



The Poverty and Conservation  
Learning Group

## 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.

### FEBRUARY 2009

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

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

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### Secretariat News

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**Reader in Conservation and Poverty:** The PCLG Secretariat has recently agreed a contract with Earthscan to publish a Reader in Conservation and Poverty. The reader will be prepared over the next 6 months.

**Assessing the Social Impacts of Protected Areas:** Work is continuing, in collaboration with WCMC, Care International and The Nature Conservancy, on assessing the social impacts of protected areas. Kate Schreckenber - a consultant from ODI – has recently been contracted to help identify the full range of

existing social assessment methodologies that exist and from which we hope to be able to draw useful lessons.

For more information on these items, please contact: [pclg@iied.org](mailto:pclg@iied.org)

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## Featured News

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The OECD has just released '[Natural Resources and Pro-Poor Growth: The Economics and Politics](#)'. This publication is intended to help decision makers in developing countries:

- Take stock of the contribution that natural resources can make to pro-poor growth;
- Understand the importance of policies that nurture sustainable management of these resources;
- Address the governance challenges associated with natural resources management.

**The report is divided into two parts:** Part I provides an overview of the economics and politics of natural resources. It describes the unique features of natural resources and resulting management challenges, the role of sustainable natural resource management in supporting pro poor growth, and the politics and governance of natural resources. Part II examines these issues with respect to seven specific natural resource sectors: fisheries, forests, wildlife and ecotourism, soil productivity, water security, minerals and renewable energy.

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## News from PCLG Members

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**Workshop on livelihoods and conservation:** There will be a half-day workshop on livelihoods and conservation on the **24th of February 2009 in the Oxford University Centre for the Environment (OUCE) between 11.00 and 16.00**. This workshop is being carried out as a collaboration between OUCE and UCL's Anthropology Department, and is designed to understand some of the commonalities emerging from research on conservation and livelihoods. For more information please contact Mike Riddell ([michael.riddell@ouce.ox.ac.uk](mailto:michael.riddell@ouce.ox.ac.uk)).

**Center for Rural Empowerment and the Environment (CREE):** CREE has begun work on a new project aimed at minimizing human-hippo conflict on the shores of Lake Victoria. The focus of the work is sustainable agriculture through enhanced fertilizer that is resultant from the instillation of 'Eco-San', or ecologically sanitary, toilets in communities adjacent to wetland habitat. Coupled with environmental education, the goal is to reduce land expansion into hippo habitat by enriching crop yields on existing lands.

**Wetlands and Poverty Reduction Project (WPRP):** The Wetlands and Poverty Reduction Project was completed at the end of the year 2008. The lessons learned from this project will be incorporated into the upcoming new Wetlands and Livelihoods Project, funded by DGIS for 2009 and 2010. In this project Wetlands International will build further on the achievements of WPRP, the successful partnerships and field demonstrations of innovative approaches. Next to a continued emphasis on the linkage between sustainable managed wetlands and people's livelihoods, there will be a focus on health issues and on stimulating partners to engage with the private sector.

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## Forthcoming Events

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**15th International Symposium on Society and Resource Management (ISSRM)**: The 15th International Symposium on Society and Resource Management will be hosted by the University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences (BOKU) from **July 5 – 8, 2009 in Vienna, Austria**. The theme for the ISSRM 2009 is: 'Meet Old and New Worlds in Research, Planning and Management'. The topics for the symposium include, but are not limited to: Sustainable tourism development; Climate change adaptation and mitigation; Management and development of protected areas; Social science and collaborative planning in forestry and agriculture; Environmental Impact Assessment; Forest inventory and sustainable resource management.

**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 from the **8 till the 29 of October 2010**.

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### New Publications in our Database

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**The Role of NTFPs in Poverty Alleviation and Biodiversity Conservation**, by Warner, C., McCall, E., Gardner, S., 2008, IUCN Viet Nam

Aimed at non-timber forest products' practitioners and managers, this publication explores the role that non-timber forest products can play in poverty alleviation and the conservation of biodiversity.

**Linking Conservation and Poverty Reduction: Landscapes, People and Power**, by Fisher, R., Jeanrenaud, S., Maginnis, S., Jackson, W., Barrow, E., Ingles, A., Friend, R., Farvar, T., Mehrotra, R., et al., 2008, Earthscan

This book looks at the rationale for addressing the links between conservation and poverty reduction, arguing that such a focus is both ethically essential and a source of opportunities. It emphasizes the importance of multiple scales and negotiating trade-offs between scales and tackles the complex issue of institutional landscapes and the way in which changes at various institutional levels can lead to different and more positive outcomes.

**Good Practices and Lessons Learned in Integrating Ecosystem Conservation and Poverty Reduction Objectives in Wetlands**, Wetlands and Poverty Reduction Project, by Senaratna Sellamuttu, S., de Silva, S., Nguyen Khoa, S., Samarakoon, J., 2008, Wetlands International

This is the policy brief (9 pages) from the WPRP study, which was driven by two objectives: to develop a framework and methodology for assessing the outcomes of conservation-poverty reduction initiatives and to apply it to such initiatives in wetlands to understand conditions and methods that can support the integration or balancing of ecosystem conservation with poverty reduction.

**South Africa's Working for Water Programme: Searching for Win-win Outcomes for People and the Environment**, by Buch, A., Dixon, A.B., 2008, Sustainable Development, Wiley

Drawing upon recent field research undertaken in the Western Cape, this paper explores the realities of people's participation in the government's Working for Water Programme (WfW) programme. It argues that, whilst WfW has produced some positive tangible social development outcomes, these are neither substantial nor sustainable. Of arguably greater significance is a range of hitherto overlooked intangible social development outcomes, which if recognized, supported and integrated more fully into the programme could lead to a more sustainable future for South Africa's people and environment.

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## Resources

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**SEED Awards 2009:** SEED Awards 2009 is open for submissions. Winners of the 2009 SEED Awards for entrepreneurship in sustainable development receive a tailored package of support services, worth up to \$40,000, to help their venture to become established and to increase their impact. This includes access to relevant expertise and technical assistance, meeting new partners and building networks, developing business plans and identifying sources of finance. **The deadline for applications is 16 March 2009.** For information about the SEED Awards: [www.seedinit.org](http://www.seedinit.org); [seedawards@seedinit.org](mailto:seedawards@seedinit.org).

**Learning for Sustainability site:** The Learning for Sustainability site - <http://learningforsustainability.net> - brings together resources to help us address the social and capacity building aspects of managing for biodiversity and other related sustainability issues. This resource has been substantially revised and updated recently as a guide to on-line resources for researchers and practitioners interested in supporting social learning and collective action. A new section on governance has been added through this update. This section provides managers, policy makers and others with links to governance resources that support social change and adaptation. For more information contact Will Allen ([will@learningforsustainability.net](mailto:will@learningforsustainability.net)).

**BioSoc** is the monthly bulletin of the PCLG, highlighting key new research on biodiversity and society, poverty and conservation. [To receive BioSoc](#)

### More Info

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