

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 **World Conservation Congress** will take place from the **6-15 September** in **Jeju, Republic of Korea**. Are you going to the Congress? If so, IIED is organising a workshop in collaboration with IUCN, UNEP- WCMC and the African Wildlife Foundation focusing on lessons learned in linking conservation and poverty alleviation. The first half of the workshop will involve presentations from some of the big research and policy initiatives conducted over the past decade. The second half of the workshop will highlight the experiences of organisations linking conservation and poverty on the ground. A second workshop held in collaboration with Conservation International, UNEP-WCMC, the World Bank and Birdlife International will focus on ecosystem based approaches to adaptation and traditional knowledge. For more details please see: <http://www.iied.org/iucn-world-conservation-congress>

MONTHLY JOURNALS DIGEST: The PCLG Secretariat is planning to introduce a new product to our information services – a monthly digest of journal articles relevant to poverty and conservation. The first issue of this will be ready in September. We will send this out to all subscribers to PCLG News but please feel free to let us know if you do not wish to receive this new service.

CALL FOR DOCUMENTS We are currently 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.**

CAN YOU WRITE FOR BIOSOC? January 2011 saw the return of BioSoc – our bulletin highlighting new research and policy developments on the theme of biodiversity and society. This year we would like to give more exposure to research and writing from developing countries and invite you to contribute. If you would like to draw attention to a recent publication – be it research findings, new policy, or conference proceedings – please get in touch. Depending on the level of interest we will publish the bulletin either

monthly or bi-monthly. BioSoc reviews should be a maximum of 500–600 words, written in clear and simple language, and should highlight new developments or critical issues. All publications reviewed must be freely accessible to the reader. The review must include the full citation and relevant download details. Please send your ideas to pclg@iied.org. If you would like to receive BioSoc go to: <http://povertyandconservation.info/en/pages/pclg-newsletters>

Members News

Blue Ventures will host a workshop at the upcoming **IUCN World Conservation Congress in Jeju, Korea** on Networking Locally Managed Marine Areas. This workshop will seek to build connections across LMMA communities and leaders around the globe by facilitating the sharing of experiences, best practices, and challenges in order to advance local marine management and promote poverty alleviation at the global level as an effective, resilient, and equitable management system. For more information: <http://portals.iucn.org/2012forum/?q=0757>

CARE and **WWF** will host a summit entitled “**Empower and Thrive: Creating New Pathways for Development and Conservation**” on **Tuesday, 11 September 2012 in Washington, D.C.** The summit will convene thought leaders and expert practitioners from around the world to explore the next 50 years of conservation and development in light of changes in population, climate and land use, technology and markets. For more information on this event please contact [Althea Skinner](#)

IIED has recently published a briefing paper reflecting on Costa Rica’s past 20 years of learning about their own PES schemes and how they can continue to build a robust programme for the future (<http://pubs.iied.org/17126IIED.html>) and Spanish publication exploring Costa Rica’s PES scheme in more detail (<http://pubs.iied.org/16514SIIED.html>). English version coming soon. Please register your interest with [Kate Lee](#)

IIED is embarking on new sectoral research – exploring the oceans and PES. Coastal and marine resources provide millions of impoverished people across the global South with livelihoods, and provide the world with a range of critical ‘ecosystem services’. Yet across the world, these resources are fast-diminishing. Traditional approaches to halt the decline focus on regulating against destructive practices, but have had little effect. A more successful strategy could be to establish payments for ecosystem services (PES) schemes, or incorporate an element of PES into existing regulatory mechanisms. Examples from across the world suggest that PES can work to protect both livelihoods and the environment. But to succeed, these schemes must be underpinned by robust research, clear property rights, equitable benefit sharing and sustainable finance. For more information: <http://pubs.iied.org/17132IIED.html>

IIED has also recently updated their Watershed Markets website (<http://www.watershedmarkets.org/>) with new case studies of payments for watershed schemes from around the world. Watershed Markets also provides useful analysis of the results of these schemes. Payments for watershed services (PWS) are an increasingly popular conservation and water management tool in developing countries. Some schemes are thriving, and are pro-poor. Others are stalling or have only mixed success. Most rely on public or donor

finance; and other sources of funding are unlikely to play a significant role any time soon. In part, financing PWS schemes remains a challenge because the actual evidence for their effectiveness is still scant — it is hard to prove that they actually work to benefit both livelihoods and the environment. Getting more direct and concrete data on costs and benefits will be crucial to securing the long-term future of PWS schemes. For more information: <http://pubs.iied.org/17128IIED.html>

IIED has recently published an article on “**Incentives for PES**”. This article showcases research exploring methods of understanding people’s preferences regarding payments for ecosystem services, and highlights key lessons learnt from the project. For more information: <http://pubs.iied.org/G03342.html?>

IIED are pleased to announce the publication of Participatory Learning and Action 65 on **Biodiversity and culture: exploring community protocols, rights and consent** is now online at:

<http://pubs.iied.org/14618IIED.html>. This is guest edited by Krystyna Swiderska (IIED), Kanchi Kohli (Kalpavriksh, India), Harry Jonas and Holly Shrumm (Natural Justice), Wim Hiemstra, (COMPAS, Netherlands), Maria Julia Oliva (Union for Ethical Biotrade). This special issue of PLA explores two important participatory tools that indigenous peoples and local communities can use to help defend their customary rights to biocultural heritage, natural resources and land: **Community protocols** – or charters of rules and responsibilities – in which communities set out their customary rights to natural resources and land, as recognised in customary, national and international laws; and **free, prior informed consent (FPIC)** processes, in which communities decide whether or not to allow projects affecting their land or resources to go ahead, and on what terms.

The ICCA Consortium, the Global Forest Coalition and **CEESP** are pleased to announce the publication of the paper titled “The ‘do’s and don’ts’ of supporting forest conservation and restoration initiatives by local communities and indigenous peoples”. For more information: <http://globalforestcoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/final-report-dos-and-donts.pdf>

Conservation and Poverty News Stories

Costa Rica's 'green economy' shows that money can grow on trees – Ina Porras discusses Costa Rica’s payments for ecosystem services (PES) approach to protecting environmental resources in the Guardian. [Full article](#)

Institutions tasked to mainstream biodiversity into their development plan – Professor Alfred A Oteng Yeboah stressed the need for the state and non-governmental institutions to mainstream biodiversity activities into their development plans. Professor Yeboah made the call at a stakeholder consultation meeting of the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan for Ghana. He explained that mainstreaming biodiversity activities was the only way the country could conserve biodiversity. He said instead of destroying the biodiversity the government and other stakeholders could contract experts to suggest viable economic alternative livelihoods. [Full article](#)

Blogs

The allure of win-win: can money buy environmental services? by Karin Holzknacht. Payments for environmental services (PES) approaches have been embraced enthusiastically worldwide because of their perceived win-win potential for both economy and environment. This blog analyses a recent CIFOR review that concluded that due to a lack of proper monitoring and evaluation processes we still do not fully understand the conditions in which different environmental policy tools such as PES will have positive environmental and socioeconomic impacts. [Read the full blog](#)

New publications in the PCLG bibliographic database

Bridging the gap between forest conservation and poverty alleviation: the Ecuadorian Socio Bosque program

By de Koning, F., Aguiñaga, M., Bravo, M., Chiu, M., Lascano, M., Lozad, T. and Suarez, L.; August 2011

The Socio Bosque program is a national conservation agreement scheme of the government of Ecuador. Socio Bosque consists of the transfer of a direct monetary incentive per hectare of native forest and other native ecosystems to individual landowners and local and indigenous communities who protect these ecosystems, through voluntary conservation agreements that are monitored on a regular basis for compliance. Two years after its creation, the program now includes more than half a million hectares of natural ecosystems and has over 60,000 beneficiaries. The characteristics of Socio Bosque make it a good example of a national conservation agreement scheme from which important lessons can be drawn: it is part of a clear government policy, combines ecosystem conservation with poverty alleviation, incentivizes and monitors local socio-economic investment, is transparent and straightforward, and has generated nationwide participation of local and indigenous communities and farmer households. Socio Bosque furthermore sheds light on how benefit sharing mechanisms for national REDD+ strategies could work in practice <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1462901111000657>

Forthcoming Events

World Conservation Congress - The 2012 World Conservation Congress will be held from **6th to 15th September 2012 in Jeju, Republic of Korea**. Up to 8,000 leaders from governments, the public sector, non-governmental organizations, businesses, UN agencies and social organizations will discuss, debate and decide on solutions for the world's most pressing environmental and development issues. The Congress

starts with the five-day Forum, a conservation debate hub that is open to all, featuring knowledge cafés, workshops, training courses, poster sessions and five high-profile World Leaders' Dialogues. The Forum then leads into the three-day Members' Assembly

(http://www.iucnworldconservationcongress.org/member_s_assembly), IUCN's highest decision-making body and a unique global environmental parliament of governments and NGOs. You can register now (http://www.iucnworldconservationcongress.org/get_involved/congress_registration/) for the IUCN World Conservation Congress. <http://www.iucnworldconservationcongress.org/index.cfm>

The Scientific Partners of **BIOECON** are pleased to announce the **14th Annual International BIOECON conference on "Resource Economics, Biodiversity Conservation and Development"**. The conference will be held in the historical premises of **Kings College Cambridge, England on 18-20 September 2012**. The conference will be of interest to both researchers and policy makers working on biodiversity policy, especially natural resources in developing countries. The conference takes a broad interest in the area of resources, development and conservation, including but not limited to: plant genetic resources and food security issues, deforestation and development, fisheries and institutional adaptation, development and conservation, wildlife conservation and park pricing, and international trade and regulation. The conference will have sessions on economic development and biodiversity conservation, and on institutions and institutional change pertaining to the management of living resources.

http://www.bioecon-network.org/pages/14th_2012.html

The **11th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 11) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)** is organised by the CBD Secretariat and will take place **8 - 19 October 2012, in Hyderabad, India**. The High Level Segment will be held from 17-19 October 2012. The provisional agenda includes consideration of: the status of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits arising from their Utilization; implementation of the Strategic Plan 2011-2020 and progress towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets; issues related to financial resources and the financial mechanism; issues related to cooperation, outreach and the UN Decade on Biodiversity; operations of the Convention; Article 8(j) and related provisions; in-depth review of the programme of work on island biodiversity; ways and means to support ecosystem restoration; marine and coastal biodiversity; biodiversity and climate change; other substantive issues arising from COP 10 decisions, including dryland, forest, inland waters, mountain, and agricultural biodiversity, protected areas, sustainable use of biodiversity, the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, biofuels and biodiversity, invasive alien species, the Global Taxonomy Initiative, incentive measures, and biodiversity and development; as well as administrative and budgetary matters.

<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=cop-11>

Funding and Awards Opportunities

Whitley Fund for Nature accepting applications for 2013 funding round. The Whitley Fund for Nature (WFN) is a UK registered charity offering "Whitley Awards" to outstanding nature conservation leaders around the world. Whitley Awards are both an international profile prize and a form of project funding (currently £35,000 over one year). The application process for the Whitley Awards 2013 is now open – the

deadline for applications is Wednesday October 31st 2012. Please visit www.whitleyaward.org to download an application form and find guidance on how to apply. The Awards will be presented by WFN Patron, HRH The Princess Royal, at the annual Whitley Awards Ceremony in May 2013 and successful applicants will receive funding in June 2013.

World Wide Fund For Nature (WWF) Prince Bernhard Scholarships for Nature Conservation 2013.

WWF supports professional training and formal studies of individuals working in disciplines directly relevant to nature conservation. Eligibility extends to mid-career nationals from Africa (including Madagascar); Asia and Pacific; Latin America and Caribbean; Eastern Europe; the Middle East; and North Africa/Mediterranean. WWF gives priority to applicants seeking support for studies or training in their own countries or regions. Grants are for a maximum of one year; the maximum grant amount is CHF 10 thousand. Applications are due 11 January 2013. [For more information](#)

Conservation, Food, and Health Foundation -- Concept Applications 2012-2013. The CFH Foundation makes grants to nonprofit organizations for projects in conservation, sustainable agriculture, and health in developing countries. Most grants range from US\$15 thousand to US\$30 thousand. Concept applications are accepted twice a year, with deadlines of 01 January and 01 July. For more information: http://cfhfoundation.grantsmanagement08.com/?page_id=6

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

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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