

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 twenty-fourth 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 November.

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 and to register please go to: http://www.zsl.org/zsl-london-zoo/whats-on/symposium-linking-biodiversity-conservation-poverty-reduction_360.EV.html

“The Earthscan Reader in Poverty and Biodiversity Conservation”, edited By Dilys Roe and Joanna Elliott: “The Earthscan Reader in Poverty and Biodiversity Conservation” is an edited compilation of the most important previously-published material, which provides a guide to and commentary on the key literature on current debates on poverty-conservation linkages. The book will help readers, including both students and professionals, to locate current debates within their wider contexts. **The Reader will be published in January 2010** and can be pre-ordered at: <http://www.earthscan.co.uk/?tabid=101812>

Call for information on linking great ape conservation and livelihoods: IIED has recently been awarded a grant from the Arcus Foundation. The overall purpose of the funds is to support the ongoing running of the PCLG network and to introduce a workstream on great ape conservation-livelihood linkages. As a first step in this new stream of work we plan to collect as much information as possible on practical, on the ground experiences that have taken place to date with the aim of linking great ape conservation and livelihoods. We

are particularly interested in documenting the strategies employed in making these linkages, and in the case studies that have succeeded in measuring and monitoring both poverty and conservation impacts of great ape conservation projects. **If you have been involved in projects linking great ape conservation and livelihoods, or know of such experiences, we would very much like to hear from you (pclg@iied.org).** All the information that we will be able to collect on this subject will be reviewed, analysed and made available on our website and possibly in a short report. We are really grateful for the support that has been provided by Arcus Foundation to the PCLG and look forward to developing this new area of activity on great ape conservation in collaboration with all PCLG members!

Featured News

XIII World Forestry Congress: The XIII World Forestry Congress, co-organized by the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the Government of Argentina, was held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from 18th to 23rd October 2009. Themed “Forests in Development: A Vital Balance”, it saw 7,100 participants from international organizations, governments, academia, private sector and civil society, representing 160 nations, coming together to discuss forest issues. The discussions that took place at the congress revolved around the following themes: forests and biodiversity; producing for development; forests in the service of people; caring for our forests; development opportunities; organizing forest development; people and forests in harmony. Major outcomes were a declaration from participants outlining nine findings and 27 strategic actions through which the “vital balance between forests and development can be improved”, and a set of recommendations to the UNFCCC calling for urgent action on major issues, including the: promotion of sustainable forest management; need to pursue climate change mitigation and adaptation concurrently; need for improved monitoring and assessment techniques; and need for improved inter-sectoral cooperation.

News from PCLG Members

Request for input to 'Conservation Enterprise' learning paper: The African Wildlife Foundation (AWF) is preparing a paper and presentation to the PCLG 2010 ZSL Symposium on “**Conservation Enterprise – What works, where and for whom?**”. The learning questions that the paper will address are:

- What impact has conservation enterprise had so far on poverty reduction at the local level and on conservation, and how have these impacts been assessed? This question should be addressed as quantitatively as possible with data on levels of benefit generated and numbers of beneficiaries as well as tangible evidence of conservation success. It should be clear whether poverty has actually been reduced or just alleviated.
- Who benefits most from conservation enterprise? Which groups of poor people - the poorest, the less poor, the most powerful?
- What types of enterprises work best to link conservation with local livelihood and conservation gains?
- What are the necessary conditions for success (e.g. policy and legislative framework, institutional factors, funding, location, etc.)?
- What are the limits of and biggest challenges to using enterprise as a conservation strategy?

AWF would welcome contributions to the analysis from PCLG members. If any PCLG member would like to submit relevant learning papers that they have already written related to these questions, or a brief summary response to these learning questions, AWF will take all responses and prepare a synthesis as part of its paper. **Please send your responses, questions or comments to Joanna Elliott (JElliott@awf.org).**

Natureandpoverty.net: IUCN NL coordinates the Natureandpoverty.net programme. As part of this programme, IUCN NL has recently launched **Natureandpoverty.net** (<http://www.natureandpoverty.net/>), **an online platform for practitioners working on ecosystem management and poverty alleviation**, aimed at increasing the understanding and effective action on the linkages between nature conservation and poverty alleviation. A key element in the design and set up of the platform is an open and bottom-up approach intended to establish an interactive community of practitioners. In particular, Natureandpoverty.net offers the following tools to its users: 1) Connect: A tool that helps you connect with people and organisations that could be interesting for your network; 2) Share: A tool that allows you to share your experiences, practices and lessons learned that can be beneficial to others working in the same field; 3) Find: A tool that will help you find practices, case studies, tools and resources that are useful for your work.

Natureandpoverty.net invites you to join the platform, become involved and share your experiences, practices and lessons learned! The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB): TEEB will soon release a summary of key recommendations for national and international policy-makers. "By releasing this volume of the TEEB study now, we hope that it will provide guidance for policymakers in considering actions that address the economic dimension of biodiversity and ecosystem service loss. By making chapters available on the web we are providing deeper information for those that require it, while also still keeping the door open for input, in keeping with our open-architecture model", says study leader Pavan Sukhdev. Any additional recommendations from ongoing discussions will be included in the final published chapters of the TEEB for Policymakers report, as well as the TEEB synthesis report. **TEEB for Policymakers will be available on 13 November 2009 on the new TEEB website (www.teebweb.org).**

CREE: The Center for Rural Empowerment and the Environment (CREE) has recently published the first issue of its newsletter '**CREE – Notes from the field**'. In this publication you can find highlights from CREE's work around the globe, like: farming snails in Cameroon; a survey of whales in the northern Philippines; efforts to reduce human-wildlife conflicts on the shores of Lake Victoria. The newsletter can be downloaded at: http://povertyandconservation.info/docs/20091103-CREE_Fall_Newsletter_2009.pdf

A workshop on Biodiversity Conservation, Ecosystem Services and Poverty Reduction: Shaping a New Agenda was held at the International Academy for Nature Conservation, Isle of Vilm, Germany, on 17-21 September 2009. It was co-organized by the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, BirdLife International and CEESP/WCPA (through the Protected Areas, Equity and Livelihoods taskforce). The workshop primarily aimed to develop inputs for the new Strategic Plan of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and to contribute ideas to the UN International Year of Biodiversity in 2010 when a central theme will be: "biodiversity for development and poverty alleviation". Workshop results included updates on a number of initiatives worldwide addressing: 1) conceptual frameworks, 2) targets and indicators, and 3) policy instruments related to the workshop topic as well as a range of more general and specific recommendations for the new Strategic Plan of the CBD. An analysis of the current Strategic Plan, revealed, amongst others, gaps related to governance and financial as well as supporting mechanisms, including those that address market failures. For the workshop summary report and further information contact: Lea M. Scherl (lea.scherl@bigpond.com) and/or Bettina Hedden-Dunkhorst (bettina.hedden-dunkhorst@bfm.de).

IIED: IIED has recently published a new book on CBNRM titled "**Community management of natural resources in Africa: Impacts, experiences and future directions**". This publication, edited by Dilys Roe, Fred Nelson and Chris Sandbrook, provides an unprecedented pan-African synthesis of community based natural resource management (CBNRM), drawing on multiple authors and a wide range of documented experiences from Southern, Eastern, Western and Central Africa. The review discusses the degree to which CBNRM has met poverty alleviation, economic development and nature conservation objectives. In its concluding chapter, the report suggests a way forward for strengthening CBNRM and addressing key challenges in the years ahead. For more information and to download the publication (also available in French), please go to: <http://www.iied.org/pubs/display.php?o=17503IIED>

Forthcoming Events

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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.

Sixth Trondheim Conference on Biodiversity: The sixth Trondheim Conference on Biodiversity, entitled "Getting the biodiversity targets right - working for sustainable development" will be held on **1st- 5th February 2010 in Trondheim, Norway**. The conference will be hosted by the Norwegian Government in

collaboration with the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). The conference will consider status and lessons learned from the 2010 target and will provide CBD with a sound basis for developing post 2010 biodiversity targets.

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

Natural Resource Dependence, Livelihoods and Development: Perceptions from Kiunga, Kenya, by Samoilys, M.A., Kanyange, N.W., 2008, IUCN Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Office, 30 pp.: This study seeks to map coastal peoples' perceptions of marine resource use and their dependence on these resources, changes in resource status, and what effect conservation and natural resource management have had on coastal peoples' socioeconomic development, in order to understand the bottlenecks to good governance of common pool marine resources.

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Adaptive Learning in Natural Resource Management: Three Approaches to Research, by Tyler, S.R., October 2008, Rural Poverty and Environment Working Paper Series N.22, IDRC, 48 pp.: This paper explores different approaches to applied research in natural resource management that focus on adaptive learning as an element of the resource management challenge of continuous sustainable production.

Resources

Rufford Small Grants for Nature Conservation: Rufford Small Grants for Nature Conservation (RSGs), set up in 1999 by The Rufford Maurice Laing Foundation, are aimed at small conservation programmes and pilot projects. Since 1999 when the very first Rufford Small Grant was awarded, over 1,000 projects have now been awarded around the world. With a focus on supporting grass-roots projects run by individuals in developing countries, the scheme has provided funding to a wide range of projects. 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. For a list of the various grants offered, please go to: www.ruffordsmallgrants.org

2010 Young Conservationist Award: Applications are now being accepted for the 2010 Young Conservationist Award. Co-sponsored by the International Ranger Federation and IUCN's World Commission on Protected Areas, in collaboration with Parks Victoria and the George Wright Society, the award aims to recognize and raise awareness of the outstanding contributions made to the management of protected areas, and leadership shown, by young conservationists. Nominations/applications are invited for/from: young people (under the age of 35) working in conservation and actively managing protected areas. This includes all people working in protected areas, such as rangers, interpreters, people working with local communities, policy makers, and scientists. For the 2010 award, the winner will have his/her travel, accommodation, and conference fees fully paid to attend the 'Healthy Parks – Healthy People' conference, April 2010, in Melbourne, Australia. For more information on the Young Conservationist Award, including a link to the online application form, go to: <http://www.georgewright.org/yca>. **The deadline for applications is 1st December 2009.**

Call for papers: The theme for the next issue of Nature & Faune, a peer-reviewed open access international publication of the FAO Regional Office for Africa, is "Natural resource tenure systems and their implication for nature conservation in Africa". The upcoming edition is set to explore land, tree and water tenurial issues at the community, national and regional levels, focusing on their practical applications and

implications for sustainable nature conservation in Africa. Nature & Faune invites you to submit manuscript(s) on any issue related to the theme at nature-faune@fao.org. **Deadline for submission of articles, announcements and other contributions is 30th December 2009.** For more information go to: <http://www.fao.org/africa/publications0/nature-and-faune-magazine/call-for-submissions-english/en>

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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