

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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Secretariat News

The PCLG website has recently been updated with new information and outputs from the research projects we are undertaking. This month's highlights are:

- **NBSAPs 2.0 Mainstreaming biodiversity and development:** Profiles and photographs (<http://povertyandconservation.info/en/africa-leaders-group>) of the members of the African Leadership Group that are involved in this project are now available, together with some video clips (<http://povertyandconservation.info/en/talking-about-mainstreaming-biodiversity>) in which country project members and independent members of the African leaders group talk about their experiences of NBSAPs, biodiversity mainstreaming and what makes for success.
- **The Maun Statement on Biodiversity and Development Mainstreaming** (<http://povertyandconservation.info/en/articles/maun-statement-biodiversity-and-development-mainstreaming>), sets out the African Leadership Group's thinking on biodiversity mainstreaming and provides some initial guidance on key steps in the mainstreaming process. More detailed guidelines will be developed as the project progresses.
- **Biodiversity-Poverty Evidence:** A draft research protocol for the systematic mapping exercise we are undertaking is currently under review with the Collaboration for Environmental Evidence (<http://www.environmentalevidence.org>) and is available for comment. A new discussion paper has also been finalised, exploring the question of what we mean by good evidence in the context of biodiversity and ecosystem services. We welcome your feedback on both of these products that are available for download here (<http://povertyandconservation.info/en/pages/biodiversity-poverty-evidence-related-documents>).

Conservation and Land Grabbing: Part of the Problem or Part of the Solution? The 2013 PCLG Symposium - jointly organised by IIED, the **International Land Coalition (ILC)**, the **Zoological Society of London (ZSL)** and **Maliasili Initiatives** took place on Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th of March 2013 at London Zoo. The overall objective of the symposium was to examine the varied interactions between conservation and land rights/land grabbing in a variety of global contexts; to encourage more strategic engagement by the conservation movement in land rights and tenure concerns, highlighting different models that can be used to secure or strengthen local land rights, and the potential role of conservation in combating land grabbing thus benefitting both conservation and development. More than

80 people, from a range of conservation, development and academic institutions, and coming from a variety of countries including Uganda, Kenya, Cameroon and Mongolia, attended the symposium. More information on this symposium, including the symposium report and all the power point presentations prepared for this event, will soon be available for download on the PCLG website (<http://povertyandconservation.info/>).

The papers presented at the **PCLG symposium on biodiversity and poverty in 2010** have now been published by Wiley-Blackwell in the **Conservation Science and Practice** series. Edited by Dilys Roe, Joanna Elliott, Chris Sandbrook and Matt Walpole, the book addresses a number of key themes:

- The relationship between biodiversity and poverty in different ecological settings
- Poverty impacts of different conservation interventions
- Distributional and institutional issues
- Global challenges.

More information can be found here: http://eu.wiley.com/WileyCDA/WileyTitle/productCd-0470674784_descCd-buy.html. We can make a limited number of copies available for free to PCLG members in developing countries - please contact pclg@iied.org if you would like to be considered.

Uganda PCLG Darwin Project “Conservation through Poverty Alleviation”:

Two project workshops have recently been held as part of this project. The advocacy training workshop and media clinic was carried out in Kampala from the 20th to the 22nd of February 2013, and brought media and conservation groups together, with the lead advocacy partner Advocates Coalition for Development and Environment (ACODE) training Uganda PCLG members in advocacy skills, as well as training journalists in how to report on environmental issues. As a result of bringing in journalists at an early stage, the Uganda PCLG now aims to build further bridges with the media to ensure there is greater dissemination of their work, and the workshop was featured in an article in the national newspaper, New Vision. Following on from this the lead research partner, the Institute for Tropical Forest Conservation (ITFC), held an interim research workshop on the 12th March 2013, which brought together representatives from Uganda Wildlife Authority (UWA), conservation NGOs, international researchers as well as local journalists. The initial research findings were presented and the research outputs were further developed with the project stakeholders. A database of livelihood and wellbeing needs of resource users within local communities neighbouring Bwindi was also presented to participants, which gained much interest, so much that ITFC agreed to hold a focus group meeting to discuss and agree ownership, maintenance and long-term use of the tool after the end of the Darwin project. The workshop was reported on at the local KBS radio station and an article published in the national newspaper, the Daily Monitor. The research phase of the project continues.

CALL FOR DOCUMENTS We are trying to expand the PCLG online library. **If you know of any key document relevant to the issue of poverty-conservation linkages that is not easily available online, please send it to us at pclg@iied.org and we will upload it on the PCLG website.**

Members News

The **Center for International Forestry Research** (CIFOR; www.cifor.cgiar.org) was recently funded by USAID to carry out the design of a field-based evaluation of the environmental, social, economic, and policy impacts of voluntary, third-party certification of tropical forest management. Although certification has been underway for nearly 20 years, the impacts of this conservation intervention have yet to be assessed with field data. The international team of collaborators being assembled by CIFOR will focus on the impacts of Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification of natural forest management in several countries (e.g., Indonesia, Cameroon, Gabon, Republic of Congo, Brazil, and Peru). Their approach builds on insights derived from several recent workshops held in the USA, France, and Indonesia that facilitated open exchange of information and built solid collaborations among a variety of individual researchers and institutions (e.g., CIRAD) including the FSC. The general goal for the first year of the project is to use this open and transparent collaborative platform to design an evaluation framework that

reflects the many recent insights of the international community of evaluators, those of researchers focused on biophysical and social impacts of conservation interventions, and the views and needs of stakeholders at local, regional, and national levels. At the end of 2013 and before moving on with the field research, the team plans to release the details of their evaluation design and associated protocols so as to encourage the participation of new collaborators working in other countries and with other certification programs. For more information please contact Claudia Romero (romero@ufl.edu) and Manuel Guariguata (m.guariguata@cgjar.org).

While countries around the world strive to meet their Millennium Development Goal targets, the process of developing a new set of goals for beyond 2015 has already begun. UNDP is helping to organise an online discussion (<http://www.worldwewant2015.org/sustainability2015>) to inform this debate, and is particularly looking for input from civil society leaders around the world to inform the work of the UN Secretary-General's High-level Panel on the Post-2015 Development Agenda. The **Equator Initiative** believes that local communities should be at the heart of new development approaches, and have submitted a discussion note (<http://www.worldwewant2015.org/node/300868>) that summarises many of the best arguments for this, such as the benefits for local capacity, adaptation, and resilience. Follow the link (<http://www.worldwewant2015.org/join>) to this note to register and contribute your comments and questions to this online discussion.

In Our World is IIED's new weekly collection of links to online content about environment and development issues. The latest edition is available here (<http://www.iied.org/our-world-5-april-water-long-reads-forests-business-more>). You can subscribe to the RSS feed using this link (<http://feeds.feedburner.com/in-our-world>). Your comments are very welcome, either by email or with a comment on one of the blog posts.

The **Economic of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB)** has recently launched a new report, the TEEB Water and Wetlands Report (http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?e=001FPBEm_1IOtDD4k3MqsCA17jI5wzeDklpr6Uywy7Y2UPMvkltu72I6zkhKFfc128LKXRoaONcLe53bfUnJS1K0F1ulduXiNOe5O8pc9trPfaqzPq4fBn-jhfemtbTYvakYuj89LStKshOigQxhoYViNrXJeSxltEiVZpw5ljxQHpqcmqwJ9DhRmFatu66J6zdRhN2CEDB yrjVBNIqh6_hSxj5mXRd-aAzsEn_W6yZ6-M5x6LGOLfpEgcpDGWqeb0) that highlights the key role of wetlands in the water cycle, and presents insights to encourage additional policy momentum, business commitment and investment in the conservation, restoration and wise use of wetlands. The report was initiated by the Ramsar Convention Secretariat and developed by IEEP, IUCN, UFZ, CBD, UNEP TEEB Office, with financial support from the governments of Norway, Switzerland and Finland.

The **Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)**, supported by the UK Government, has launched a web portal called "[Knowledge x-change on Sustainable Development](#)" (KxSD). The portal will seek to combine experiences and knowledge exchange among stakeholders, focusing on policy, technology and innovation, and community partnerships. The content is focused on India and organised under the themes of energy, climate change, natural resources, poverty & livelihoods, waste management, sustainable infrastructure, and health. Each theme features news and stories divided into three clusters: policy instruments, an expert interview database called the "knowledge café," and resource updates.

Conservation and Poverty News Stories

The UN Environment Programme (UNEP) has released the [Third African Environment Outlook \(AEO-3\) Summary for Policy Makers](#), commissioned by the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN). The report focuses on the links between environment and health, and includes subsections on: air quality; biodiversity; chemicals and waste; climate change and variability; coastal and marine resources; freshwater and sanitation; and land. The Summary for Policy Makers of "Africa Environment Outlook 3: Our Environment, Our Health" is intended to provide information to assist AMCEN member

countries strengthen capacity for policy making and advocacy at national, regional and global levels. The report highlights emerging issues, assesses trends related to environmental change, and reviews the consequences for human health in the region, and proposes new policy directions for enabling transformative changes for a sustainable future.

[The final report of the first session of the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services \(IPBES-1\)](#), held from 21-26 January 2013, has been made available online. The report includes a record of the discussions on: organisational matters; rules of procedure for the meetings of the Plenary; policy and procedures for the admission of observers; initial work programme of the Platform; procedure for receiving and prioritizing requests put to the Platform; the role of the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel in overseeing the preparation of the initial work programme; possible institutional arrangements for the implementation of the work programme; nomination and selection of the members of the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel; institutional arrangements for the Secretariat; links between the Platform and the UN system; and financial and budgetary arrangements for the Platform. The report also includes the decisions adopted at the session.

The **Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)** has launched a **Biodiversity and Ecosystems Services Program (BSE)** to help Latin America and the Caribbean leverage its natural capital to protect the environment while promoting sustainable development. The BSE will support measures and projects that take into account the economic value of biodiversity and ecosystem services in key sectors, including agriculture, fisheries, forestry and tourism, all of which help drive gross domestic product and exports in the region. Read the full press release. (<http://www.iadb.org/en/news/news-releases/2013-03-15/biodiversity-and-ecosystems-services,10378.html>)

The UN post-2015 development agenda provides an opportunity to ensure that all countries are set on a development path that guarantees a sustainable future for all. In a new report titled '**Eradicating poverty through environmentally resilient development: the way forward post-2015**' and jointly written by **Green Alliance, Greenpeace, RSPB and WWF**, the authors set out four tests for environmental resilience, which they believe are essential for the post-2015 development framework to eradicate poverty and deliver long term sustainable development. For more information and to download the report for free click here http://www.green-alliance.org.uk/grea_p.aspx?id=6905

The **International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)** is pleased to announce the launch of **Post-2015 Policy & Practice** (<http://post2015.iisd.org/>). This knowledgebase is part of IISD's suite of knowledge management projects tracking international activities addressing sustainable development issues. Features of the Post-2015 Policy & Practice knowledgebase include:

- Summaries of activities (publications, meetings, statements and projects) by a range of actors, and an option to search the summaries by several categories (post-2015 theme, region, actor, action or issue);
- A clickable world map, enabling users to view the latest news by region (Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America & the Caribbean, Near East, Northern America, and South West Pacific);
- A link to subscribe to POST2015-L to join our moderated community announcement lists for policy-makers and practitioners;
- A link to the most recent Post-2015 Update, a periodic newsletter of recent posts to the knowledgebase, distributed via email through the listserv;
- A Calendar of upcoming international events related to the post-2015 development agenda;

Improving community healthcare helps protect rainforests in Borneo: Providing high quality healthcare to communities around a rainforest park in Indonesian Borneo may be helping reduce chronic illegal logging, suggests a new assessment published by a conservation group. Read more (<http://news.mongabay.com/2013/0314-healthcare-and-rainforest-conservation.html#U1cGpQ8tXGYi0fHo.99>)

Strong ‘no deforestation’ commitments save forests and feed people: Deforestation rates are down in some places, but overall, our forests continue to disappear much as they have for the past 50 years, driven principally by increasing global demand for food. Can we feed the world and save our forests? This article argues that we can, and the solution lies in the global supply chain and the message some companies are now sending their suppliers: “If you cut down trees, I won’t buy your product.” Read more (<http://news.mongabay.com/2013/0312-swf2013-poynton-no-deforestation.html#QFhDpYE4UacBfB7x.99>)

Blogs

Sharing positive views about forests and trees on the International Day of Forests – by Peter Holmgren: In this blog, CIFOR’s Director General Peter Holmgren, discusses forests and trees in occasion of this year’s International Day of Forests, focusing on what forests provide: income, food and energy for billions of people. Read the blog (<http://blog.cifor.org/14398/sharing-positive-views-about-forests-and-trees-on-the-international-day-of-forests/>)

Featured publication

Nghiem, N., 2013, **Biodiversity conservation attitudes and policy tools for promoting biodiversity in tropical planted forests**, *Biodiversity and Conservation*, 22(2): 373-403

Deforestation is one of the main drivers of biodiversity loss, which in turn poses a big threat to the livelihoods of the poor. To address this issue, this study examines foresters’ attitudes and investigates a number of policy tools to identify the most appropriate one to conserve biodiversity given the specific socio-economic conditions of the foresters.

Springer link; <http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s10531-012-0418-8>

Forthcoming Events

The Australian Government, together with partner countries and the Larrakia Nation, will host the inaugural **World Indigenous Network (WIN) Network conference in the Darwin Convention Centre, Northern Territory from 26th to 31st May, 2013**. The conference will call on all delegates to help build a strong foundation for an innovative and well-grounded international network. The draft conference themes have now been published on the **conference website** (<http://www.worldindigenousnetwork.net/>). Please remember to register your interest for the conference to receive news, information and updates at: <http://www.worldindigenousnetwork.net/#register>. Any enquiries to indigenousnetwork@environment.gov.au

The **19th International Symposium on Society and Resource Management (ISSRM)**, themed “**A Time for Integration**” will be held in **Estes Park, Colorado, USA from June 4-8, 2013**. ISSRM is the premier scientific meeting for academic and government researchers, students, agency scientists, land managers, NGO representatives, and others who are broadly interested in the human dimensions of natural resource management issues. In addition to a diverse array of paper, panel, and poster sessions,

the programme includes the 6th Annual Student Forum on June 4th and fantastic keynote and featured speakers throughout the week. For more information please visit: <http://www.issrm2013.iasnr.org/>

The Scientific Partners of BIOECON are pleased to announce the **Fifteenth Annual International BIOECON conference on the theme of "Conservation and Development: Exploring Conflicts and Challenges"**. The conference will be held once again on the premises of **Kings College Cambridge, UK, on 19-20 September 2013**. The conference will be of interest to both researchers and policy makers working on issues broadly in the area of biodiversity and land use policy, especially in regard to the management of natural resources in developing countries. This year's meeting is inviting attention to the relationship between biodiversity and land use management. **Registration will open on 1st June 2013**. Registrations for conference presenters are due by **20th June 2013**. Registration for all other participants closes on the **20th August 2013**. Further registration details and all other conference information will be provided on the BIOECON web-site at www.bioecon-network.org.

The Scientific Partners of BIOECON invite submission of scientific papers for presentation at the conference, and only complete papers will be considered by the scientific programme committee. Electronic copies should be sent to Kristine Kjeldsen (at Kristine.Kjeldsen@graduateinstitute.ch) no later than **15th May 2013**. Acceptance of papers will be notified by email by the **1st June 2013**. [Download the BIOECON call for papers](#)

Funding and Awards Opportunities

Nicolas Hulot Foundation - Grants for South Solidarity. The Nicolas Hulot Foundation funds grassroots projects in "South Solidarity" that integrate environment with socioeconomic issues in Southeast Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa, and Latin America and the Caribbean. Grants are up to €15 thousand for two years. Applicants need to register before 15 April 2013 for project submission in June. [Link](#)

Swiss Re - ReSource Award. The International ReSource Award for Sustainable Watershed Management is a prize for leadership in implementing sustainable watershed management in developing and emerging countries. The prize money is US\$150 thousand allocated to one or more projects. Eligibility for the Award extends to NGOs, private organizations, scientific and public institutions, and similar bodies. The application deadline is 30 April 2013. [Link](#)

McKnight Foundation - Communities and Natural Resources in Southeast Asia. McKnight's grant program for Southeast Asia (Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia) includes themes on indigenous and ethnic minority communities in relation to livelihoods and natural resources. Grants are made to qualified local and international NGOs working in the countries of interest. The annual deadline for letters of inquiry is 1 May. [Link](#)

Both ENDS - Joke Waller-Hunter Initiative for Young Environmentalists. The Joke Waller-Hunter Initiative offers grants to advance the leadership and learning of junior persons working for - or affiliated with - environmental civil society organizations in developing and emerging countries. JWH especially encourages the nomination of young women and local community leaders. Grants can be applied for a wide range of activities, but candidates should have a clear idea of how they intend to use the grant. The grants range from €2,500 to €10,000 each, and 15 grants are offered twice a year. The nomination deadlines are 1 June and 1 December of each year. [Link](#)

Other Opportunities

IIED's Free Publications Scheme - IIED strives to bring greater access to its print publications for readers in developing countries. IIED offers its publications as they are published to libraries and resource centres in non-OECD countries free of charge. It's easy to apply, just choose up to two topics from the list: Agriculture, Biodiversity & Conservation, Climate Change, Drylands, Energy, Environmental Management & Planning, Environmental Economics, Food, Forestry, Global Governance, Investment, Land, Law, Local Organisations, Markets, Natural Resource Management, Participation, Pastoralism, Responsible Business, Trade, Urban Development, Urban Poverty, Water-Ecosystem, Water-Urban, Publications in French, Publications in Spanish. **To join the scheme, contact IIED at newbooks@iied.org with "FPS subscribe PCLG newsletter" as the subject line, or write to: IIED, Free Publications Scheme, 80-86 Gray's Inn Road, London, WC1X 8NH**

More Info

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