designed to find the most promising, innovative and locally led start-up social and environmental entrepreneurs in countries with developing and emerging economies. An international jury of experts selects enterprises, which have the potential to make real improvements in poverty eradication and environmental sustainability while contributing to a greener economy. **The deadline for the 2010 applications is 16th August 2010.** For more information and to apply go to: <http://www.seedinit.org/en/awards/about-the-seed-awards/how-to-apply-and-application-form.html>

Marie Curie Individual Fellowships at Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei: Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei (FEEM), an Italian leading research institute devoted to the study of sustainable development and global governance, welcomes Marie Curie Individual Fellowship applications for its research programs in: sustainable development; institutions and markets; and global challenges. FEEM will offer a truly international and multi-disciplinary workplace, and the strong ties with a world-wide network of research will allow a continuous fruitful exchange of experience. More information on the Marie Curie Fellowships, including how to apply, is available at: <http://www.feem.it/getpage.aspx?id=433>. **The deadline for the 2010 call is 17 August.**

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=5F616BE7C3B7CC1630D20C1B57BFF12>

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

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

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