

---

## Secretariat News

---

**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](mailto:pclg@iied.org) and we will upload it on the PCLG website.** We have an upload limit of 2 MB per document, so please DO NOT send us documents larger than 2 MB as we will not be able to upload them on the PCLG website and they will clog up our inbox.

**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](mailto:pclg@iied.org). If you would like to receive BioSoc go to: <http://povertyandconservation.info/en/biosoc.php>

---

## Members News

---

**IIED** has collaborated with the Responsible Tourism Partnership to launch a new website on pro-poor tourism. The site includes a wealth of information, case studies and relevant publications. See [www.propoortourism.info](http://www.propoortourism.info) for more details.

**Fauna & Flora International (FFI)** is working with local partners in Indonesia, where biodiversity and carbon rich forests outside formal protected areas are under enormous pressure for conversion to agricultural plantations or intensive forestry concessions, to facilitate a new paradigm of community-based forest management. In the forests bordering Kerinci Seblat National Park, in Sumatra Indonesia, FFI is working with NGO Lembaga Tiga Beradik (L-TB) and local government to support fourteen forest-edge communities in two districts to secure legally recognised village forests in critical Sumatran Tiger habitat. The program addresses goals of biodiversity conservation, climate change mitigation, and protection of the forest rights, resources and ecosystem services on which the local communities depend. A short film illustrates our work with eight communities in Merangin District [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tVRhLRn5ZXs&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tVRhLRn5ZXs&feature=player_embedded)  
For further information, please contact [Zoe.Cullen@fauna-flora.org](mailto:Zoe.Cullen@fauna-flora.org)

When habitats are degraded and species disappear, the value of the places where we live is diminished, and the goods and services that the local environment provides - like food, shelter, clean water and recreational space - decline. The quality of our environment plays a vital role in the quality of human life and local people are often highly motivated to take action for the environment in the places where they live and work. Empowering local people and organisations and working in partnership to conserve the places and species that they value is critical to effective, sustainable, equitable conservation. **BirdLife's** latest publication, "Empowering the grassroots: BirdLife, Participation and Local Communities" (<http://www.birdlife.org/community/2011/12/empowering-the-grassroots/>), describes BirdLife's approach to working locally, and provides a set of 25 case studies from around the world which demonstrate the richness of local experience and the positive impact that empowered local organisations and individuals can have. Birdlife has also introduced a 'spotlight' on local empowerment as part of its Case Study database, which is available here (<http://www.birdlife.org/datazone/sowb/spotlocal>).

2011 has been a very exciting year at **CPALI** and for **SEPALI** Madagascar. Below are some of CPALI's accomplishments and innovations:

- 126 new farmers were registered and a grand total of 15,000 silkworm host trees have been added to the border forest surrounding the Makira Protected Area. Monthly newsletters that picture and highlight the farmers' achievements are distributed in the communities. Farmers learn what others have achieved and see their own accomplishments in print;
- Five women's groups of 40 women are earning money by making baskets and nets that the farmers use to rear larvae. The earnings of the SEPALI men, however, are longer in coming because it takes 2 years for the trees to grow large enough to produce a full crop. Nevertheless, seeing the women getting paid encourages them that there is indeed a profit at the end of the silk tunnel;

- SEPALI's has established a cocoon bank where farmers deposit cocoons and receive payment when they choose. The cocoon bank builds farmer assets in an economy based on bartered goods.

The **UNDP's Human Development Report 2011** (<http://hdr.undp.org/en/>) is now available. The major themes throughout the report are sustainability and equity, but there is also a section on biodiversity, titled '*Conserving biodiversity while promoting equity*' starting on page 76.

**EcoAgriculture Partners** is carrying out the programming and planning for the international initiative on "Landscapes for People, Food and Nature" together with a group of eight co-organizers partners. This three-year collaborative initiative aims to scale up successful strategies that improve livelihoods and food security, conserve biodiversity and ecosystem services, and help address climate change. The initiative partners include: the World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF); Bioversity International; the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO); the UN Environment Programme; and the UN University Institute of Advanced Studies (UNU-IAS).  
<http://landscapes.ecoagriculture.org/>

The UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (**UNESCO**) has launched its Biodiversity Initiative (<http://www.unesco.org/new/en/natural-sciences/special-themes/biodiversity-initiative>), an interdisciplinary initiative that aims to address, in a holistic and integrated manner, all aspects related to the conservation and sustainable and equitable use of biodiversity from the perspective of UNESCO's mandate, programmes and activities. The UNESCO Biodiversity Initiative will allow UNESCO to cooperate with other members of the UN system through the 'One UN initiative for Biodiversity' in support of efforts by governments to implement their biodiversity commitments and to strengthen the intergovernmental science-policy interface on biodiversity and ecosystem services.

The **2011 SEED Awards** (<http://www.seedinit.org/>), announced by the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), were granted to 35 entrepreneurs from 14 countries for their inspiring grassroot businesses that contribute to meeting current sustainable development challenges. The 2011 SEED awards recognized enterprises such as briquettes made from groundnut shells in the Gambia to a social business marketing recycled handicrafts in Kenya for their contributions to sustainable development. Other winners included a "Solar bread oven" in Burkina Faso, "waste enterprisers" in Ghana and a "project for producing edible mushroom spores" in Rwanda.

---

## Conservation and Poverty News Stories

---

**WWF is Conserving Nature and Combating Poverty in Namibia.** Poverty may be widespread in Namibia but the sustainable use of natural resources is an area of expanding economic development in the country. Namibia is a leader amongst African nations for its protection of nature and the environment. Namibia was the first African country to incorporate protection of the environment into its constitution. To help with this endeavour the government of Namibia has given local communities the opportunity to manage their wildlife through communal conservancies. Full article  
<http://thegreenmarket.blogspot.com/2011/11/wwf-is-conserving-nature-and-combating.html>

**Tanzania: Improving Lives through Wildlife Management.** Increasingly Wildlife Management Areas are becoming an important investment through which rural communities which take care of the wildlife that attracts tourists, get direct benefits from their resources. Support received from institutions such as USAID, are an important aspect that does not only help with fighting rural poverty but also promote conservation. Full article  
<http://allafrica.com/stories/201111151421.html>

**Toward Full Operationalization of the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)**, by Neville Ash, Chief of the Biodiversity Unit, and Coordinator of the Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Branch, UN Environment Programme (UNEP). The work of IPBES will be of interest to the wide range of stakeholders involved in the fields of sustainable development, biodiversity conservation, natural resources management, and economics, both as potential contributors to the platform's work, but also through the use of its findings to support decisions of government, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and the private sector that depend on, or affect, biodiversity and ecosystem services. Full article  
<http://biodiversity-l.iisd.org/guest-articles/toward-full-operationalization-of-the-intergovernmental-platform-on-biodiversity-and-ecosystem-services-ipbes/>

---

## New PCLG Members

---

**Green League Congo** is a not-for-profit NGO whose mission is to safeguard ecosystems, fight global warming, and reduce the poverty of the indigenous population. More specific objectives are:

- Environmental protection and advocacy
- Protection and conservation of biodiversity
- Dissemination of the link between a healthy environment and human health
- Helping Indigenous Peoples claim their rights

<http://povertyandconservation.info/en/org/O0462.php>

---

## Forthcoming Events

---

**Jan 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>: Africa-Asia Ape Conservation and Poverty Alleviation Learning Exchange:** With funding from the US Fish and Wildlife Service, GRASP and the Arcus Foundation's support to the PCLG, IIED and CIFOR are organizing a workshop and field trip in Indonesia whereby African policy makers and NGO officials can share experience in linking ape conservation and poverty alleviation with their Asian counterparts. The outcomes of the workshop will be discussed in the next issue of PCLG news.

**Forest for People:** This international and interdisciplinary conference organized under the auspices of IUFRO on "**Forest for People**" will be held on May 22-24<sup>th</sup> 2012 in the middle of the Austrian Alps in a Tyrolean Village. The aim of this conference is to build a systematic body of knowledge about "forest for people" and its various facets, including possible future trends and challenges.

<http://ffp2012.boku.ac.at/>

**Earth Summit 2012:** On **4th - 6th June 2012**, the UNCSO will take place in **Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**. Also referred to as the Rio+20 or the Earth Summit 2012 due to the initial conference held in Rio in 1992, the objectives of the Summit are: to secure renewed political commitment to sustainable development; to assess progress towards internationally agreed goals on sustainable development and to address new and emerging challenges. The Summit will also focus on two specific themes: a green economy in the context of poverty eradication and sustainable development, and an institutional framework for sustainable development.

<http://www.earthsummit2012.org>

**World Conservation Congress:** The 2012 World Conservation Congress will be held from **6th to 15th September 2012 in Jeju, Republic of Korea**. The Call for Contributions for the Forum segment of the Congress (7-11 September) is now closed.

<http://www.iucnworldconservationcongress.org/index.cfm>

---

## Funding and Awards Opportunities

---

The following grant opportunities may be of interest to PCLG members: Forest conservation in Congo Basin (06 Feb) [Link](#); EU-China environmental governance (14 May) [Link](#); and Research in community forestry (01 Apr) [Link](#). For additional information on grants, please consult the [Terra Viva Grants Directory](#).

The **Verde Ventures Fund (VVF)** at Conservation International is inviting applications from Small and Medium sized Enterprises (SME's) in the following four key sectors for consideration for investment: Coffee and Cocoa; Fisheries; Clean Energy; and Africa. VVF utilizes a "blended capital" approach of technical assistance and loans and has successfully invested over \$15 million in a range of SME's in Central and South America, Africa, and Madagascar and serves markets as diverse as coffee, tourism, fisheries, and clean energy. Read more

<http://www.conservation.org/sites/verdeventures/Pages/partnerlanding.aspx>.

**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](http://www.ruffordsmallgrants.org)

---

## 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. **Contact IIED as [newbooks@iied.org](mailto: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**

**Doctoral program in Integrative Conservation at the University of Georgia:** The University of Georgia is pleased to announce that they are **accepting applications for fall 2012** for their Integrative Conservation doctoral program. For more information, please contact Meredith Welch-Devine, [mwdevine@uga.edu](mailto:mwdevine@uga.edu), at the Center for Integrative Conservation Research (CICR) at the University of Georgia or see the CICR website: [www.cicr.uga.edu](http://www.cicr.uga.edu). Please note that prospective students apply to the program from a home department, and departmental application deadlines vary. Funded assistantships are available to outstanding students.

**Masters in Conservation Leadership – applications and scholarship support for October 2012:** The MPhil degree in Conservation Leadership at the University of Cambridge is a full-time, 1-year, course aimed at graduates of leadership potential with at least three to five years of relevant experience in biodiversity conservation. Applications are now welcome for entry to the course in October 2012. For further details on how to apply, please visit the course website: [www.geog.cam.ac.uk/graduate/mphil/conservation](http://www.geog.cam.ac.uk/graduate/mphil/conservation)  
The closing date for applications is 30 March 2012. This year the **Miriam Rothschild Scholarship Programme** in Conservation Leadership has been established to support students from less developed and developing countries that are rich in biodiversity, to attend the MPhil in Conservation Leadership. If you have any queries about making an application, please contact the Programme Administrator, Emily Chenery: [emily.chenery@geog.cam.ac.uk](mailto:emily.chenery@geog.cam.ac.uk)

---

### More Info

More information regarding members, publications, initiatives, and events listed in the newsletter is available on [www.povertyandconservation.info](http://www.povertyandconservation.info), the website of the Poverty and Conservation Learning Group.

**BioSoc** is the monthly bulletin of the PCLG, highlighting key new research on biodiversity and society, poverty and conservation. To receive BioSoc, [www.povertyandconservation.info/en/biosoc.php](http://www.povertyandconservation.info/en/biosoc.php)

### Spread the news

If you have a friend or colleague who you think might be interested in receiving PCLG News please feel free to forward them this newsletter or suggest that they subscribe by visiting: [www.povertyandconservation.info/en/newslist.php](http://www.povertyandconservation.info/en/newslist.php)

**To subscribe or unsubscribe:** <http://povertyandconservation.info/en/newslist.php>

***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](mailto:pclg@iied.org) by the end of January.***