

# 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.

**November 2008 ISSUE No. 013** Dear Friends and Colleagues, Welcome to the thirteenth 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 - New Members - New Initiatives - 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](mailto:pclg@iied.org) by the end of November.

## Secretariat News

**The PCLG at the World Conservation Congress:** The PCLG hired a stand at the latest World Conservation Congress (WCC), which took place in Barcelona, Spain, from 5 to 14 October 2008. The stand was used to display recent publications and promotional material produced by the PCLG and its members. The stand also helped generate interest in the work of the PCLG among those who were not aware of its existence or familiar with its aims. Thanks to all PCLG members who came to visit the stand: it was very nice to see you all again and to catch up on your ongoing work in the field of poverty and conservation!

**PCLG Directory of Poverty and Conservation Organisations and Initiatives 2008:** The PCLG secretariat has recently published the 2008 edition of its directory of poverty and conservation organisations and initiatives, which contains information on all the organisations and initiatives that are members of the PCLG. Some of you may already have picked up a copy in Barcelona. If not, you can now download the directory at: [http://www.povertyandconservation.info/docs/20081001-PCLG\\_Directory\\_2008.pdf](http://www.povertyandconservation.info/docs/20081001-PCLG_Directory_2008.pdf) Thanks to everyone who has collaborated with us on this publication by sending us updated information on their organization or initiative!

**World Conservation Congress – If you were there we would like to hear from you!:** Were you in Barcelona? Did you attend any interesting event, or had any meaningful discussion, on the linkages between poverty reduction and biodiversity conservation

while there? If so, why not sharing your experience with other PCLG members? You can use the PCLG networking site to do so! All you have to do is go to the Ning website (<http://www.ning.com>), create your Ning ID, and subscribe to the PCLG Ning social network (<http://pclginfo.ning.com>). You will then be able to write up your experience in the form of a discussion or a blog, post documents, pictures, etc. We look forward to your contribution!

**CALL FOR INFORMATION: Pan African Review of Community-Based Natural Resource Management:** In association with the BioHub initiative, CIRAD, FFEM and the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, IIED is undertaking a review of CBNRM across Africa. The review is intended to compare and contrast the diverse experiences of CBNRM in West, Central, East and Southern Africa with a view to identifying the potential of CBNRM to deliver on global environment and development policies, the key challenges and opportunities it faces in the different regions and the policy "road map" necessary to better support CBNRM across the continent. This will be a desk-based review but, in addition to drawing on the published literature, IIED is keen to learn from the experience of implementing organisations. Please, submit any relevant case studies, project documents, and other relevant literature by 30th November 2008 to Dilys Roe ([dilys.roe@iied.org](mailto:dilys.roe@iied.org)). All contributors will be acknowledged in the final document, which will be published in May 2009.

### News from Members

**Equator Initiative:** In October 2008, the UNDP Equator Initiative announced the twenty-five winners of the Equator Prize 2008, who represent outstanding community initiatives at the forefront of alleviating poverty through the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity. The Equator Prize 2008 winners, hailing from 19 countries, were formally recognized on 6 October 2008 in Barcelona, Spain during an award ceremony dinner. The keynote speaker of the event was Ted Turner, Chairman of the United Nations Foundation. The twenty-five winners participated in a week-long, UNDP Equator Initiative-hosted community dialogue space, titled Community Poble. The dialogue space provided an opportunity for community representatives to showcase their work to a diverse audience and interface with peer organizations, influence international policymakers, and inform key stakeholders of their grassroots success. For more information please contact Joseph Corcoran ([joseph.corcoran@undp.org](mailto:joseph.corcoran@undp.org)).

**Motion 81 "Conservation and Poverty Reduction":** Motion 81, which was sponsored by the Steering Group Linking Conservation and Poverty (SGLCP), was among the motions passed at the recent World Conservation Congress (WCC). The following text, an extract from Motion 81, highlights the significances of this motion for the poverty-conservation debate:

**The World Conservation Congress at its 4th Session in Barcelona, Spain, 5–14 October 2008:**

1. ENDORSES the principle: Where conservation policies and activities affect people at the local level, those policies and activities should strive to contribute to poverty reduction and, at the very minimum, do no harm; and
2. URGES IUCN members and Commissions to support a dialogue around this principle by providing case studies and their experience and by participating in workshops and other activities to further this process.

**Journey on Rights and Conservation:** The nearly 8000 participants of the recent IUCN World Conservation Congress Forum were invited to explore the links between rights, responsibilities, and conservation through a Journey on Rights and Conservation – one of several thematic 'journeys' at the Congress. This Journey linked together a series of rights-related events that were organized by IUCN Members, Commissions, Secretariat, and partners. Together, events highlighted important rights and justice challenges of climate change and certain conservation strategies; examples of 'rights-based approaches' to conservation; and other opportunities and lessons learned to help guide future thinking and action around this topic. The Journey organizers are preparing a report on the outcomes of these events, and more information will be forthcoming shortly

at: [http://www.iucn.org/news\\_events/events/congress/forum/journeys/rights\\_conservation/index.cfm](http://www.iucn.org/news_events/events/congress/forum/journeys/rights_conservation/index.cfm)

**Biodiversity for Development:** The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD) has recently published two brochures for its Biodiversity for Development initiative. The first one (available in English, French and Spanish) discusses the links between biodiversity, poverty alleviation and development. The second one (available in English and in French) focuses on the links between biodiversity and sustainable tourism and is part of a set of brochures that the SCBD plans to publish within the next months to explore the relations between biodiversity and economic development sectors. To download the brochures go to:

<http://www.cbd.int/cop9/development>. For more information please contact Eric Belvaux ([eric.belvaux@cbd.int](mailto:eric.belvaux@cbd.int)).

**Strengthening Livelihoods by Means of Beekeeping:** Bees for Development has organised a one day training programme that will take place on Friday 21st of November, 2008, from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM, at Wyastone, near Monmouth, Wales, UK. 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)

**Rapid expansion of locally-managed marine conservation in Madagascar:** Blue Ventures is expanding its work in southern Madagascar as it implements an ambitious African Development Bank-funded project aiming to promote the sustainable development of traditional marine fisheries along more than 300km of coast. Working with Madagascar's national marine institute and local NGOs this pioneering programme aims to develop over 50 locally-managed marine reserves during the 5 year project. The initiative was inspired by the success of Madagascar's first experimental no-take-zone for octopus. This project was developed by the UK-based conservation NGO Blue Ventures working in partnership with the remote fishing village of Andavadoaka. For more information please contact Frances Humber ([frances@blueventures.org](mailto:frances@blueventures.org)).

**WWF announces the 2008 winner of the prestigious Getty award, named "The Nobel Prize for Conservation":** WWF has announced that Roger Samba has been named the winner of the 2008 J. Paul Getty Award for Conservation Leadership. The annual award honors outstanding contributions to international conservation and carries with it a \$200,000 prize. Mr. Samba is a community leader in the Malagasy Republic. As the president of the remote village of Andavadoaka in southwest Madagascar, and with no conservation background, Samba organized the world's first community run no-take

zone for octopus, a local species of critical economic importance to the community, driving legislation on this and other laws to benefit the environment. This work became a model for seasonal closures and was behind the village being awarded the 2007 UN Equator Prize. For more information please contact Frances Humber ([frances@blueventures.org](mailto:frances@blueventures.org)).

## New Members

**Fundación Instituto de Promoción y Apoyo al Desarrollo (IPADE):** Fundación IPADE is a development NGO dedicated to international cooperation and education for development. Independent and committed, IPADE has worked since 1987 for the promotion of sustainable human development of vulnerable populations in more than 30 countries in Latin America, Africa and Asia. IPADE also carries out activities to raise awareness on the Millennium Development Goals and on the links between environment protection and poverty alleviation.

<http://www.fundacion-ipade.org>

**The National Consumers and Environmental Alliance / Alliance Nationale des Consommateurs et de l'Environnement (ANCE):** ANCE is a non-profit and independent network organisation of 26 affiliated member organizations and more than 436 individuals. ANCE and its members have been working for sustainable development in Togo since 1999. ANCE's campaign teams in all areas of Togo are engaged in advocacy, grassroots organizing, research, and education. In particular, ANCE aims to promote through Civil Society Organisations a participatory mechanism of poverty alleviation and to ensure that development plans take into consideration human health, safety and environmental protection.

<http://www.ancetogo.org>

## New Initiatives

**Ecosystems Services for Poverty Alleviation (ESPA):** Three organisations, NERC, the Economic & Social Research Council (ESRC) and the Department for International Development (DfID) join forces in the Ecosystems Services for Poverty Alleviation (ESPA) initiative to explore the potential for a multi-disciplinary research programme that will address how to achieve sustainably managed ecosystems. Four regional and two thematic situation analyses will inform the development of the programme. The analyses will provide evidence identifying key regional ecosystem services challenges and propose ways to best address these challenges through research to alleviate poverty. The outcomes of the analyses will inform a research programme to support developing countries to use the benefits of ecosystems for poverty reduction.

<http://www.nerc.ac.uk/research/programmes/espa>

## New Publications in our Database

**Promoting Value Chains of Neglected and Underutilized Species for Pro-poor Growth and Biodiversity Conservation: Guidelines and Good Practices, by Will, M., 2008, Bioversity International**

Use of neglected and underutilised species (NUS) can play an important role in improving food security, conserving biodiversity and generating income and employment. Value chain development (VCD) can be a useful tool for realising these prospects, by linking supply capacities to market opportunities. This publication, commissioned by the Global Facilitation Unit for Underutilized Species (GFU), presents guidelines and good practices for value chain development of neglected and underutilised species.

[http://www.underutilized-species.org/documents/PUBLICATIONS/promoting\\_vc.pdf](http://www.underutilized-species.org/documents/PUBLICATIONS/promoting_vc.pdf)

**Responsible Tourism: Critical Issues for Conservation and Development, by Spenceley, A., September 2008, Earthscan with the Southern African Sustainable Use Specialist Group (SASUSG) of IUCN**

'Responsible tourism' and 'Ecotourism' are often invoked as a way to achieve both biodiversity conservation and poverty reduction. This volume delves deep into practice in southern Africa, the hotbed of innovation on the issue, and provides a comprehensive, evidence based examination of what works and what fails, using a wealth of information from scholars and practitioners working in the region.

<http://www.earthscan.co.uk/?tabid=26778>

**The Work of Non-Governmental Organisations in African Wildlife Conservation, by Scholfield, K., Brockington, D., July 2008**

This report examines the geography of activities by about 280 conservation NGOs working in Sub-Saharan Africa. The authors look at where the organisations work, where they are based, what protected areas they cover, how much money they get and where they spend it. Finally, the authors examine the challenges of increasing conservation funding.

<http://www.sed.manchester.ac.uk/idpm/research/africanwildlife>

**Protecting People in Protected Areas: Recapitulating Rights Campaign in Lowland Protected Areas of Nepal, by Jana, S., 2008, Community Development Organization**

This book attempts to demystify discourse and politics of PAs conservation in Nepal. It unveils local predicaments, costs and conflicts arising from current policies and practices. It captures the evolution of local people's resistance and emerging rights campaign backed by civil society organizations. Overall, it enriches our understanding to address current contradictions and future challenges.

[http://www.povertyandconservation.info/docs/Protecting\\_People\\_in\\_Protected\\_Areas\\_Nepal.pdf](http://www.povertyandconservation.info/docs/Protecting_People_in_Protected_Areas_Nepal.pdf)

**World Resources 2008: Roots of Resilience - Growing the Wealth of the Poor, by UNDP, UNEP, World Bank, WRI, July 2008, WRI, Washington, D.C.**

This report argues that properly fostered nature-based enterprises can improve rural livelihoods and, in the process, create resilience to economic, social, and environmental threats.

<http://www.wri.org/publication/world-resources-2008-roots-of-resilience>

**Compendium of Case Studies, Lessons and Recommendations, by Fauna and Flora International, 2008, FFI, Cambridge**

After a four-year process of analyzing its efforts to integrate conservation and livelihoods at the field level, FFI has drawn together practical lessons and recommendations, and a series of case studies from its four regional programmes. This practical compendium will

be of interest to anyone working at the interface of conservation and livelihoods.  
[http://www.fauna-flora.org/docs/Livelihoods\\_compendium.pdf](http://www.fauna-flora.org/docs/Livelihoods_compendium.pdf)

## Resources

**The Biodiversity Fund:** The Biodiversity Fund was created in 2001 by the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Directorate General for International Cooperation, to stimulate sustainable biodiversity management. The Fund provides financial support to outstanding globally or regionally operating networks and civil society organisations that contribute to this goal. The Fund, which is managed by Hivos and Oxfam Novib, aims to offer a sustainable livelihood to those with limited control over resources. For more information:

[http://www.hivos.nl/english/english/cooperation\\_in\\_the\\_south/biodiversity\\_fund/the\\_biodiversity\\_fund.html](http://www.hivos.nl/english/english/cooperation_in_the_south/biodiversity_fund/the_biodiversity_fund.html)

**The Research and Media Network:** IIED set up the online Research and Media social network last year to bring together journalists, researchers, science communicators, policymakers with an interest in research, policy and sustainable development.

The Research and Media Network features discussion forums, personal blogs, videos, social bookmarks and sub-groups around specific themes such as climate change, agriculture and health. To find out more or to join, please visit:

<http://researchandmedia.ning.com>

**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.povertyandconservation.info](http://www.povertyandconservation.info), the website of the Poverty and Conservation Learning Group.

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