

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.

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Welcome to the nineteenth 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: - Secretariat News - Featured News - News from PCLG Members - New members - Forthcoming Events - New Publications in our Database - Resources

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 June.

Secretariat News

PCLG International Symposium: The PCLG Secretariat is organizing an international symposium that will take place in April 2010 and will be hosted by the Zoological Society of London.

Recognising that the CBD 2010 target includes 'contributing to poverty reduction' as a key rationale for halting biodiversity loss, the aim of the symposium will be to review what we actually know about the degree to

which biodiversity conservation contributes to poverty reduction. The PCLG Secretariat will shortly be commissioning a series of "state of knowledge" reviews to inform this symposium. Anyone who would like to receive the Terms of Reference for these studies is welcome to contact us (pclg@iied.org).

Featured News

World Database on Marine Protected Areas: The United Nations Environment Programme's World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC), together with the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), has recently launched a new on-line system to view and study the world's marine protected areas. This marine protected areas tool is part of the recently redeveloped World Database on Protected Areas (WDPA), the authoritative and most globally comprehensive list of marine and terrestrial protected areas. This new system allows users to view information on marine protected areas in their web browser, to visualise them in Google Earth, to download data, to bring together other important data like species and ecosystem information into the same portal and more.

News from PCLG Members

Forest Governance Learning Group (FGLG): FGLG has recently released the "[Forest Governance Learning Group Update - May 2009](#)". Over the last year, FGLG's 10 country teams have intensified their efforts to improve forest governance in Niger, Ghana, Cameroon, Uganda, Malawi, Mozambique, South Africa, Indonesia, India and Vietnam. This 7th Forest Governance Learning Group Update describes activities and their impacts over the last year, and some of the plans ahead.

Center for Rural Empowerment and the Environment (CREE): CREE has completely renovated its website! CREE's blog is now fully integrated into the main site and a variety of information can be accessed with ease. You can visit CREE's website at www.conservationforpeople.org

SwedBio: SwedBio recently produced the report "Contributing to

resilience, Results and experiences from the SwedBio Collaborative Programme 2003-2008". This report is part of SewdBio's final report to Sida "Swedish International Biodiversity Programme, SwedBio - A Sida-funded programme at the Swedish Biodiversity Centre - Final report of Phase II: Core Support 2005-2008, Collaborative Programme 2003-2008, including contribution from Multilateral Environmental Vote 2003-2007, 2nd April 2009". The report can be downloaded at www.swedbio.com/SwedBioContributing_to_resilience2009.pdf

United States Agency for International Development (USAID):

USAID, in partnership with EnterpriseWorks/Vita and Global Conservation Program Partners, is pleased to announce the publication of "Lessons on Community Enterprise Interventions for Landscape/Seascape Level Conservation". This report looks across learning in seven landscape/seascapes, implemented by six conservation NGOs funded under USAID's Global Conservation Program (GCP). This product is part of the GCP cross-site learning component and includes this report and a companion PowerPoint presentation with speaker's notes for training and workshop use. This publication is available online at www.enterpriseworks.org

Wetlands International: Wetlands International is pleased to introduce a new micro-credit scheme for environmental services. Bio-rights is an innovative financing mechanism for reconciling poverty alleviation and environmental conservation. By providing micro-credits for sustainable development, the approach enables local communities to refrain from unsustainable practices and be actively involved in environmental conservation and restoration. Micro-credits are converted into gifts upon successful delivery of conservation services at the end of a contracting period. The new publication of Wetlands International 'Biorights in theory and practice' is available from www.wetlands.org.

WWF: WWF's Macroeconomics Program Office (MPO) has recently published "Smallholder Agriculture and the Environment in a Changing Global Context", a policy brief written by Jonathan Cook. It addresses a set of issues related to agriculture, food security, and the environment and provides some insights from a recent WWF project on agricultural development in Southern Africa and Southeast Asia that was supported by

the Swedish International Development Agency (Sida). The publication is available at

http://assets.panda.org/downloads/wwf_mpo_smallholder_ag_policy_brief.pdf

New Members

Village Enterprise Fund (VEF): Village Enterprise Fund's mission is to break the cycle of poverty in East Africa through training, seed capital and mentoring for income-generating small businesses. Over the past 20 years, VEF has developed and refined a successful micro-enterprise program that combines training, seed capital grants and ongoing mentorship to help committed, hard-working people launch small businesses. A dedicated collective of in-country staff and volunteers lend their expert skills, experience and passion to this vital work. In conjunction with various partners, VEF is expanding its program to include conservation goals and training to address biodiversity/resource depletion.

Forthcoming Events

15th International Symposium on Society and Resource

Management (ISSRM): The 15th International Symposium on Society and Resource Management will be hosted by The University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences (BOKU) from **July 5 – 8, 2009 in Vienna, Austria**. The theme for the ISSRM 2009 is: 'Meet Old and New Worlds in Research, Planning and Management'. The topics for the symposium include, but are not limited to: Sustainable tourism development; Climate change adaptation and mitigation; Management and development of protected areas; Social science and collaborative planning in forestry and agriculture; Environmental Impact Assessment; Forest inventory and sustainable resource management.

11th Annual BIOECON Conference on "Economic Instruments to Enhance the Conservation and Sustainable Use of

Biodiversity": The Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei, in association with Conservation International, DEFRA, Department of Land Economy of Cambridge University and European Investment Bank, announces the

Eleventh International BIOECON Conference on "Economic Instruments to Enhance the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity". The Conference will be held at the Centro Culturale Don Orione Artigianelli, in **Venice, Italy, on September 21st-22nd, 2009**. The Conference is targeted to researchers, environmental professionals, international organizations and policy makers who are interested in working in the management and conservation of biodiversity. The Conference is focused on identifying the most effective and efficient instruments for biodiversity conservation, such as auctions of biodiversity conservation contracts, payment-for-services contracts, taxes, tradable permits, voluntary mechanisms and straightforward command and control.

New Publications in our database

Livelihoods and Forestry Program, Myagdi Contribution to Poverty Reduction, by Acharya, K.P., Acharya, S., 2007, Banko Janakari: A journal of forestry information for Nepal, Vol 17 No 1, pp. 3-10

Nepal is promoting a community-based forest management approach known as Community Forestry (CF) as a promising option to reduce environmental degradation and to fulfill the demands of basic forestry products of rural people. This paper is based on furniture and agricultural implements production enterprises from Parbat and Myagdi districts of western mid hills of Nepal. The paper presents the process and approaches, production and market characteristics, present status and future prospects, role of development agencies and service providers, socio-economic impacts, lesson learned and policy implications from these case studies.

Ecology of African Pastoralist Societies, by Homewood, K., 2008, James Currey and Ohio University Press, 320 pp.

This book delivers the first comprehensive overview of the rapidly growing literature and debates surrounding African pastoralist peoples, their land use, their environmental impacts, the interplay of their livelihoods with conservation and their economic futures.

Staying Maasai? Livelihoods, Conservation and Development in East African Rangelands, by Homewood, K., Kristjanson, P., Chenevix Trench, P., 2009, Springer, N.Y.

Can the spectacular wildlife resources of East African savannas underpin sustainable development for poor rural communities, through wildlife-related earnings? This book gives an innovative, multi site, cross border comparative study of Maasai livelihoods, of the continuing importance of livestock in their household economy, and of the barriers to conservation-based income, which continue to drive poverty on the one hand and declining wildlife populations on the other.

Tourists, Gorillas and Guns: Integrating Conservation and Development in the Central African Republic, by Hodgkinson, C., December 2008

This empirical study takes its place in a growing literature addressing not only the direct social and environmental implications of ICDPs but, crucially, the interactions between the two. It provides both applied management recommendations in addition to further contributing to our theoretical understanding of the dual development-conservation approach.

Resources

Nearly 20 years ago, Michael Wells and Katrina Brandon carried out a research study that led to the publication of **People and Parks: Linking Protected Area Management with Local Communities**. This study examined the links between conservation actions within protected areas and development activities focused on neighboring communities, introducing the term ICDP (Integrated Conservation and Development Project). The authors are now exploring what has happened at each of these sites over the last two decades, and are seeking broad input via an anonymous, web-based survey, to assess what has happened at the 18 sites.

Conservation Areas are: AFRICA: Air/Tenere (Niger); Amboseli (Kenya); Bururi Forest (Burundi); East Usambara Mountains, (Tanzania); Beza Mahafaly and Andohahela Reserves (Madagascar); Nazinga Game Ranch (Burkina Faso); South Luangwa (Zambia); Volcanoes National Park (Rwanda); ASIA: Annapurna and Royal Chitwan (Nepal); the Bogani Nani Wartabone (formerly Dumoga-Bone) and Gunung Leuser (Indonesia); Khao Yai (Thailand); LAC: Central Selva (Peru); Monarch and Sian Ka'an (Mexico); Osa and Talamanca Regions (Costa Rica).

If you are knowledgeable about one or more of these sites, please take this survey. The survey is only in English. Please forward this to individuals or organizations that might be interested. You must be 18 or older to participate in the study. This research is supported by the Advancing Conservation in a Social Context Project, funded by the MacArthur Foundation to Arizona State University, under the guidance of Professor Ann Kinzig. Thanks very much in advance, Katrina Brandon (Conservation International) & Michael Wells (Independent Consultant). If you would like a copy of the final report, please send an email to peopleandparks2@gmail.com

The European Commission intends to launch a call for proposals under the Environment Thematic Programme very soon on the following website: <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?do=publi.welcome>. This call will inter alia cover forests, biodiversity, climate change, desertification, and energy.

Adaptive Management for Conservation Success FOS Training Program: Foundations of Success (FOS) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to improve the practice of conservation through Adaptive Management. FOS training equips practitioners with the skills necessary for effective project cycle management in the conservation sector. Participants will learn the theory and concepts behind each step of the Conservation Measures Partnership's Open Standards for the Practice of Conservation and will become familiar with tools for carrying out each step and developing management and monitoring plans for their conservation projects. For more information please contact the FOS Training Coordinator Mara Guccione (mara@fosonline.org) or go to the FOS website (www.fosonline.org).

BioSoc is the monthly bulletin of the PCLG, highlighting key new research on biodiversity and society, poverty and conservation. BioSoc is currently offline, but we anticipate the normal monthly service will resume very soon. To receive BioSoc, www.povertyandconservation.info/en/biosoc.php

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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