

# 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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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Welcome to the forty-third 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](mailto:pclg@iied.org) by the end of June.***

## Secretariat News

**FOCUS ON HUMAN-WILDLIFE CONFLICT: CAN YOU HELP?** At last year's PCLG workshop in Uganda human-wildlife conflict emerged as one of the critical issues affecting conservation-poverty relationships on the ground. We have joined forces with CARE International to explore this issue, focusing in particular on sustainable financing of problem animal control. **We are interested to commission a number of case studies that document different approaches. Please let us know of any suitable case studies you are aware of and we will generate a list from which to commission some more detailed analysis.** Please let us know the following information: the country; whether the approach is associated with a particular location/protected area or used nationally; whether the approach is associated with particular species or generally applicable; what kind of mechanism is employed (e.g. physical barriers; animal removal/culling; compensation scheme; insurance scheme; who administers the scheme (e.g. conservation NGO, local government, private sector etc). **Please send your suggestions to [plcg@iied.org](mailto:plcg@iied.org)**

**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 click [here](#).

## Featured News

**G77/China Discuss Action Plan on South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development:** The third expert meeting on South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development was held in Incheon City, Republic of Korea, from 18-20 May 2011, co-hosted by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the National Institute on Biological Resources (NIBR). The meeting aimed to further develop the Multi-Year Plan of Action on South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development and to discuss the CBD's road map towards the possible adoption of the Plan at next year's Conference of Parties. [More information](#)

**Red List of Ecosystems proposed to emphasise conservation-development linkages:** International experts gathered in May for a meeting organized by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)'s Commission on Ecosystem Management (CEM) to discuss the development of the IUCN Red List of Ecosystems, tailored after the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species. The Red List of Ecosystems will seek to build links between ecosystems, livelihoods, health and well-being to guide and influence conservation and national development agendas. At the 2012 IUCN World Conservation Congress, a motion will be proposed calling for strengthening and consolidating the IUCN Red List of Ecosystems initiative. [More information](#)

**UN Celebrates International Biodiversity Day:** The International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB) was celebrated around the world on 22 May 2011 under the theme of forest biodiversity, as a contribution to 2011 – International Year of Forests. UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon highlighted growing awareness of the role that reducing deforestation and forest degradation can play in addressing the combined threat of climate change, biodiversity loss and land degradation, and commended the renewed emphasis on the importance of forests to sustainable development. The full message of the Secretary-General for the international day of biodiversity is available [here](#)

## News from PCLG Friends

**IIED and partners have just launched a new website: [www.bioculturalheritage.org](http://www.bioculturalheritage.org)** Biocultural heritage includes a wealth of biological resources – from genetic to landscape level – and long standing traditions and practices for their sustainable use and adaptive management. It also describes the bundle of rights that support indigenous peoples and local communities – Traditional Resource Rights. This new website draws on research by IIED, research partners and indigenous and local communities in Peru, Panama, Kenya, India and China. It presents biocultural strategies and methodologies for horizontal networking amongst marginalised communities; and emerging biocultural legal and policy frameworks. It provides guidance and downloadable resources for grassroots organisations, researchers, practitioners and policymakers. [More information](#)

**TEEB Update:** After the successful launch of the TEEB series of reports at the CBD COP-10 meeting in Nagoya, Japan, TEEB has recently released an update on its activities. Here is some of the information contained in the update:

The TEEB Advisory Board met on 4 February 2011 in Brussels, Belgium to review proposals for the next stage of TEEB implementation (referred to as “TEEB Phase III”). Board members agreed to extend the TEEB initiative at least until the Rio+20 Conference and CBD COP-11 meetings in 2012.

TEEB Phase III will focus on the following three areas: policy, business, and communications/outreach. The objective of Phase III would be to mainstream TEEB beyond the biodiversity policy sphere while ensuring scientific credibility.

A number of national and regional "TEEB" assessments are being initiated.

#### More information

The **Equator Initiative** has released the latest issue of its newsletter **Between the Lines**. This issue includes information on: the Equator Initiative participation at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity; stories from three Equator Prize 2010 winner representatives on their experiences during the Community Summit dialogue space, as well as connections made and developments in their work since returning home; and the ongoing work with communities to develop their detailed case studies, photo stories, and Millennium Development Goal (MDG) posters.

The **Forest Peoples Programme Annual Report 2010** is now available for download.

#### **New Organisations in our database**

**Budongo Conservation Field Station (BCFS):** Since its inception in 1990, Budongo Conservation Field Station (BCFS) has blended research and conservation to ensure sustainable management and utilisation of the Budongo Forest Reserve as a model for tropical rainforest management. In its new strategic plan BCFS is aiming to continue generating world-class scientific research on primates as well as diversifying its research programme to encompass other biological taxa, and to use this information to support policy development, conservation action and sustainable resource management.

**Chimpanzee Sanctuary Wildlife Conservation Trust (CSWCT):** The Chimpanzee Sanctuary Wildlife Conservation Trust (CSWCT) was established as a globally recognised collaborative conservation effort geared towards developing and implementing a long-term strategy for conservation of chimpanzees and their habitat.

**Bwindi Mgahinga Conservation Trust (BMCT):** Bwindi Mgahinga Conservation Trust (BMCT) was established in 1994 under the Uganda Trustees Laws. Its mission is to foster conservation of biodiversity of Mgahinga Gorilla National Park (MGNP) and Bwindi Impenetrable National Park (BINP) through investments in community development projects, grants for research and ecological monitoring, funding park management and protection and programmes that create greater conservation awareness.

#### **New Initiatives in our database**

**Animal & Human Health for the Environment And Development (AHEAD):** AHEAD was launched by WCS and a consortium of organizations at the 2003 IUCN World Parks Congress in Durban, South Africa. AHEAD is a convening, facilitative mechanism, working to create enabling environments that allow different and often competing sectors to literally come to the same table and find collaborative ways forward to address challenges at the interface of wildlife health, livestock health, and human health and livelihoods. AHEAD convenes stakeholders, helps delineate conceptual frameworks to underpin planning, management and research, and provides technical support and resources for projects stakeholders identify as priorities. AHEAD recognizes the need to look at health and disease not in isolation but within a given region's socioeconomic and environmental context. In short, AHEAD recognizes the importance of animal and human health to both conservation and development interests. AHEAD's work is primarily focussed in the Kavango-Zambezi (KAZA) Transfrontier Conservation Area (TFCA) and in the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Conservation Area.

#### **Forthcoming Events**

**Counting on the Environment: The contribution of forests to rural livelihoods:** CIFOR's Poverty and Environment Network project (PEN) will host the conference '**Counting on the Environment: The contribution of forests to rural livelihoods**' on **15 June 2011, at the Royal Society, London, UK**. This research policy conference aims to increase awareness about the critical links between poverty and the environment by presenting new research findings and bringing together researchers, policy makers, and practitioners. An intended outcome of the conference is to help putting the environment more firmly onto the poverty agenda, and to strengthen the case for more systematic data collection on the way in which poor people rely on forests.

### **Reconciling Poverty Eradication and Quality of the Environment: What are the innovative solutions?**

This conference, organised by the Veolia Environment Institute in partnership with the French Development Agency, which will take place **on June 27th -28th, 2011 at the Maison de la Chimie, Paris, France**, aims at presenting, illustrating and debating global and local approaches and initiatives making it possible to reconcile poverty eradication and quality of the environment. It will rely on scientific, political and practitioners' viewpoints. Through concrete cases, the conference therefore aims at promoting best practices and issuing recommendations to stakeholders and decision-makers.

**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.

**Indigenous Peoples, Marginalized Populations and Climate Change:** United Nations University (UNU), Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) are co-organising two workshops on "Indigenous Peoples, Marginalized Populations and Climate Change", which will take place **on 19-21 July 2011, in Mexico City, Mexico**. The workshops will bring together representatives of indigenous peoples and marginalized populations, natural and social scientists, and other experts in relevant domains. The aim of the workshops is to identify, compile and analyse relevant indigenous and local observations, knowledge and practices related to understanding climate change impacts, adaptation and mitigation.

**4th World Conference on Ecological Restoration:** The Society for Ecological Restoration (SER) and its partners from Latin America invite you to **Merida, Mexico, on August 21-25, 2011** for SER's 4th World Conference on Ecological Restoration. The theme of SER 2011 is "Re-establishing the Link between Nature and Culture". SER 2011 will be an important forum for addressing the global challenges of biodiversity and habitat loss, climate change, and sustainable development. It will provide a global venue for professionals, researchers, students and the public to come together, learn and share their knowledge and experiences, and identify practical solutions for restoring nature and sustaining critical ecosystem goods and services.

**ACES 2011: Conservation Conflicts: Strategies for coping with a changing world:** This conference will take place from **22nd to 24th August 2011, at the Arts Centre in Aberdeen, Scotland, UK**. As human pressures on the planet increase, biodiversity is under growing pressure across the world. Changing patterns in land use, over-exploitation, pollution, climate change and the threat posed by invasive species, all challenge the way we currently manage and conserve biological diversity. Consequently, there are increasing numbers of conflicts between those interested in conserving species and those with alternative goals, interests or values. These conflicts occur over a range of scales from the local management of single species to international conflicts over the management of resources; they are multi-dimensional, involving ecological, social and economic interests and operate within political and legal frameworks. This conference brings together academics from a range of disciplines, policy makers and practitioners to address how, when and why conflicts arise, and to identify mitigation strategies.

**13th Annual BIOECON Conference: "Resource Economics, Biodiversity Conservation and Development":** The Scientific Partners of BIOECON are pleased to announce the Thirteenth Annual International BIOECON conference on "Resource Economics, Biodiversity Conservation and Development". The conference will be held at the Villa Barton of the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, **Geneva, Switzerland on 11-13 September 2011**. 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, international trade and regulation, and most other issues dealing with living resources.

**25th International Congress for Conservation Biology (ICCB):** The 25th annual meeting of the Society for Conservation Biology will be held from **5-9 December 2011 in Auckland, New Zealand**. The theme of the meeting is "Engaging Society in Conservation". Biodiversity around the world continues to decline at an ever-increasing pace, yet much of society carries on business as usual. How can conservation biologists engage with society to achieve positive outcomes for conservation without compromising our scientific rigour or integrity?

**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.

**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 open. The call will remain open until 15 October 2011 and you will have until this date to identify partners and develop your proposal. The system is currently available in English. The French and Spanish versions will follow shortly.

### **New Publications in our database**

**Conservation Science: Balancing the Needs of People and Nature**, by Kareiva, P., Marvier, M., 2011, Roberts & Company Publishers, 576 pp.: Conservation Science is the first textbook to teach the scientific foundations of conservation while highlighting strategies to better connect its practice with the needs and priorities of a growing human population.

**Community-based Forest Management**, by Chambwera, M., March 2011, IIED, London, 2 pp.: This briefing showcases how government and communities in Cambodia have partnered up to protect wildlife and attract ecotourists. It presents the results from an IIED project aimed at scaling-up sustainable conservation through ecotourism and community-based monitoring.

**Sitting on the Fence? Policies and Practices in Managing Human-Wildlife Conflict in Limpopo Province, South Africa**, by Anthony, B.P., Scott, P., Antypas, A., 2010, Conservation & Society, Vol 8 No 3, Conservation and Society, pp. 225-240: Human-wildlife conflicts are the product of socio-economic and political landscapes and are contentious because the resources concerned have economic value and species are often high profile and legally protected. Within a governance framework, the authors detail institutional roles and the effectiveness of policies and practices of controlling damage-causing animals (DCAs) at Kruger National Park (KNP) and Limpopo Province along KNP's western border.

**Measuring Livelihoods and Environmental Dependence: Methods for Research and Fieldwork**, by Angelsen, A., Larsen, H.O., Lund, J.F., Smith-Hall, C., Wunder, S., March 2011, Earthscan, London, 240 pp.: This book describes how to do a better job when designing and implementing household and village surveys for quantitative assessment of rural livelihoods in developing countries. It covers the entire research process from planning to sharing research results. It draws on the experiences from a large global-comparative project, the Poverty Environment Network (PEN), to develop more robust and validated methods, enriched by numerous practical examples from the field. The book will provide an invaluable guide to methods and a practical handbook for students and professionals.

### **Resources**

The **Terra Viva Grants Directory** includes the following recent postings that may interest the PCLG: [Woodland Park Zoo](#) (06 June); [Fondation Ensemble](#) (15 June); [UK-DFID](#) (23 June); [Conservation International](#) (30 June); [EC-Sundarbans](#) (30 June); and [EC-Central Asia](#) (01 July). Please be reminded that many relevant grant makers accept applications all year.

**Free Conservation Biology textbook available:** Oxford University Press has made a Conservation Biology textbook freely available: Sodhi, N. S. and P. R. Ehrlich (Eds.) Conservation Biology for All. Oxford University Press (2010). Download the 350 pp book (6.4 MB) for free at: [http://s3.amazonaws.com/mongabay/conservation-biology-for-all/Conservation\\_Biology\\_for\\_All.pdf](http://s3.amazonaws.com/mongabay/conservation-biology-for-all/Conservation_Biology_for_All.pdf)

“**What do you think should be the two or three highest priority political outcomes of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), scheduled for Rio de Janeiro in June 2012?**”: The Natural Resources Forum, a quarterly journal issued by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and published by Wiley-Blackwell, is inviting your views on the above question for the Viewpoints section of the November 2011 issue. The section offers a platform for academics, practitioners and experts to share their perspectives and to feature these perspectives alongside other

responses in the journal. Each entry should be 250 words or less addressing the question. When submitting a contribution, please do so in MS Word format and provide your name, title, affiliation and contact details. **The deadline for submission to the Viewpoints issue is: 15 July 2011.** Contributions should be sent to: [nrforum@un.org](mailto:nrforum@un.org)

**A call for project proposals:** Internews is an international media development organization whose mission is to empower local media worldwide to give people the news and information they need, the ability to connect, and the means to make their voices heard. Internews Africa Region will consider funding pilot projects proposed by local NGOs, software companies and/or mobile phone operators, local media outlets and individuals from various regions. Creative, innovative ideas that involve the sharing and exchange of information will be considered for funding. **Project proposals must be received by June 30th, 2011.** For more information, including eligibility criteria, project proposal requirements, and selection criteria, please go [here](#).

**The Darwin Initiative: Call for funding applications:** The Darwin Initiative offers funds to encourage the sharing of UK biodiversity expertise with local partners in countries with a wealth of biodiversity, but who lack the means to protect these resources and to assist in meeting their international biodiversity commitments. Defra is now inviting applications from UK institutions and organisations in the UK Overseas Territories for support for Main projects to commence from 1 April 2012 and for Post Projects to commence from 1 October 2011. New guidance notes and application forms are available on the [Darwin website](#). If you have difficulty accessing the information and forms, please contact Darwin Applications on [Darwin-applications@itsi.co.uk](mailto:Darwin-applications@itsi.co.uk). **The closing date for Stage 1 applications is midnight on Monday 20 June 2011.** Further information on the Darwin Initiative, including lists of projects funded in previous rounds, can be found on the [website](#).

**Stakeholders invited to submit contributions and inputs for Rio+20:** The Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) has invited all Member States, relevant UN system organizations and relevant stakeholders to **provide inputs and contributions in writing by 1 November 2011** for inclusion in a draft Conference outcome document. The Conference Bureau has requested contributions from stakeholders, reminding that inputs must cover the objective and the two themes of the conference as specified in [General Assembly Resolution A/64/236](#). Kindly submit your contributions to the Secretariat by e-mail at [uncsd2012@un.org](mailto:uncsd2012@un.org), or by fax at +1 212 963 1267 before the 1 November 2011 deadline.

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](#)

**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)

**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.

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