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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Welcome to the tenth 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
- News from Members
- Forthcoming Events
- 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 resource you would like us to advertise, please send it to pclg@iied.org by the end of May.

Secretariat News

"Biodiversity for Poverty Reduction Day" at the CBD COP9: In place of a symposium this year the Secretariat of the PCLG, together with the CBD Secretariat and the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN), will host a one day meeting to highlight emerging experience in linking biodiversity conservation and poverty reduction in policy and in practice. **The event will take place in seminar room S 30/32 in the GSI (Gustav-Stresemann_institute), on Saturday 24th May starting from 8:30 AM.**

With a focus on lessons learned in linking conservation and poverty reduction, **presentations will include** the G8-commissioned study on the Economics of Biodiversity Loss; the follow up to the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment; experience from the CBD Secretariat in mainstreaming NBSAPs and PRSPs as well as a diverse array of other policy and practical initiatives. **The day will be divided into two sessions** – the morning focussing on international and national policy initiatives, the afternoon on practical implementation. This event provides an ideal networking opportunity for policy makers and practitioners to meet and learn from each other and to get up to speed with initiatives from the local to the international level. Lunch and early evening refreshments will be provided.

To receive an advance copy of the agenda please email pclg@iied.org. The venue can accommodate around 150 participants so for planning and catering purposes please indicate your interest in attending this event to pclg@iied.org. We look forward to meeting you there!

News from Members

Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) - COMACO: WCS runs a programme in Zambia called COMACO (Community Markets for Conservation). This initiative aims to test possible synergies between

agriculture, markets and conservation. For more information about COMACO, and its growing impact on poverty and conservation around protected areas in Luangwa Valley, Zambia, visit COMACO's website <http://www.itswild.org> and subscribe to COMACO's newsletter: <http://www.itswild.org/newsletter/subscribe>

USAID's Success Story: Marine Conservation Mitigates Resource

Conflict: Following the establishment of the Quirimbas National Park (the largest marine protected area in the Indian Ocean) in 2002, USAID, WWF and the Mozambican Government worked in partnership to address conflicts in the management of marine resources in the newly protected area. Here is a description of their achievements to date:

http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/cross-cutting_programs/conflict/success_stories/Mozambique.html

Strengthening Livelihoods by Means of Beekeeping: Bees for Development has organised a one day training programme that will take place on Friday 20th of June, 2008, from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM, at Wyastone, near Monmouth, Wales. The programme will be of relevance to individuals and NGO staff who have an interest in beekeeping as a means to build sustainable livelihoods. For more information and bookings: www.beesfordevelopment.org

WWF-UK "Reflections on Change": Reflections on change is a new WWF-UK initiative that consists in a series of stories exploring the changes taking place in the lives of people living and working in areas where WWF is striving to make a difference. The stories, which are built upon and around the views of individuals and groups, offer a close-up, multifaceted view of a world in which reality is complex and messy, competing interests abound, happy endings are not assured, and where people's livelihoods and well-being are critically and intimately connected to the natural world. To date, WWF has plotted the process in 2 countries - Colombia and Kenya, but it hopes to extend this to cover other countries and other issues over time.

The Reflections on change portfolio is being developed and managed by Kate Studd (kstudd@wwf.org.uk) and Mike Morris (mmorris@wwf.org.uk), who would welcome any form of feedback. Electronic and printed copies of the Colombia story 'Building Hope from Chaos: Culture, politics and the protection of the Colombian Pacific mangroves' are now available from Kate or Mike.

Forthcoming Events

World Conservation Congress

The World Conservation Congress will take place in **Barcelona, Spain** from **5th to 14th 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. The PC LG Secretariat will host an event during this congress, aimed at highlighting the outcomes from the CBD CoP9 "Biodiversity for Poverty Reduction Day" and emphasising what has been learned to date on conservation-poverty linkages. www.iucn.org/congress/2008

IASC 12th Biennial Global Conference

The International Association for the Study of the Commons 12th Biennial Global Conference will be held on **14th – 18th 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

14th International Symposium on Society and Resource

Management (ISSRM)

The 14th International Symposium on Society and Resource Management (ISSRM) will take place on **10th -14th June 2008**, at the University of Vermont, **Burlington, USA**. The theme of the 2008 ISSRM Symposium is "People and Place: Linking Culture and Nature". ISSRM offers many types of opportunities to participate, including traditional paper (oral) presentations, poster presentations, and a variety of sessions that can be organized by participants. Abstracts for all of these forms of participation are due by February 8, 2008.

<http://www.ISSRM2008.org>

The Ninth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 9) - CBD CoP9

The ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 9) will be held in **Bonn, Germany**, from **19th to 30th May 2008**. COP 9 will include a high-level ministerial segment organized by the host country in consultation with the Secretariat and the Bureau. COP 9 will also coincide with the International Biodiversity Day, on 22 May 2008. The Secretariat of the PCLG, together with the CBD Secretariat and the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN), will host a one day meeting on Saturday May 24th 2008 during CoP9.

<http://www.cbd.int/cop9/>

Resources

Conservation Social Science Expert Directory: The Society for Conservation Biology's Social Science Working Group (SCB SSWG) announces the launch of the SSWG's new Conservation Social Science Expert Directory. This online Directory is designed to foster communication and collaboration among conservation social scientists, between social scientists and natural scientists, and between researchers and practitioners.

www.conbio.org/WorkingGroups/SSWG/network/dirindex.cfm

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

More Info

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