

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.

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Welcome to the thirty first 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:

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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 by the end of June.

Secretariat News

PCLG International Symposium: The symposium "Linking biodiversity conservation and poverty reduction: what, why and how?", organized by the PCLG Secretariat, took place on 28th and 29th April 2010 at the Zoological Society of London. More than 200 people, from a range of conservation and development organisations and academic institutions, attended the symposium to review what we actually know about the degree to which biodiversity conservation contributes to poverty reduction. Information related to the symposium (including the presentations given during the symposium) has been posted on the home page of the PCLG website: <http://povertyandconservation.info/en>

Social Assessment of Conservation Initiatives: A review of rapid methodologies: Over the last few years a number of PCLG members have been involved in a series of workshops and smaller meetings to explore different methodologies for assessing the social impacts of protected areas. Most recently this work has been taken forward by the Social Assessment of Protected Areas (SAPA) initiative - a collaborative initiative of CARE-International, IIED, UNEP-WCMC and the CEESP/WCPA Protected Areas Equity and Livelihoods (PAEL) taskforce. A consultancy was commissioned, funded by CARE and The Nature Conservancy to review a range of existing social assessment methodologies with a view to identifying a standardised framework for protected area assessment. The results of this review have just been published by IIED in: "Social Assessment of Conservation Initiatives: A review of rapid methodologies". For more information and to download this publication please go to: <http://www.iied.org/pubs/display.php?o=14859IIED>

Featured News

World governments build consensus on a new biodiversity vision to combat biodiversity loss,

alleviate poverty and fight climate change: Governments meeting in May at the United Nations African Headquarters in Nairobi have agreed to the framework for a global strategy to stem the loss of our world's rich biodiversity, alleviate poverty and fight climate change. The discussions by delegates to the third meeting of the Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity have led to draft agreements on the strategic plan and on mobilizing financial resources that will be discussed by world leaders in New York in September, and later adopted by Governments at the Nagoya Biodiversity Summit in Japan in October. "The biodiversity meetings in Nairobi, the birthplace of the unique legal instrument that is the Convention on Biological Diversity, have demonstrated that a renewed partnership between Governments of the world and their partners to protect life is not only required but is possible," said Ahmed Djoghlaif, the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity. "This paves the way for the establishment of a global alliance for life on Earth in Nagoya later this year."

UN General Assembly to hold high-level event on biodiversity: To mark the International Year of Biodiversity, the UN General Assembly (UNGA) will hold a high-level event on biodiversity on 22 September 2010. The event will provide an occasion for world leaders to promote a sustained global response to the world's biodiversity challenges, and emphasise the need to address each of the three objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). Roundtable discussions will focus on post-2010 biodiversity targets, the links between climate change and biodiversity, and the importance of biodiversity to poverty alleviation and development and to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

News from PCLG Members

Village Enterprise Fund (VEF), an experienced microenterprise development organization, has received a \$125,000 grant plus a coveted "top-rated" status from GiveWell, a New York-based nonprofit that researches and evaluates charities. GiveWell chose VEF because VEF "stood out in making a strong, evidence-based case that they are improving the financial situations of low-income people in the developing world (East Africa)." At the recent PCLG London Symposium, VEF presented a poster on their integrated conservation and development project in communities near Budongo Forest, Uganda, which they conduct in partnership with The Jane Goodall Institute-Uganda, the Budongo Conservation Field Station, and others.

FRAMEweb GeoExplorer: USAID's Capitalizing Knowledge, Connecting Communities' FRAMEweb Geospatial tool provides access to searchable, location-based information on natural resource management activities. Its purpose is to foster knowledge sharing across the conservation and development community through an interactive, on-line map of NRM best practices, success stories and lessons learned generated by the more than 2,300 members of the FRAMEweb community. The GeoExplorer is unique in that content is user generated, search-indexed across multiple sub-sectors and scaled in a manner that will grow to include the provision of tools that enable basic analysis of point and non-point (areal) information. Information can be displayed against satellite imagery allowing for basic interpretation of ecological parameters and land-use patterns, or against a standard map view with political features such as administrative boundaries, roads and towns.

UNEP-WCMC: The UN Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC), with support from the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN), has launched a new website highlighting the potential for actions on reducing emissions from land use change to secure additional important benefits for biodiversity and ecosystem services (co-benefits). The website demonstrates the utility of spatial analyses to assist decision makers in identifying areas where high carbon, high biodiversity priority, and ecosystem service values overlap, which represent opportunities for securing co-benefits. It showcases UNEP-WCMC's recent work with in-country partners on developing such analyses and includes an interactive mapping tool that allows users to explore the spatial relationships between carbon and co-benefits. To access the website and interactive tool, please go to www.carbon-biodiversity.net

UNEP-WCMC: UNEP-WCMC launched the [Global Island Database \(GID\)](#) during the 18th session of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development in New York, on 10 May 2010. The GID aims to boost sustainable management of islands by identifying and bringing together existing sources of data and information relevant to island systems, and presenting new analyses to aid resource managers and decision-making at the island, national, regional and global levels. **UNEP:** The UN Environment Programme (UNEP) and the French Government have recently announced the [Global Partnership for Sustainable Tourism](#), which is aimed at making the tourism industry environmentally, socially and economically sustainable. The Partnership is designed to identify and replicate successful and sustainable initiatives. The new entity will focus on policy, projects, tools and networks for all tourism stakeholders at all levels, by addressing and working on: policy frameworks; climate change;

environment and biodiversity; poverty alleviation; cultural and natural heritage; private sector sustainable practices; and finance and investment.

WRI: The World Resources Institute recently published a paper titled: "Coastal Capital: Economic Valuation of Coral Reefs in the Dominican Republic". This working paper looks at the benefits that coastal ecosystems provide to the Dominican Republic. The studies highlight the contribution of coastal ecosystems to the economy and the need for greater investment in protecting coastal and marine ecosystems, including better management of marine fisheries, protection of existing reserves, and enforcement of coastal development guidelines. For more information and to download this paper go to: <http://www.wri.org/publication/coastal-capital-dominican-republic>

Forthcoming Events

24th International Congress for Conservation Biology (ICCB): The 2010 meeting of the Society for Conservation Biology (SCB) will be held in **Edmonton, Alberta, Canada on July 3rd-7th, 2010**. The theme of the meeting is "Conservation for a Changing Planet." Because of the focus on environmental change, the meeting will highlight the importance of multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary approaches to conservation.

12th Annual BIOECON Conference: Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei, in association with Conservation International and the United Nations Environment Programme, announces the Twelfth International BIOECON Conference "From the Wealth of Nations to the Wealth of Nature: Rethinking Economic Growth". The Conference will be held at the **Centro Culturale Don Orione Artigianelli, Venice, Italy, on September 27th-28th, 2010**. The central theme will focus on the identification of the most effective and efficient instruments for biodiversity conservation, such as auctions of biodiversity conservation contracts, payment-for-services contracts, taxes, tradable permits, voluntary mechanisms and straightforward command and control measures. Special attention will be given to the role of public bodies/NGOs in the creation of innovative mechanisms for the delivery of ecosystem benefits and in promoting the participation of a wider range of economic agents in biodiversity conservation.

STEPS Conference 2010: Pathways to Sustainability: Addressing environmental sustainability has become a central practical, moral and political challenge of our times. The conference, "Pathways to Sustainability: Agendas for a new politics of environment, development and social justice", which will take place on **23rd-24th September 2010 at the Institute of Development Studies, Sussex University, Brighton (UK)**, will explore how to conceptualise and build 'pathways' that link environmental integrity and social justice, while alleviating poverty and inequity. The five themes of the conference are: contesting sustainabilities; framing narratives; dynamics and sustainability; uncertainty, ambiguity and surprise; pathway-building and governance.

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 on 8th-29th of October 2010**. This meeting is expected to assess achievement of the 2010 target to reduce significantly the rate of biodiversity loss, adopt an international regime on access and benefit-sharing and celebrate the International Year of Biodiversity 2010.

New Publications in our database

Strategies and Financial Mechanisms for Sustainable Use and Conservation of Forests: Experiences from Latin America and Asia, by Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, 2009, **FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific:** In the last two decades, interest in financing sustainable forest management has been gathering momentum. However, most of the approaches have yet to be mainstreamed, and remain either as ideas or experimental in the Asia-Pacific region. On the other hand, some countries, particularly those in Latin America, have seen more innovative ideas already being implemented. What are the circumstances and why is the momentum greater in that part of the world? It is worth exploring. It is equally important to evaluate the work in Asia, who is doing what, so the information is more readily available, and sharing of experiences would help strengthen the initiatives. This book documents and compares developments in the two regions, and assesses some of the ongoing developments in financing sustainable forest management.

Biodiversity, Development and Poverty Alleviation: Recognizing the Role of Biodiversity for Human Well-being, by Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, 2009, **CBD,**

Montreal, 52 pp.: This booklet aims to demystify and illustrate biodiversity's contribution to development in its various dimensions and to offer some avenues for human and economic development that recognize, maintain and restore biodiversity.

Introductory Guidelines to Participatory Rangeland Management in Pastoral Areas, by Flintan, F., Cullis, A., 2010, European Commission, FAO, Save the Children, 33 pp.: These guidelines introduce and promote the essential elements of participatory rangeland management (PRM). Based upon the successful experiences of participatory forest management, the guidelines provide a process following three stages of investigation, negotiation and implementation. The sequential steps of this process lead to the development of a rangeland management plan and a legally binding rangeland management agreement between a local rangeland management institution and the appropriate local government office. PRM supports community leadership and inclusiveness in land use planning policy and practice. It takes into account the interests, positions and needs of all rangeland users in pastoral areas and offers opportunities for negotiations to be carried out between these different stakeholders to come to agreement over the future of pastoral land use. It provides a suitable and legitimizing process of communal land and resource tenure that fits with both the priorities of pastoralists as well as government bodies.

Resources

Global Environmental Leadership Fellows: The Institute on the Environment at the University of Minnesota has 4 new openings for Global Environmental Leadership Fellows. These Fellows will be part of a novel research and training environment, aimed at preparing the next generation of leaders to address the world's environmental grand challenges. The Institute on the Environment is searching for fellows to conduct cutting-edge research to develop solutions to pressing global issues, such as land use and ecosystem management, global food security, freshwater resources, climate change adaptation, emerging diseases and links between population and development. **Applications are due by August 1, 2010.** For more information, please contact Prof. Jonathan Foley, Director Institute on the Environment (jfoley@umn.edu).

Marie Curie Individual Fellowships at Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei: Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei (FEEM), an Italian leading research institute devoted to the study of sustainable development and global governance, welcomes Marie Curie Individual Fellowship applications for its research programs in: sustainable development; institutions and markets; and global challenges. FEEM will offer a truly international and multi-disciplinary workplace, and the strong ties with a world-wide network of research will allow a continuous fruitful exchange of experience. More information on the Marie Curie Fellowships, including how to apply, is available at: <http://www.feem.it/getpage.aspx?id=433>. **The deadline for the 2010 call is 17 August.**

Systematic Review Training Workshops: To meet the demand for training in systematic review methodology generated by recent calls for systematic reviews (SR) in environmental management (DFID, NERC Knowledge Exchange), the Centre for Evidence-Based Conservation (CEBC) is beginning a series of training workshops. The first workshop in the series, entitled "Introduction to Systematic Review" is a one day event aimed at a wide audience ranging from review commissioners, stakeholders, potential authors and anyone interested in finding out more about the methodology, purpose and uses of SR in environmental management. The workshop will present an overview of SR, its applications and an introduction to the methodology involved. The first "Introduction to Systematic Review" workshop will be held at the **Environment Centre for Wales, Bangor, North Wales on Wednesday 14th July.** Please email cebctraining@bangor.ac.uk by 27th June to secure your place for the introductory workshop and for further details about the workshop programme.

Funding Opportunities for Small Scale Initiatives: The Small-Scale Initiatives Programme run by the French Global Environment Facility is designed to support civil society organisations in Africa that are actively working on biodiversity protection and climate change action. The programme has been set up to help civil society organisations to: undertake field projects in West and Central Africa, Madagascar and Mozambique, strengthen their technical, training, management and project monitoring capacities, strengthen a small-scale projects monitoring network in West and Central Africa, strengthen their capacities for influencing environmental policy choices in the countries concerned, share and disseminate their experiences and successes. **There is a rolling programme of applications** and full details are available at:

<http://www.ffem.fr/jahia/Jahia/cache/offonce/lang/en/accueil/pid/26806;jsessionid=5F616BE7C3B7CC1630DD20C1B57BFF12>

Rufford Small Grants for Nature Conservation: Rufford Small Grants for Nature Conservation (RSGs) are aimed at small conservation programmes and pilot projects. RSG's are available to

individuals and small groups. Applications can be made at any time of the year; decisions are usually made within three months. RSGs generally support projects of about a year's duration. Applications from non-first world areas are strongly encouraged. **For a list of the various grants they offer**, please see www.ruffordsmallgrants.org

Fulbright Scholar Program: The Core Fulbright Scholar competition for 2011-2012 is now open. Over 800 grants are available for teaching, conducting research, or combining both in more than 125 countries around the globe. **The deadline is August 2.** For information on Fulbright Scholar Awards, consult www.iie.org/cies or write to scholars@iie.org

Endeavour Awards: The Endeavour Awards is an internationally competitive, merit-based program providing opportunities for citizens of the Asia-Pacific region to undertake study, research and professional development in Australia. Awards are also available for Australians to do the same abroad. **The 2011 round of application is now open and will close on 31 July 2010.**

International Foundation for Science Research Grants: Applications for IFS Research Grants are welcome from young scientists in developing countries to do research on the sustainable management, use or conservation of biological or water resources. This includes natural science and social science research on agriculture, soils, animal production, food science, forestry, agroforestry, aquatic resources, water resources, etc. **Applications are accepted all year.**

Call for papers: Environmental Conservation is producing a themed issue on "Payment for Ecosystem Services in Conservation: Performance and Prospects". The purpose of this issue is to strengthen the evidence-base through a collection of papers addressing diverse aspects of the performance of payments for ecosystem services in environmental conservation. Papers may take the form of case studies of individual schemes, comparative studies, or thematic or geographical reviews. The editors will prioritize strong empirical studies. Only original and unpublished high-quality research papers are considered and manuscripts must be in English. **The submission deadline is 31st October 2010.** Instructions for Authors can be found at: <http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayMoreInfo?jid=ENC&type=ifc>

BioSoc is the monthly bulletin of the PCLG, highlighting key new research on biodiversity and society, poverty and conservation. BioSoc is currently offline, but we anticipate the normal monthly service will resume very soon. To receive BioSoc, www.povertyandconservation.info/en/biosoc.php

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