

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-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: - Secretariat News - Featured News - News from PCLG Members - Forthcoming Events - New Publications in our Database - Resources

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 October.

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>

Featured News

The Norwegian government has announced support for developing countries input into the study known as TEEB, The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity: The announcement was made at the beginning of September 2009 at the high level meeting: "Visions for Biodiversity Beyond 2010", in Stromstad, Sweden, by Erik Solheim, the Norwegian Minister for Environment and International Development. Speaking at the meeting in Stromstad, TEEB study leader Pavan Sukhdev said that biodiversity and ecosystem services have a vital role to play in climate change and mitigation and must be considered as part of the Copenhagen discussions in December. He also illustrated how effective decision-making with regards to the environment will have direct benefits to those living in developing countries. The final TEEB report will be issued in October 2010. In November 2009 TEEB

will release a report for national and international policymakers in order to engage more countries in dialogue for the final output in 2010.

News from PCLG Members

The Amazon Livelihood and Environment Network (RAVA): The Amazon Livelihood and Environment Network (known as 'RAVA', its Spanish acronym), was formed in 2007 by the World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF) and other partner institutions within the Amazon Initiative (AI) Consortium (including CIFOR). Using the PEN methodology, RAVA analyses the living conditions of Amazonian communities to gain a better understanding of the impact of forestry, agroforestry and agricultural activities on the wellbeing of the communities and on the integrity of their surrounding environment. RAVA studies have been carried out across 14 sites in seven Amazonian countries. A database comprising information from a total of 2200 households in almost 150 communities is currently being assembled through the integration of data from the 14 surveys. For more information: www.cifor.cgiar.org/pen/ref/news/rava-brazil.htm

REDD+ Social & Environmental Standards: This initiative is developing standards that can be used by governments, NGOs, financing agencies and other stakeholders to design and implement REDD and other forest carbon programs that respect the rights of Indigenous Peoples and local communities and generate significant social and biodiversity co-benefits. These standards are being designed to work for the new global REDD+ regime expected to emerge out of ongoing climate change negotiations. The standards are being developed through an inclusive process engaging governments, non-governmental organizations and other civil society organizations, Indigenous Peoples organizations, international policy and research institutions and the private sector. The standards' development is being overseen by a Standards Committee and facilitated by the Climate, Community & Biodiversity Alliance (CCBA) and CARE International. A draft version of the REDD+ Social & Environmental Standards is available in English, Spanish and French at <http://www.climate-standards.org/REDD%2B> and comments are invited until **30 November 2009**.

Call for Partnerships: [The Center for Rural Empowerment and the Environment \(CREE\)](http://www.cree.org/) is a dynamic non-profit 501c3 organization that implements environmental conservation projects focused on poverty alleviation. CREE holds a diverse and talented network of local scientists executing projects on the ground. As such, CREE is looking to leverage its grass-roots networks and local experience through partnerships with larger institutions with financial resources to help them complete their community conservation work at the village level. For more information go to: http://povertyandconservation.info/docs/20091007-CREE_capabilities_statement.pdf. Please contact Mike Skuja (Mike.Skuja@conservationforpeople.org) with inquiries and opportunities for institutional synergies.

Conservation through Poverty Alleviation International (CPALI): CPALI is now listed on the National Geographic site's action atlas: http://www.actionatlas.org/content_detail.php?uid=paaF6471D051889D11B2&checktypes=paa887AB31E1CBA0CA2A

The [Global Action Atlas](http://www.actionatlas.org/) enables individuals to support projects and initiatives around the world that are dealing with the vital challenges of our time. The Atlas is an extension of National Geographic's ongoing quest to inspire people to care about the planet. It's designed to give people ways to support, advocate, and participate in efforts to conserve natural and cultural diversity and to improve the human condition in every corner of the world.

Forthcoming Events

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 be hosted by the **Zoological Society of London, London, UK, on April 28-29, 2010**. 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.

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 3-7, 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.

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 8-29 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

Human Nature, by Dowie, M., May 2009, Guernica: Is modern conservation linked with ethnic cleansing? In this article, the author explores the concepts of wilderness and nature, and argues that the removal of aboriginal human beings from their homeland to create a commodified wilderness is a deliberate charade.

Community Action to Conserve Biodiversity: Linking Biodiversity Conservation with Poverty Reduction, by GEF Small Grants Programme, UNDP Equator Initiative, March 2006, GEF Small Grants Programme and UNDP Equator Initiative, 76 pp.: In this report, launched in March 2006 at the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 8) in Brazil, the SGP and the Equator Initiative collaboratively present thirty case studies from their portfolio to document and draw preliminary lessons from the successes of community-based biodiversity enterprises. While these cases are selected from across Latin America and the Caribbean and initially emerged from an international workshop in Merida, Mexico, they offer valuable lessons for a global agenda.

A Gateway to PES: Using Payments for Ecosystem Services for Livelihoods and Landscapes, by Huberman, D., 2008, Series No. 1, Forest Conservation Programme, IUCN, Gland, 37 pp.: The Gateway offers an introduction and sense of direction into the complicated world of payments for ecosystem services (PES). It is tailored for researchers, practitioners and decision makers interested in using economic incentives in support of conservation and poverty reduction efforts in tropical forests.

Systematic Approaches to Livelihoods Enhancement and Diversification: A Review of Global Experiences, by IMM, March 2008, IUCN, Gland, and Colombo; CORDIO, Kalmar; and ICRAN, Cambridge, 38 pp.: The Coral Reefs and Livelihoods Initiative (CORALI) aims to develop and test a systematic approach to Sustainable Livelihood Enhancement and Diversification (SLED) that builds on past experience and lessons from around the world. This Global Overview aims to bring together some of this global experience and provide guidance on how SLED might be further developed and used. It does not claim to be exhaustive, but rather an attempt to outline the subject and bring together key strands of understanding and learning.

Resources

Call for proposals for the 24th International Congress for Conservation Biology (ICCB): The call for proposals for symposia, workshops, discussion groups, and short courses for the 24th International Congress for Conservation Biology (ICCB) – to be held in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada on July 3-7, 2010 - is now open, and the deadline is October 14th. The call for individual abstracts (for oral or poster presentations) opens on October 7th, with a January 20th deadline. The theme of the meeting is "Conservation for a Changing Planet." Contributions from all fields of conservation research and practice are welcome, including natural sciences, social sciences, and humanities. The SCB's Social Science Working Group (SSWG) is making particular efforts to encourage social scientists to consider this invitation, in the hope of widening SCB's international network of social and policy researchers who are doing work in applied conservation. Additional information on the meeting, including links to instructions for submitting proposals, is available here: www.conbio.org/2010

Call for Papers for the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers: The call for papers for the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, which will be held in Washington, D.C. on April 14-18, 2010, is now open. The Papers are invited on the following themes:

- Indigenous Peoples and Protected Areas I: New Paradigm Conservation: Indigenous Peoples, Protected Area Governance, and Indigenous Rights
- Indigenous Peoples and Protected Areas II: Fortress Conservation, Protected Areas, and Indigenous Peoples
- Indigenous Peoples and Protected Areas III: Protected Areas, Livelihoods, Natural Resource Use, and Conservation
- Additional information on the meeting, including links to instructions for submitting proposals, is

available at: <http://www.aag.org/annualmeetings/2010>

Call for Applications for the 2010 Conservation Leadership Programme Awards: The Conservation Leadership Programme (CLP) is now accepting applications for 2010 Conservation Awards. The CLP aims to promote the development of emerging conservation leaders and equip them with the capacity to address the most pressing conservation issues of our time. They do this by providing small grants, training, mentoring and networking opportunities, where award winners gain practical skills and experience and develop leadership capabilities through the implementation of projects focused on high-priority biodiversity conservation issues. The application deadline is 6th November 2009 for all applications, and awards will be announced in March 2010. Please visit the CLP website for detailed eligibility criteria, guidelines and an application form: <http://www.conservationleadershipprogramme.org/Apply.asp>

MPhil in Conservation Leadership Launched: The new MPhil degree in Conservation Leadership is a full-time, one-year, masters course, aimed at graduates with five or more years of experience in conservation. The unique feature of this course will be its delivery by a partnership between several university departments and conservation organizations based around Cambridge, UK. The course will admit its first students in October 2010. The course is based in the University of Cambridge Department of Geography, which is working in collaboration with partners in the Cambridge Conservation Initiative (CCI) to deliver the course.

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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