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**PCLG News** is the newsletter of the Poverty and Conservation Learning Group. It provides monthly news on the work of the PCLG Secretariat and of PCLG members as well as information about new publications, resources and forthcoming events.

**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 fifth issue of our recently restyled newsletter. We hope you are finding this service useful and we look forward to receive any comment or suggestion on how to further improve this monthly bulletin to better serve your needs.

## Secretariat News

**2007 PCLG Annual Symposium** : The 2007 PCLG Annual Symposium was held on 7th-8th November 2007 at the Zoological Society of London (UK). The theme of this year's meeting was 'Climate Change, Conservation and Poverty: What are the implications of climate mitigation and adaptation for conservation-poverty linkages'. Approximately 40 delegates, from a range of conservation, development, indigenous and donor organisations, as well as academic institutions, participated in the meeting. Participants were from both developed and developing countries. The first day of the symposium focused on discussing the linkages between climate change, biodiversity conservation and poverty reduction. The second day was split between a morning discussion on the linkages between protected areas and poverty and an afternoon session focused on recent interesting activities carried out by PCLG members and by the PCLG Secretariat.

The proceedings, presentations, and findings of the symposium will be uploaded in due course to the PCLG website.

[www.povertyandconservation.info/en/learning.php](http://www.povertyandconservation.info/en/learning.php)

**Reminder:** The secretariat of the Poverty and Conservation Learning Group (PCLG) is pleased to announce the establishment of the PCLG online forum, which aims to facilitate the rapid exchange of information, requests for assistance and so on, among PCLG members. To access the PCLG online forum [www.dgroups.org/groups/oneworld/pclg/index.cfm](http://www.dgroups.org/groups/oneworld/pclg/index.cfm). The first message on the PCLG online forum was posted by the PCLG secretariat. This message is a request for information on methodologies/tools that have been used to assess the human impact of protected areas. We invite all PCLG members to post replies to this

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message, as well as to start using this forum to post their own messages.

## Featured News

**What could a Global Forest Partnership look like?:** The World Bank is proposing a new Global Forest Partnership aimed at accelerating progress in managing forests, in ways that better meet social, environmental and economic needs. Its focus would be on joint action with developing countries. Before deciding how best to proceed, The Bank has asked the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) to carry out an independent assessment, collecting feedback and ideas on this proposal from a wide range of different stakeholders. If you would like to contribute your ideas and comments on what the overall objectives of such a partnership should be and what type of funding, governance, possible activities and possible partners would contribute most to reducing poverty and sustaining communities and livelihoods, please go to [www.iiedgfpcconsultation.org](http://www.iiedgfpcconsultation.org)

## News from Members

**IUCN and WWF Launch a New Website on Biodiversity Economics:** The World Conservation Union (IUCN) and WWF have recently launched a new website that aims to make finding information, funding and people related to economic solutions to biodiversity conservation much easier. Housed on the site are a searchable library of relevant documents, a searchable database of specialists in the field, and a list of upcoming events. In addition a tool called 'The Spider' allows users to search for documents housed on over twenty other reputable websites.

[www.biodiversityeconomics.org](http://www.biodiversityeconomics.org)

## New Members

### **Anthropology Department at University College London (UCL), UK:**

UCL Anthropology's Human Ecology Research Group focuses on the one hand on the impact of resource policy and management on people's livelihoods, health and welfare, and on the other, on the impacts of changing resource use on environment and biodiversity. The Human Ecology group includes some 25 staff, postdoctoral and postgraduate researchers working on interactions of conservation and development in regions ranging from Amazonia, East and West Africa to Siberia and South East Asia; in ecosystems from tropical rain forest through drylands to coastal and riverine wetlands, and with a research focus ranging from single species interactions with people (eg. great apes/large carnivores/ turtles) through to broader themes (bushmeat;

fire management regimes; fishers and aquatic resources).

[www.ucl.ac.uk/anthropology](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/anthropology)

## Featured Initiative

**Profor:** Program on Forests (PROFOR) is a multidonor partnership formed to provide grants to Bank regions and/or NGOs, research organizations, etc. to conduct analytical work on PROFOR's four themes: i) sustainable livelihoods; ii) governance issues; iii) enhanced financing options; iv) cross-sectoral and macro-economic measures. PROFOR activities build experience and generate knowledge in the four thematic areas through a combination of research and analytical work, project support, and knowledge and learning events. The type of product that result from PROFOR activities include toolkits, instruments for analysis, case studies and synthesis reports, policy recommendations and policy briefs. A sample of ongoing PROFOR activities include work on: the Poverty-Forest Linkages Toolkit; Forest Resource Access and Livelihood; Informal Institutions and Forest Governance.

[www.profor.info](http://www.profor.info)

## Events

### World Conservation Congress

The World Conservation Congress will take place in Barcelona, Spain from 5<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> October 2008. This year Congress theme is 'A diverse and sustainable world'. Thematic streams include: i) a new climate for change; ii) healthy environments - healthy people; iii) safeguarding the diversity of life. [www.iucn.org/congress/2008](http://www.iucn.org/congress/2008)

### IASC 12th Biennial Global Conference

The International Association for the Study of the Commons 12<sup>th</sup> Biennial Global Conference will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> July 2008 at the University of Gloucestershire, England. The theme of the conference will be: 'Governing shared resources: Connecting local experience to global challenges'. [www.iascp.org/iasc08/2008themes.html](http://www.iascp.org/iasc08/2008themes.html)

## New Publications in our Database

**Can Community Conservation Bring International Goals Down to Earth? Chairman's Report from a workshop on the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, by Fosse, L.J., Schei, P.J., Nordic Council of Ministers, Copenhagen, 2007**

This is a report from a workshop that formed part of the Nordic Council of Ministers' efforts to make sure that the knowledge generated, and the

policy recommendations made by the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment are acknowledged in relevant international fora, including the multilateral environmental agreements, and the Millennium Development Goals.

**Conserving Biodiversity in Africa: Guidelines for applying the Site Support Group Approach, by BirdLife International, ICIPE Science Press, Nairobi, Kenya, 2007**

An important new publication from the BirdLife International Africa Partnership provides a step-by-step guide to establishing and managing Site Support Groups.

**The BirdLife International Partnership: Conserving Biodiversity, Improving Livelihoods, by BirdLife International, BirdLife International, Cambridge, UK, 2007**

Conserving biodiversity, improving livelihoods highlights how steps can be taken to tackle poverty by conserving biodiversity, through supporting sustainable management of environmental resources by local communities. Nine case studies from around the world show that poverty elimination and biodiversity conservation are issues that must be tackled side-by-side.

## Resources

**Call for Applications: 2008 Conservation Leadership Programme Awards**

The Conservation Leadership Programme (formerly the BP Conservation Programme) is currently collecting applications for the 2008 CLP Team Awards. The deadline for all applications is 23 November 2007, and awards will be announced in March 2008. CLP awards aim to contribute to long-term conservation in priority areas by encouraging and engaging potential leaders in biodiversity conservation. It also provides individuals with practical skills and experience to work in the conservation field. For details, eligibility criteria, guidelines and an application form, please visit [www.](http://www.ConservationLeadershipProgramme.org)


[ConservationLeadershipProgramme.org](http://www.ConservationLeadershipProgramme.org)

or send an email to [clp@birdlife.org](mailto:clp@birdlife.org)

**BioSoc** is the monthly bulletin of the PCLG, highlighting key new research on biodiversity and society, poverty and conservation. To receive it,

[www.povertyandconservation.info/en/biosoc.php](http://www.povertyandconservation.info/en/biosoc.php)

**More information** regarding members, publications, initiatives, and events listed in the newsletter is available on [www.](http://www.)



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