

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.

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Welcome to the thirty-fifth 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 October.

Secretariat News

Want to know how effective conservation enterprise is in addressing poverty reduction? An analysis was undertaken by PCLG member the African Wildlife Foundation (AWF) as a contribution to the PCLG symposium in April. The results of this analysis have now been published in a discussion paper titled “**Conservation Enterprise – What Works, Where and for Whom?**”, which will be disseminated at Nagoya.

How dependent are the poor on biodiversity and to what extent do conservation interventions contribute to poverty reduction? Researchers from Cambridge University and The Nature Conservancy reviewed the published literature on these issues and presented their results at the PCLG symposium in April. These have now been published in the CBD Technical Series No 55, “**Linking Biodiversity Conservation and Poverty Alleviation: A State of Knowledge Review**” and will be disseminated at Nagoya.

The PCLG Directory of Poverty and Conservation Organisations and Initiatives 2010, Linking Biodiversity Conservation and Poverty Reduction: Who, What and Where?, is now available for download from the PCLG website. The directory provides details of organisations and initiatives that have been identified through the work of the PCLG as working on poverty-conservation issues. We would like to thank everyone who has contributed to this directory by sending information about the organisation or initiative they work for. Please, send your comments to pclg@iied.org

IIED and PCLG @ CoP 10, Nagoya, Japan:

IIED has an exhibition stand that will run for most of CBD CoP 10 (Booth 52). Please come and visit IIED's stand where you will be able to watch a variety short films produced by IIED and partners, and pick up free publications and other useful information. Drop by for a chat and meet staff from IIED

and other Poverty Conservation Learning Group members. IIED has set up areas for informal exchanges and a little relaxation away from the main hustle and bustle.

PCLG members are also invited to attend the reception (if not the rest of the day's events) of the Indigenous and Local Communities day at the Pavilion on Wednesday 20th October. Please bring any publications or information you wish to share, meet the new Equator Initiative award winners and generally use the opportunity to network. Find Dilys via the IIED stand for more information/updates.

IIED will be introducing its new "pocket book" Banking on Biodiversity by Dilys Roe, Pavan Sukhdev, David Thomas and Robert Munroe at the IIED Stand (Booth 52) on Tuesday 19th October and Tuesday 26th October @ 17.00. Come along for drinks and nibbles and have a chat with the authors.

Side event: Understanding and applying the ecosystem approach for sustainable development and poverty reduction under global change Thursday 21 October, 18.15 – 19.45, Room 233B – Building 2, 3rd Floor: Jointly organised by SCBD, IIED, University of Montreal and University of Eberswalde, this side event will present two new volumes of the CBD Technical Series. The first is dedicated to an analysis of the systemic character of global change, biodiversity and human development, and the relationships between them. The second presents the state of knowledge reviews on linking biodiversity conservation and poverty reduction prepared for the PCLG April Symposium.

Side event: Protecting bio-cultural heritage in Peru, India, China and Kenya. Wednesday 27 October, 18.15 – 19.45 at Nagoya Gakuin University: Jointly organised by IIED, Asociación Andes, Centre for Chinese Agricultural Policy, Ecoserve, Kenya Forestry Research Institute, this side-event will present the overall findings of a global research project on "Protecting Community Rights over Traditional Knowledge: Implications of customary laws and practices", including case studies from Peru, China, India & Kenya and work on community biocultural protocols, registers and products. We will identify lessons for the International ABS Protocol and will be showing three short films.

Beyond CoP10.... Uganda workshop: Plans are proceeding for the PCLG workshop on linking ape conservation and poverty reduction to be held in Masindi, Uganda from 15th to 19th November. We have around 30 participants attending from conservation organisations in a variety of ape range states in Africa. All are keen to share their experience in addressing poverty reduction and to learn from others. This event will also include field visits in the Masindi area. Watch this space for news on the outcomes of this event.

2011 PCLG Meeting: We are starting to plan next year's PCLG meeting. This event will be open to PCLG members only, numbers will be kept low (30-50 participants), and financial support will be available for developing countries participants. We would very much like to hear what you think should be the theme of the 2011 PCLG meeting. During the 2007 PCLG meeting we discussed the linkages between climate change, conservation and poverty, focusing on REDD in particular. Maybe next year's meeting could centre on adaptation strategies? If there are no burning issues that the majority of PCLG members agree to discuss, we could have a general network meeting at which different topics dealing with poverty and conservation could be discussed. Please, send your comments, suggestions and ideas to pclg@iied.org

Featured News

The Equator Prize 2010 Awards Ceremony was held on Monday, 20 September 2010 at the American Museum of Natural History in New York, USA, at the start of the sixty-fifth session of the United Nations General Assembly and Millennium Review Summit. The theme of the evening was "Biodiversity, Ecosystems and Climate Change: Scaling Up Local Solutions to Achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)." Specific objectives of the evening included: • Making the investment case for supporting and scaling up local solutions to ecosystem decline, climate change and poverty as a means for accelerating and sustaining MDG progress. • Celebrating local success by recognising Equator Prize winners and shining a spotlight on the achievements of these local and indigenous communities that are leading innovative work in biodiversity conservation, poverty reduction, and adaptation to climate change. • Mobilising political will and consensus on supportive policies and investment priorities for scaling up local and indigenous best practice to inform the MDG Summit and follow-up action agenda for accelerating MDG progress. For more information go to: http://www.equatorinitiative.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=621%3Aintroduction&catid=177&Itemid=656&lang=en

A special session of the UN General Assembly on Wednesday 22nd September focused on biodiversity. High level representatives at that meeting emphasized the importance of biodiversity to

poverty alleviation and stressed the urgency of tackling biodiversity loss. The CBD's new Strategic Plan could provide the appropriate level of ambition for the next 10 years – but agreement on the Plan at CoP10 will also depend on a fair deal being negotiated on access and benefit sharing and on financing. See <http://www.un.org/en/ga/65/meetings/biodiversity.shtml> for more information.

News from PCLG Members

IIED is pleased to announce the release of its latest publication catalogue on environment and development issues. The **Publications Catalogue 2010/11** features IIED's key in print titles, with new and forthcoming publications up to spring 2011. You can also find up to the minute information at www.iied.org/newpublications. Order online at www.earthprint.com and use promotion code IIED2057 to get a 20% discount.

The “TEEB for Local and Regional Policy Makers” report was released on 9 September 2010.

This report is planned to be a useful advisory tool for local and regional policymakers, administrators and managers. The information in this report will also be of interest to organisations such as NGOs, regulatory bodies, permitting agencies and the judicial system. It explores and gives practical guidance on how to deal with the challenge of biodiversity loss at a local and regional level. It examines what local governments can do with respect to natural resource use and management, maintaining and supporting biodiversity, local and regional urban and spatial design, as well as market-based approaches, such as Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES).

TEEB will be holding a number of events at the CBD COP10 meeting in Nagoya, including the launch of the final TEEB report, Mainstreaming the Economics of Nature: a synthesis of the approach, conclusions and recommendations of TEEB. This report will be launched on 20 October at a side event at 13.15-14.45 in the Event Hall, Building 1, 1st Floor - Nagoya Congress Centre. This will be followed by a press conference from 15.00-15.30.

Natureandpoverty.net invites people active in the conservation and development community to share resources & collaborate online at its interactive platform. Please take a few minutes to visit our website: <http://www.natureandpoverty.net>. Natureandpoverty.net provides a platform for practitioners working on ecosystem management and poverty alleviation. Practitioners can connect with people and organizations, share experiences and find tools and resources, gain easy and timely access to experts and benefit from field-based knowledge and insights. Ownership, engagement and direct interaction among users are key parameters of the Natureandpoverty.net platform. From that perspective the platform has opted for an open and bottom-up approach aimed at establishing an interactive community of practitioners. As of today already more than 700 practitioners are taking part in this network! One of Natureandpoverty.net's current focus themes is local ownership of conservation agendas; exploring participatory approaches in natural resource management & community incentives for conservation actions.

The Centre for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) and the Centre for Livelihoods and Ecology (CLE) at Royal Roads University are collaborating on a research project to help develop more effective approaches for assessing outcomes and impacts in conservation and development projects. You are invited to participate in a brief, online questionnaire. The purpose of the questionnaire is to learn about assessment practices used by conservation and development organizations. The survey is anonymous and should only take 15 - 20 minutes of your time. The questionnaire will be available until October 31, 2010 at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CIFOR>. If you are interested but unable to access the questionnaire online, please contact Jenny Sigalet (jenny.sigalet@royalroads.ca) to receive a word document version.

The Beekeeping Extension Society (BES) in Nigeria, for the second time this year (2010) has received another grant for poverty and conservation project. The combination of both issues is targeted at the Shika Dam community in Zaria area in Kaduna State of Nigeria. Traditional Beekeeping in the area is practiced by killing of bees during honey harvesting. To hunt for bush rats, youths in the community adopt bush burning process which results to killing of other insects, smaller animals and useful herbal plants. To help stop the bush burning and to provide the youths with an alternative and sustainable source of income, the Beekeeping Extension Society approached the Rome 1% Fund for Development (<http://one-percent-fund.net/>) for their support. In their response, the 1% fund approved \$ 4,962 to the BES for training of 100 youths of Shika village into adoption for modern Beekeeping technology Honey production equipment was supplied. The ultimate aim of the project is to develop the beekeeping skills of the beneficiary youths for them to serve as volunteers that would be responsible in extending the project to neighbouring communities in order to conserve bees and the environment and also to reduce poverty.

The **October 2010 issue of the South American Camelid Specialist Group (UICN SSC GECS) Newsletter**, GECS News, was just released and can be downloaded from: www.camelidosgecs.com.ar. This issue has, among others, articles on vicuña and guanaco conservation and sustainable use initiatives, and an article on vicuña use by low income communities in Bolivia.

Biodiversity Unit DG Environment European Commission: A public consultation on the post-2010 EU biodiversity strategy is available at: <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/consultations/biodecline.htm>. The objective of this consultation is to gather input from a wide range of stakeholders on possible policy options for the European Union's post-2010 EU biodiversity strategy, which will be assessed by the Commission as part of the process of its development. Consultation is open until 22 October 2010 and is available in English, French, German, Italian, Polish and Spanish.

New Members

Centre for Environment and Development (CED): The Centre for Environment and Development was created in 1994 in response to the need for grassroots and independent voices into the policy reforms in the forest and environment sector in Cameroon and the Congo Basin at that time. CED's overall goal articulates around the slogan "making sustainability a reality". That is to ensure that interventions in forests are ecologically and socially sustainable. Most of CED's work is based on people-centred conservation.

Conservation Through Public Health (CTPH): Conservation Through Public health has an ongoing commitment to conserve gorillas and their habitats by ensuring that humans and wildlife co-exist through improved primary healthcare in and around protected areas in Africa. CTPH's integrated strategy includes wildlife health and public health monitoring, sustainable household livelihoods and community education.

Projet Grands Singes (PGS) of the Royal Zoological Society of Antwerp (RZSA): The Projet Grands Singes (PGS) is an Integrated Conservation and Development Project where the conservation and development objectives are mutually dependent. PGS works in the periphery of the Dja Biosphere Reserve in southeast Cameroon and offers a unique approach to the conservation of great apes by bringing revenue to local communities through scientific tourism and through development projects at the community level. The ultimate goal of PGS is the conservation of chimpanzees and gorillas in their natural habitat in non-protected areas (logging concessions, park buffer zones and village forests used for hunting and agriculture), where there are still healthy populations of apes but under extreme threat.

Forthcoming Events

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. A list of all side events to be held during CBD COP10 can be seen at: <http://www.cbd.int/cop10/side-events/?mtg=cop-10>

CEESP Sharing Power Conference: The conference 'Sharing Power: A New Vision for Development' will take place on **10th - 15th January 2011 in Whakatāne, New Zealand**. The Conference focuses on the need for policy and decision makers in Governments and Corporations to accommodate a greater level of inclusion of indigenous peoples and all citizens, in national and international policies on the management and governance of bio-cultural resources, and advocates the rights of mother earth - the planet.

Nature™ Inc? Questioning the Market Panacea in Environmental Policy and Conservation: In order to respond to the many environmental problems the world is facing, new and innovative methods are necessary and markets are posited as the ideal vehicle to supply these. This conference, which will take place on **30th June – 2nd July, 2011, in The Hague, The Netherlands**, seeks to critically engage with the market panacea in environmental policy and conservation in the context of histories and recent developments in neoliberal capitalism. **Paper proposals are due 15 December 2010**. Please send a 250-300 word proposal, with title, contact information, and three keywords as a Word attachment to: nature2011@iss.nl

New Publications in our database

Equitable Benefit-sharing or Self-interest?, Opinion paper, by Swiderska, K., September 2010, IIED, London, 2 pp.: A legally binding protocol on access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing is to be adopted by the 193 governments that are party to the Convention on Biological Diversity in October 2010 in Nagoya, Japan. The protocol aims to ensure that the benefits derived from the use of genetic resources are shared fairly and equitably with biodiversity-rich but financially poor countries. This could help reverse the rapid loss of biodiversity and genetic resources. But unless governments make some major progress in their final negotiating session, the protocol will make little difference.

Impacts of Marine Protected Areas on Fishing Communities, by Mascia, M.B., Claus, C.A., Naidoo, R., June 2010, *Conservation Biology*, Vol 24 No 5, Wiley Interscience, pp. 1424–1429: Marine protected areas (MPAs) are a popular conservation strategy, but their impacts on human welfare are poorly understood. To inform future research and policy decisions, the authors of this article have reviewed the scientific literature to assess MPA impacts on five indicators of human welfare: food security, resource rights, employment, community organization, and income. The results demonstrate that MPAs shape the social well-being and political power of fishing communities; impacts (positive and negative) vary within and among social groups; and social impacts are correlated with some—but not all—commonly hypothesized explanatory factors. Accordingly, MPAs may represent a viable strategy for enhancing food security and empowering local communities, but current practices negatively affect at least a minority of fishers.

Resources

Opportunities for grants and prizes which may be of interest to PCLG members include: USAID, Illegal Wildlife Trade in Asia (27 October); UNEP Champions of the Earth 2011 (31 October); Ashoka Changemakers, Solutions for Property Rights (03 November); Conservation Leadership Program, 2011 Conservation Awards (15 November); Ecosystem Services for Poverty Alleviation (08 December); Commonwealth Foundation, Civil Society Responsive Grants (31 December); Danone, "Wet Carbon" (31 December); EU-ACP Research for Sustainable Development (31 January); and French Global Environment Facility, Conservation in Africa (05 February). These and other deadlines are posted at Terra Viva Grants (<http://www.terravivagrants.org>).

The **Ecosystems Services for Poverty Alleviation (ESPA)** programme is a partnership between DFID, the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) and the Economic & Social Research Council (ESRC). ESPA's goal is to ensure that, in developing countries, ecosystems are being sustainably managed in a way that contributes to poverty reduction and inclusive/sustainable growth. ESPA will invest in cutting-edge research that delivers improved understanding of how ecosystem function, the services they provide, the full value of these services, and their potential role in achieving sustainable poverty reduction. Crucially, ESPA funded research must provide evidence and tools to enable decision makers and end users to manage ecosystems sustainably and in a way that contributes to poverty reduction. The latest call for proposals to the ESPA research programme has been published at: <http://www.nerc.ac.uk/research/programmes/espa/events/ao6.asp> This announcement of opportunity invites proposals for research consortium projects that will address this agenda. Awards may be between three to five years in duration, with a total value of the project between £500k and £4m, with exceptional projects able to bid for up to £5m. All projects are required to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) through the web-based form by the closing date of 8 December 2010. **The deadline for full proposals is 16:00 on 19 January 2011.** If you are interested in more information, contact Izabella Koziell (i-koziell@dfid.gov.uk).

The **Center for Sustainable Development** is announcing the September launch of a module of four online field courses on building sustainability into adaptation projects. These courses begin by introducing basic climate change concepts, and develop as participants identify local community vulnerabilities, investigate appropriate sustainable solutions, develop full projects, launch and manage them. Complete information and course syllabi: <http://www.csd-i.org/adapting-overview/>

The **Nature Conservancy, Conservation International, the Climate, Community, and Biodiversity Alliance, Rainforest Alliance, the World Wildlife Fund, and GTZ** have updated their online introductory course on reducing emissions from deforestation and degradation and conservation and enhancement of forest carbon stocks (REDD+) with new information and activities. This course provides a basic level of understanding regarding the REDD+ concept. The course is meant to enable participants to more fully understand and better engage in REDD+ policy negotiations at the national and international levels and to facilitate the development of credible REDD+ activities in developing countries through basic capacity building. The course is free and publicly available at: www.conservationtraining.org

PARKS - Call for articles: The journal PARKS is calling for articles to include in its next edition. The 2010 edition will not be themed and is open to articles on any topic related to protected areas. The Journal PARKS is published to strengthen international collaboration among protected area professionals, to enhance understanding of the values and benefits derived from protected areas of all kinds and assist professionals in all their roles, status and activities. For more information go to: http://www.iucn.org/about/union/commissions/wcpa/wcpa_puball/wcpa_parksmag/wcpa_parkseditorialpolicy/ or email Peter Valentine (peter.valentine@jcu.edu.au).

The **WCS Research Fellowship Program (RFP)** is a small grants program administered by the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) Institute. In 2010, the RFP was re-designed and re-launched with a new focus of supporting work directly related to WCS priority land/seascapes, species, and/or the global challenges of wildlife health, climate change, human livelihoods, and natural resource extraction. The Program seeks to support the fieldwork of graduate-level students who will work with WCS staff in Asia, Africa, Latin America, and in special cases, North America. Collectively, the professionals receiving RFP grants will apply field-tested conservation science to the challenges facing the natural world. Individuals interested in submitting an RFP application should visit <http://programs.wcs.org/grants> for eligibility information. **The application deadline is January 5, 2011.** The maximum award is \$20,000. For more information, please email fellowship@wcs.org

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

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>

More Info More information regarding members, publications, initiatives, and events listed in the newsletter is available on www.povertyandconservation.info, the website of the Poverty and Conservation Learning Group.

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