

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 in two months 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. If any PCLG members would be interested to present their work in this session, please let us know via pclg@iied.org.

It has now been two months since we launched a new version of the [PCLG website](#). We still welcome your feedback on how we could further improve it. Please send your comments to pclg@iied.org.

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. We hope 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

New PCLG Uganda Darwin Project Launched: A 3-year research and advocacy project has been started at an inception workshop in Makerere University, Kampala. **The Jane Goodall Institute (JGI), the Institute for Tropical Forest Conservation (ITFC), Advocates Coalition for Development and Environment (ACODE) and The International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED)** organised a workshop from July 12th to 14th to launch the new Darwin-funded project. Working through U-PCLG, using Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park as a case study, the project entails a combined programme of research and capacity development for policy advocacy which is intended to improve policy and practice in a number of areas. For more information: <http://povertyandconservation.info/en/pages/pclg-uganda-project-launched-inception-workshop-12-14-july-2012>

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](#)

Village Enterprise is expanding its Kenyan operations to include the Kisere Conservation Venture. The Kisere Forest, the last habitat in Kenya for the endangered De Brazza's monkey, is located adjacent to the Kakamega Forest. The Village Enterprise conservation approach, first piloted near the Budongo Forest in Western Uganda, is based on a combination of conservation-specific trainings coupled with a microenterprise development program. The Kisere Conservation Venture is a three-year plan, creating 1,040 new businesses and providing opportunities for 3,120 individuals to break out of poverty in Kenya. This project will affect over 15,600 people, especially benefitting women and youth in the community.

The Conservation Initiative on Human Rights (CIHR) consortium has recently published two reports in support of its goal to promote integration of human rights in conservation policy and practice.

Conservation and Human Rights: Key Issues and Contexts – a scoping paper for the CIHR – provides an introduction to international rights frameworks, identifies key issues at the intersection of conservation and human rights, and explores practical approaches to address these issues in conservation contexts.

Rights-based Approaches to REDD+ is the report of a CIHR workshop held in January 2012 in Lima, Peru, which aims to share experience on practical efforts to implement indigenous peoples' rights and social safeguards and generate community benefits from REDD+, in line with internationally-recognized human rights. CIHR members include BirdLife International, Conservation International, Fauna and Flora International, IUCN, The Nature Conservancy, Wetlands International, Wildlife Conservation Society and WWF.

IIED has recently published two new publications on locally controlled forests and small forest enterprises which are free to download. **Investing in locally controlled forestry** is available at <http://pubs.iied.org/17130IIED.html?c=forestry>; **Supporting small forest enterprises: A facilitator's toolkit** is available at <http://pubs.iied.org/13558IIED.html?c=forestry>. While both are targeted at the forest sector they include lots of valuable information that is widely relevant to anyone with an interest in small enterprises and community based natural resource management and so potentially of wide relevance to PCLG members.

Conservation and Poverty News Stories

Use natural resources to fight poverty - Poverty reduction, education and health care needs to be enhanced by fully utilising the natural resources that are in abundance in Zambia, says a conservation director. In an interview in Livingstone, Mathew Brown, who is African regional conservation director for The Nature Conservancy (TNC) based in Tanzania, said when communities felt they were not deriving the benefits out of the natural resources, they resort to abusing the source for their own gains. [Full article](#)

Poaching in the Serengeti linked to poverty, high legal hunting prices - In the effort to protect the Serengeti—arguably Africa's most famous ecosystem—one of the major problems is the bushmeat trade. Population growth, little available protein, poverty, and a long-standing history of hunting have led many communities to poach wildlife within Serengeti National Park. Interviewing over a thousand community members in the western Serengeti, scientists found that community members are largely aware that wildlife hunting is illegal and that conservation of wild species is important, but hunt animals anyway partly out of necessity. [Full article](#)

Innovative conservation: wild silk, endangered species, and poverty in Madagascar - For anyone who works in conservation in Madagascar, confronting the complex difficulties of widespread poverty is a part of the job. But with the wealth of Madagascar's wildlife rapidly diminishing— such as lemurs, miniature chameleons, and hedgehog-looking tenrecs found no-where else in the world—the island-nation has become a testing ground for innovative conservation programs that focus on tackling entrenched poverty to save dwindling species and degraded places. The local NGO, the Madagascar Organization of Silk Workers or SEPALI, along with its U.S. partner Conservation through Poverty Alleviation (CPALI), is one such innovative program. In order to alleviate local pressure on the newly-established Makira Protected Area, SEPALI is aiding local farmers in artisanal silk production from endemic moths. The program uses Madagascar's famed wildlife to help create more economically stable communities. [Full article](#)

Blogs

Making sure the poor benefit from ecosystem services, by Kate Munro - Palm wine, bat stew and carbon markets all made it into the same discussion in the UK Parliament in early February— likely for the

first time. Researchers working with Ecosystem Services for Poverty Alleviation (ESPA), an interdisciplinary research programme which draws together physical scientists, social scientists and economists to examine how ecosystem services support human security, health and wellbeing met with Stephen O'Brien, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for International Development at a meeting of the All Party Parliamentary Group for International Development and the Environment (APPGIDE). [Read the full blog](#).

New publications in the PCLG bibliographic database

Beyond the decade of policy and community euphoria: The state of livelihoods under new local rights to forest in rural Cameroon

By Oyono, P.R., Biyong, M.B. and Samba, S.G.; June 2012

This paper examines the state of livelihoods under the exercise of new community rights to forest in rural Cameroon. The assessment makes use of a set of livelihoods indicators. The granting and exercise of new community rights- specifically management rights and market rights are not synonymous with improved livelihoods, despite initial predictions and expectations. The resource base has not changed; it is more and more threatened by poor local level institutional arrangements and social and bio-physical management strategies, in addition to the weak central level regulation and monitoring actions. Similarly, the rights-based reform and community forestry are not improving basic assets and means at the household level. Nevertheless, this paper suggests that this experiment should not be judged hastily, since fifteen years are not enough to judge social and institutional processes like those in progress in Cameroon. The authors draw policy options likely to improve the livelihoods dimension of the reform and launch a debate on the real contribution of community income derived from community forests towards poverty alleviation at the household level.

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](#), IUCN's highest decision-making body and a unique global environmental parliament of governments and NGOs. You [can register now](#) for the IUCN [World Conservation Congress](#).

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.

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.

Funding and Awards Opportunities

UK Department for Environment, Food, and Rural Affairs (Defra) Darwin Main Projects and Post Projects 2013. Defra announces Round 19 of the UK Darwin Initiative for biodiversity conservation. Defra invites applications for support of main projects and post projects to commence April 2013. Projects will be expected to contribute to the knowledge base on the links between biodiversity conservation and human welfare and poverty reduction. The programme is open to applicants of all nationalities and locations. Grants normally range from £80 thousand to £300 thousand for projects of three years. Matched funding is desirable but not a requirement. The closing date for Stage 1 applications is 13 August 2012. [Read more](#)

International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) Fellowship Programme: ITTO offers fellowships through the Freezailah Fellowship Fund to promote human resource development and to strengthen professional expertise in member countries in tropical forestry and related disciplines. The goal is to promote the sustainable management of tropical forests, the efficient use and processing of tropical timber, and better economic information about the international trade in tropical timber. The maximum amount for a fellowship grant is US\$10,000. Only nationals of ITTO member countries are eligible to apply, and

fellowships are awarded mainly to nationals of developing member countries. The closing date for the 2012 Autumn Cycle of applications is **24 August 2012**. [Learn more](#)

Rainforest Alliance -- Kleinhans Fellowship: The Kleinhans Fellowship supports research to understand and improve how the harvesting and marketing of non-timber forest products affects rural livelihoods and tropical forest ecosystems in Latin America. The fellowship provides US\$16 thousand per year, for two years. Applicants should have at least a master's degree (doctoral candidates and post-doctoral researchers are preferred) and/or relevant experience. There are no restrictions by nationality. The application deadline is **31 December 2012**. [Read more](#)

Other Opportunities

Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctoral Programme on Forest and Nature for Society (FONASO) 2013.

The EC's Erasmus Mundus includes the program Forest and Nature for Society (FONASO), jointly administered by seven European universities. FONASO annually funds 8 -10 fellowships in its doctoral program for candidates worldwide. Research in FONASO includes several projects on themes relevant in the developing world, e.g., tropical forest ecology, paying for ecosystem services, assessing the contribution of forests to poverty alleviation, increasing the value chains of non-timber forest products, and several others. The application deadline is **01 November 2012**. [Read more](#)

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](mailto:newbooks@iied.org) 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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