

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-seventh 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 December.

Secretariat News

PCLG ACTIVITIES/EVENTS: A PCLG workshop on linking ape conservation and poverty reduction took place in Masindi, Uganda from 15th to 19th November. Around 30 participants from a variety of ape range states in Africa shared their experience on engaging communities, generating income and reducing poverty; visited community enterprises and conservation programmes in the local area; and learned about opportunities associated with REDD, mainstreaming poverty and environment, and forest governance. The group was keen to continue collaborating as a great apes chapter of the PCLG, with ambitions to establish national level chapters in a number of countries. The members identified a wide range of follow up activities at national, regional and international levels from practical work on human wildlife conflict to policy advocacy. For more details please see the short report of the workshop - available [here](#). All the powerpoints and some of the poster presentations are also available to view on the [PCLG website](#).

WE NEED YOUR HELP: We are starting to plan next year's PCLG meeting. This event will take place in late 2011, will be open to PCLG members only, 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. There was a lot of interest at the Masindi workshop in having this event focus on human-wildlife conflict. Please, send your comments, suggestions and ideas to pclg@iied.org

FREE RESOURCES: We have copies of the latest edition of the journal Biodiversity, which has a special focus on biodiversity and poverty alleviation and includes a feature on the PCLG 2010 symposium. Anyone who would like a copy should email their postal address (pclg@iied.org).

Featured News

The UNDP/UNEP Poverty and Environment Initiative (PEI) Africa held a Regional Economic Forum on 8-11, November 2010 in Nairobi, Kenya. The meeting, attended by 70 representatives from Botswana, Burkina Faso, Liberia, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda with participation from UNEP and UNDP regional offices from Asia, Eastern Europe & Africa had the following objectives: 1. To review PEI country experience & lessons learned in relation to: • Economic assessments/valuation of environment & natural resource; • Budget guidelines & public expenditure reviews on environment expenditures; and • Environmental fiscal reform (promoting the use of economic instruments for sustainable utilization of environment & natural resources) 2. To determine harmonized approaches & methodologies based on best practice 3. To explore partnership opportunities with national, regional & global institutions

The meeting concluded that **economic tools & approaches are an important instrument for integrating poverty & environment linkages** into national & sub-national development planning & implementing processes, including budgets.

Secondly, **economic analysis has generated solid evidence of links between Environmental Sustainability & Poverty Reduction.** Country examples demonstrated how economic analyses have provided substantive evidence of how environmentally sustainable natural resource management is important for achieving sustainable economic growth, poverty reduction & generally improving livelihoods.

Thirdly, **economic evidence convinces development decision-makers.** Economic evidence is the key to convincing key decision-makers that environmental sustainability should be a higher development priority. Policy makers are increasingly using the results from PEI economic assessments to justify mainstreaming poverty & environment linkages into development planning processes & budgets.

In addition, **investment in environmental sustainability remains low.** This was demonstrated from Public Environment Expenditure Reviews, and reviews of Economic Instruments for sustainable environment use and poverty reduction. However, there is increasing appreciation of the importance of investment in environmental sustainability for the achievement of key development objectives, including food security & poverty reduction. More support should be provided to strengthening the integration of environmental sustainability into national budget processes.

Furthermore, **public environment expenditure reviews and environmental fiscal reform studies promote investment in environmental sustainability.** Public environment expenditure reviews have enabled countries to promote political momentum for internal & external resource mobilization for investing in environmentally sustainable natural resource use & enhanced advocacy for sustainable financing. Environmental Fiscal Reform Studies including reviews of economic instruments highlight sustainable financing options. These studies have demonstrated diversified options for sustainable financing for environmentally sustainable natural resource management & poverty reduction.

Finally, key **challenges in the application of economic tools** to promote the integration of poverty and environment issues in national decision making remain. These include lack of guidance on the application of standardized methodologies across PEI countries; non-availability of reliable data on poverty and environment indicators; lack of adequate national expertise to apply the economic tools; ensuring adequate involvement of stakeholders from different sectors; limited funding, especially local funding for economic analysis and mixed levels of political support for economic instruments.

The forum also provided **key recommendations** for PEI and partners to strengthen the use of economic tools and methodologies for environment mainstreaming. The recommendations fell under three main clusters: (i) Improve guidance on use of economic assessments, tools and methodologies for PEI mainstreaming; (ii) Develop national capacity to apply economic tools and use evidence in national decision making; and (iii) Enhance knowledge management and dissemination of lessons learned at national, regional and global levels.

Further information on the forum objectives, presentations and detailed forum outcomes can be obtained from the [UNDP/UNEP PEI website](#). You are also welcome to address any specific requests to Angela Lusigi (angela.lusigi@unpei.org).

News from PCLG Friends

IIED Insights: After 18 years of negotiations and more than 2 weeks of tense discussions in Nagoya, Japan, the world finally struck a deal on access to genetic resources and benefit sharing. The Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and Equitable Sharing of Benefits is intended as a step forward in ensuring equitable benefit sharing in return for genetic resources, and acknowledging and respecting indigenous communities' rights over their traditional knowledge and genetic resources. The protocol essentially legally binds the 193 parties to the CBD to follow rules to prevent biopiracy and provide benefits, including financial ones, to countries and communities when using their genetic resources. In this article, one of the senior researchers in IIED's Natural Resources Group, Krystyna Swiderska, explains why benefit sharing is so important and what we can expect the Nagoya Protocol to deliver in practice.

Indigenous conservation territories and areas conserved by indigenous peoples and local communities - ICCAs for short, are the subject of **Bio-cultural diversity conserved by indigenous peoples & local communities - examples &**

analysis, a document launched at CBD COP 10 in October 2010. Earlier in May 2010 a summary of this document addressing policy makers (IUCN/CEESP Briefing Note no. 10) had been launched at CBD SBSTTA in Nairobi. The larger document provides the examples and analysis underlying the policy advice contained in Briefing Note. For more information, please consult www.iccaforum.org To download these documents:

- ICCA Examples and analysis [English](#)
- ICCA Examples and analysis [Spanish](#)
- ICCA Examples and analysis [French](#)
- IUCN CEESP Briefing Note no.10 [English](#)
- IUCN CEESP Briefing Note no.10 [French](#)
- IUCN CEESP Briefing Note no.10 [Spanish](#)

Carol Colfer and Jean-Laurent Pfund are pleased to announce the publication of their new book “**Collaborative Governance of Tropical Landscapes**”. This book provides a novel approach to governance relating to biodiversity and human well-being in complex tropical landscapes, including forests and protected areas. It focuses attention at the interface between communities and the landscape level, building on interdisciplinary research conducted in five countries (Cameroon, Indonesia, Laos, Madagascar and Tanzania). To receive a 20% discount on this book, as well as any other title from Earthscan, simply use promotion code PCLG12 at the checkout at www.earthscan.co.uk

RRI has recently partnered with the Mexican Civil Council for Sustainable Forestry in authoring a report on the success of Mexican community forestry and its role as the best option for CO2 mitigation by reducing deforestation and forest degradation. The English and Spanish versions of the report titled “**Sustainable Forest Management as a Strategy to Combat Climate Change: Lessons from Mexican Communities**”, together with some further background materials, are available for download [here](#).

IISD RS is pleased to announce that the newest issue of MEA Bulletin is now available. The [106th issue of MEA Bulletin](#) includes reports on, inter alia:

- the Cancun Climate Change Conference,
- a Regional Workshop on Biodiversity and Finance in Support of the Nagoya Outcome,
- a UN Forum on Forests-organized event titled “International Year of Forests 2011: Forests for People,”
- preparations for the February meetings of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification’s Subsidiary Bodies, and
- a Regional Awareness Raising Workshop on Enhancing Cooperation and Coordination for the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions in Central America and the Caribbean.
- The guest article is excerpted from a study titled “Environmental Goods and Services Negotiations at the WTO: Lessons from multilateral environmental agreements and ecolabels for breaking the impasse.”

New Organisations in our database

Mountain Gorilla Veterinary Project (MGVP): The Mountain Gorilla Veterinary Project (MGVP) has a ‘one health’ philosophy, which sees gorilla health as linked to that of local people. The One Health approach is based on the logic that gorillas are vulnerable to many of the same diseases as humans and livestock, and come into regular contact with them through interactions with tourists and when they leave forest areas to forage in farmland. Consequently it makes sense to see the health of gorillas, local people and livestock as connected, and MGVP argues that there should be both a poverty and conservation benefit to supporting healthcare interventions for all three.

[Wild Chimpanzee Foundation \(WCF\):](#) The Wild Chimpanzee Foundation (WCF) is a multi-national foundation created

and advised by individuals who join efforts to preserve as many as possible of the remaining wild chimpanzee populations and their natural habitat throughout their range in Africa. The philosophy of the projects is three-fold, based on Education-Conservation-Research, involving the local human populations around the protected key sites, school children from developed and sub-Saharan countries, and scientists.

IUCN/SSC Primate Specialist Group (PSG): The IUCN/SSC Primate Specialist Group is a network of scientists and conservationists who stand against the tide of extinction that threatens humanity's closest kin. PSG supports field research, conservation measures and education programmes in primate range states, including the African great apes. The most relevant activity of the PSG is the publication of regional action plans for the conservation of great ape subspecies in Africa.

Forthcoming Events

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.

World Conservation Congress: The 2012 World Conservation Congress will be held from **6th to 15th September 2012 in Jeju, Republic of Korea**. Leaders from government, the public sector, non-governmental organizations, business, UN agencies and social organizations will discuss, debate and decide solutions for the world's most pressing environment and development issues. The 2012 Congress aims to put nature and conservation at the top of the global agenda.

New Publications in our database

Protected Area Downgrading, Downsizing, and Degazettement (PADDD) and Its Conservation Implications, by **Mascia, M.B., Pailler, S., 2010, Conservation Letters, Wiley Interscience**: National parks and other protected areas (PAs) are the foundation of global efforts to conserve biological diversity. Conservation policy and practice assume that PAs are permanent fixtures on the landscape, but scattered evidence points to widespread—yet largely overlooked—PA downgrading, downsizing, and degazettement (PADDD). The authors explore the published literature and contemporary media reports as a preliminary investigation of PADDD and its implications for conservation science and policy.

Payments For Environmental Services, Forest Conservation and Climate Change: Livelihoods in the REDD?, by **Tacconi, L., Mahanty, S., Suich, H., December 2010, Edgar Elgar Publishing, 288 pp.**: This resourceful book draws on several case studies to derive implications for the design of Payment for Environmental Services (PES) schemes that are very relevant to current climate change negotiations and the implementation of Reduced Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation (REDD) schemes at the national level. With its focus on livelihoods, the book also provides important lessons that are relevant to the design of PES schemes focusing on environmental services other than carbon conservation.

Building Effective Pro-poor REDD-plus Interventions, by **IUCN, November 2010, IUCN, Gland, 8 pp.**: REDD-plus offers major opportunities to turn around tropical deforestation and degradation, but if not designed well, implementation can result in direct and significant harm to marginalized, forest dependent groups. Drawing on the work of IUCN and its members across Asia, Africa and Central America, this publication aims to explain why multi-stakeholder processes need to be given more emphasis during the REDD-plus readiness phase and how they can be enhanced to provide new insights into how REDD-plus can be more effective and equitable.

Resources

The following funding opportunities, recently posted at Terra Viva Grants, may be of interest to members of the PCLG: Ryklow Charitable Trust (31 Dec); Weeden Foundation (05 Jan); Inter-American Foundation (18 Jan); Kinship Conservation Fellows (24 Jan); EC - Civil Society and Forests in Congo (24 Jan); Australia-Africa Community Grants (31 Jan); EC - Illegal Forest Exploitation in Central African Republic (25 Feb); Royal Bank of Canada Blue Water Project (22 Mar); and Swiss Re Watershed Award (30 Apr). See "Application Deadlines" at <http://www.terravivagrants.org>

The **Schumacher College** is holding a **Transformative Development Season of course** early in the New Year. These courses will be excellent training opportunities for anyone working in the development sector, and are academically acknowledged by way of Master credits for anyone studying in this field.

The **Master of Science in European Forestry Erasmus Mundus (MSc EF)** is provided by a consortium of seven well-known European universities. The MSc EF is an international double-degree programme, which has been acknowledged by the European Commission as a top quality European MSc under the Erasmus Mundus programme. The focus of the MSc EF is on the international dimensions of forest resource management and utilisation, supported by a sound understanding of ecological conditions and their dynamics in Europe. In addition to receiving a high quality education, you will enjoy the cultural and recreational opportunities of many European cities and nature.

World Wildlife Fund is announcing the 2011 Kathryn Fuller Science for Nature Fellowships to support doctoral and postdoctoral research on marine protected areas (MPAs) that shows promise to enhance scientific understanding of their ecological and social impacts and that will strengthen science-based conservation and policy in the following WWF-US priority marine regions: Bering Sea, Gulf of California, Mesoamerican Reef, Galapagos, Coastal East Africa and Coral Triangle. **The deadline for application submission is January 31, 2011.** For more information on the Fuller Doctoral Fellowship, please visit: <http://www.worldwildlife.org/science/fellowships/fuller/doctoralfund.html> For more information on the Fuller Postdoctoral Fellowship, please visit: <http://www.worldwildlife.org/science/fellowships/fuller/postdoctoral-fellowships.html> For questions or further information, please contact fullerfund@wwfus.org

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 [here](#).

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.**

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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