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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 and its members.

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Welcome to the eleventh 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
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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 resource you would like us to advertise, please send it to [pclg@iied.org](mailto:pclg@iied.org) by the end of June.***

#### Secretariat News

**"Biodiversity for Poverty Reduction Day" at CBD CoP 9:** The PCLG Secretariat hosted a successful "Biodiversity for Poverty Reduction Day" during CBD CoP9 in collaboration with the CBD Secretariat, German Federal Nature Conservation Agency (BfN) and the Equator Initiative. Over 100 participants enjoyed a varied programme ranging from a keynote address from Pavan Sukhdev – author of the G8-commissioned study on the Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity - to case studies of community-based initiatives. **Presentations from the day are available on the PCLG web site ([http://www.povertyandconservation.info/en/meeting\\_3.php](http://www.povertyandconservation.info/en/meeting_3.php))** and a summary report of the day will shortly be available. If you would like to have a look at the pictures that were taken during the "Biodiversity for Poverty Reduction Day", please visit the PCLG online social network (<http://pclginfo.ning.com>). **We also warmly invite you to join the PCLG social network and use this website as a space where to exchange information, opinions and start discussions on the linkages between biodiversity conservation and poverty reduction.**

#### Featured News

**The Economics of Ecosystems & Biodiversity (TEEB) review:** The TEEB review, which is modelled on the Stern Review of climate change, was set up by the German government and the European Commission during the German G8 presidency. The purpose of this study is to prepare a valuation toolkit for ecosystem services and biodiversity tailored to governments and businesses, the main economic agents who are impacting biodiversity and ecosystem services. **The interim report of the TEEB review was presented at the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) meeting in Bonn.** Among the conclusions of this initial report is the recognition that damage to forests, rivers, marine life and other ecosystems could significantly decrease living standards for the world's poor. The study's

also concludes that current rates of natural decline might reduce global GDP by about 7% by 2050.

<http://www.cbd.int/doc/newsletters/news-biz-2008-04/?articleid=142>

### News from Members

**Fauna & Flora International (FFI):** FFI has produced a series of short leaflets outlining various parts of its Biodiversity and Human Needs work. Drawing on experiences from FFI's global portfolio, the first two leaflets outline the rationale for why an international conservation organisation should engage with issues of rural poverty and livelihoods, and share some of the lessons and challenges from FFI's experiences. The following leaflets cover more specific issues:

partnerships in post-conflict and post-disaster situations; the challenges of monitoring and evaluation of socio-economic impact in the conservation context; and the role of enterprise development in conservation.

See the leaflets at: <http://www.fauna-flora.org/humanneeds.php> and <http://www.fauna-flora.org/lifeont hedge.php>

**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](http://www.beesfordevelopment.org)

**The Poverty Question: What Does Poverty Mean for Conservation?:** In the Spring 2008 issue of The Nature Conservancy Magazine, 5 conservation experts (some closely involved in the PCLG) discuss whether and how conservation organisations should take up the challenge of poverty alleviation.

<http://www.nature.org/magazine/spring2008/features/art23458.html>

### 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 PCLG 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](http://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](http://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, U.S.A. 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>

### New Publications in our Database

**People, Parks and Poverty: Political Ecology and Biodiversity Conservation, by Adams, W.M., Hutton, J., 2007, Conservation and Society, Vol 5 No2, pp. 147-183**

This paper explores the political ecology of conservation, particularly the establishment of PAs. It discusses the implications of the idea of pristine nature, the social impacts of and the politics of PA establishment and the way the benefits and costs of PAs are allocated. It considers three key political issues in contemporary international conservation policy: the rights of indigenous people, the relationship between biodiversity conservation and the reduction of poverty, and the arguments of those advocating a return to conventional PAs that exclude people.

<http://www.conservationandsociety.org/cs-5-2-1-147-adams.pdf>

**'Night Time Spinach': Conservation and Livelihood Implications of Wild Meat Use in Refugee Situations in North-western Tanzania, by Jambiya, G., Milledge, S.A.H., Mtango, N., 2007, TR AFFIC East/Southern Africa, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania**

Night Time Spinach explores what happens when insufficient attention is paid to wildlife management and conservation in areas that have been designated for refugee camps, drawing on experience from Tanzania which, since 1993, has been host to one of the largest concentrations of refugees in the world.

<http://www.traffic.org/home/2008/1/22/lack-of-meat-for-refugees-causing-large-scale-poaching.html>

### Resources

**Locally-Managed Marine Areas: A guide to supporting Community-Based Adaptive Management. The Locally-Managed Marine Area Network, by Govan, H., Aalbersberg, W., Tawake, A., and Parks, J. (2008):** This document presents step-by-step guidelines and community organizing activities and 'tools' used in setting up an LMMA. This guide is intended for those working in the local management of coastal resources, including community members and leaders, local and national government agencies, non-government organizations, universities and other interested parties. The guidebook is available at:

[http://www.lmmanetwork.org/Site\\_Page.cfm?PageID=64](http://www.lmmanetwork.org/Site_Page.cfm?PageID=64).

**2008 Global Katoomba Meeting:** Developing an Infrastructure Fund for the Planet: The Global Katoomba meeting brings together leading policy makers, major financial institutions, business leaders, the environmental community and local indigenous groups to discuss the current scope and potential of ecosystem markets – carbon, water, biodiversity – to address environmental problems. The Global Katoomba meeting will take place on **June 9-10, 2008**, at the National Museum of Natural History Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC.

[www.katoombagroup.org/chesapeake](http://www.katoombagroup.org/chesapeake)

**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)



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