

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 forty-second 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 May.

Secretariat News

NEW CHAPTER OF PCLG ESTABLISHED IN UGANDA: Following the PCLG workshop in Uganda last year the first national chapter of PCLG has been established. This group is coordinated by the Jane Goodall Institute - Uganda and will work closely with the Uganda Forest Governance Learning Group to ensure maximum linkages between biodiversity, development and forest agendas. The Group is currently finalizing its first year workplan. Contact Dr Panta Kasoma for more details: panta@janegoodallug.org

A NEW PCLG BRIEFING on biodiversity conservation and development assistance agencies is now available for download from the PCLG website: ['Biodiversity Conservation and Development Assistance: Highlights from CBD CoP10'](#).

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

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.** 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. If you would like to receive BioSoc go to: <http://povertyandconservation.info/en/biosoc.php>

Featured News

Plans for the full operationalisation of IPBES: UNEP is working closely with UNESCO, FAO, UNDP and other relevant organizations to convene a plenary meeting on IPBES, in the form of an open-ended intergovernmental meeting, which is provisionally scheduled for two sessions (two sessions of the plenary meeting are necessary to allow IPBES to become fully operationalized). At the first session, it is expected that government representatives will consider the draft principles and procedures governing the work of IPBES, its governance structure, the processes for nomination and election of officers and the nomination and selection of host institution(s) and host country for the platform. The second session will then be in a position to determine these modalities and institutional arrangements and consider the detailed draft work programme. The first session of the plenary is provisionally scheduled from 3-7 October 2011 and its second session might be held in the February-April 2012 timeframe. Dates and venues will be confirmed as soon as possible. [More information.](#)

News from PCLG Friends

POLEX is an initiative of the **Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR)** to keep opinion leaders, policymakers and researchers up to date on path-breaking research on forests. POLEX was first launched in 1997. It is sent each month to about 15,000 stakeholders in the forestry sector worldwide. It is translated into French, Spanish, Indonesian and Japanese. Each message includes a concise highlight of a timely and important research report. The new POLEX will no longer be exclusively the voice of CIFOR's Director General; CIFOR scientists will also contribute. [The second edition of the re-launched POLEX is authored by Terry Sunderland](#), senior scientist with CIFOR's Forests and Livelihoods programme and leader of the research theme 'Managing trade-offs between conservation and development at the landscape scale'.

The case study '[The Road to Development](#)' was produced as part of an evaluation of WWF's work in Colombia, and describes WWF's work on the Pasto-Mocoa Road in the Amazon Piedmont region. **WWF** worked with communities, local authorities, the Government of Colombia and the Inter American Development Bank (IDB) to ensure that social and environmental concerns are taken into account in the planning of the road construction, and significantly, are incorporated into the IDB loan agreement. The case study incorporates interviews with communities in the area of influence of the road. For more information, please contact Hannah Williams (hwilliams@wwf.org.uk) at WWF-UK.

While the OECD donors are monitoring their commitments under the Paris Declaration on aid effectiveness, civil society organizations (CSOs) globally have been looking at how to describe and measure effectiveness in their own development work. As a result of a process of global outreach and many consultations at national and regional levels, a set of draft principles have been developed - "the Istanbul Principles" - to take to the next High Level Forum on aid effectiveness in Busan at the end of 2011. These principles are now being developed more fully with the aim of producing guidelines and toolkits for CSOs. The principle on environmental sustainability for development effectiveness is being developed through an [online consultation](#) and through interviews with interested organisations. A first report will be available in June. Please contact Sally Nicholson (snicholson@wwfepo.org) or Celine Beaulieu (cbeaulieu@wwfint.org) at **WWF** for more information.

The UN Environment Programme (UNEP) **SEED Initiative** convened a Green Economy symposium on 15 April, 2011, in Pretoria, South Africa. The symposium focused on ways to accelerate transition to a Green Economy in the developing world. In order to understand how enterprises are delivering on social, environmental and business objectives, and ways in which policy makers can create an enabling environment for such enterprises, a baseline survey was undertaken among SEED Award recipients and applicants. The results of the survey were included in a report titled "[An Investigation into the Triple Bottom Line Performance of Micro and Small Social and Environmental Enterprise in Developing Countries](#)". The report concludes that SEED winners bring about change through capacity training and skills development, together with the introduction of new and more environmentally-friendly technologies and production processes. Obstacles for the success of these enterprises include lack of access to funds and lack of skilled people at the community level. [More information](#)

Local marine management brings diverse benefits to local communities: A landmark fisheries workshop, focusing on Madagascar's reef octopus fishery, was held in Madagascar on the 5th and 6th of April 2011. The findings presented by **Blue Ventures** show for the first time that community - based marine conservation brings direct economic benefits to

traditional fishing communities. [More information](#)

The **Sharing Power Conference** was held in Whakatane, New Zealand, 11-15 January, co-sponsored by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Commission on Environmental, Economic, and Social Policy (CEESP) and two Māori (indigenous) organizations, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa (a tribal authority) and Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi (a tribal university). The Conference brought together scientists, economists, indigenous leaders, environmentalists, academics, policy makers in national governments and international agencies, and many others who care about the quality of heritage this generation passes on to future generations. The Conference also focused 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 advocated the rights of mother earth – the planet. [More information](#)

New Organisations in our database

[Rwanda Development Board \(RDB\)](#): The Rwanda development board is the government agency responsible for managing the Rwandan national parks. 5% of tourism revenue (park fees) is collected by this unit to be shared with local communities. 40% of revenue sharing money goes into supporting small enterprises, and 60% into infrastructure. Benefits have included schools, water tanks, income generating activities and new partnerships in conservation and development.

[Rwanda Environment Management Authority \(REMA\)](#): The Rwanda Environment Management Authority is an institution mandated to facilitate coordination and oversight of the implementation of national environmental policy and the subsequent legislation. REMA's mission is to promote and ensure the protection of the environment and sustainable use of natural resources through decentralized structures of governance and seek a national position to emerging global issues with a view to enhancing the wellbeing of the Rwanda people.

[Conservation Society of Sierra Leone \(CSSL\)](#): The Conservation Society of Sierra Leone was founded in September 1986 in response to the need for a local organisation committed to promote conservation and management of environmental issues in Sierra Leone. The main objective of CSSL is to promote the wise use and management of Sierra Leone's Natural Resources through Education, Advocacy, Research and Site Action.

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 UNCSD 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**. 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

[Outcomes of the Pan-African Conference on Biodiversity: "Biodiversity and Poverty Alleviation: What Opportunities for Africa?", by CBD, October 2010, CBD, Montreal](#): This document, prepared to inform of participants in the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, describes the outcomes of the Pan-African Conference on Biodiversity: "Biodiversity and Poverty Alleviation: What Opportunities for Africa?", which was held in Libreville, from 13 to 17 September 2010.

[A Practical Summary of Experiences after Three Decades of Community-based Wildlife Conservation in Africa "What are the Lessons Learnt?", by Baldus, R.D., 2009, FAO and CIC, Budapest, 128 pp.](#): The author critically reviews and summarises the experiences of the last three decades of community-based conservation in order to draw conclusions for future successful wildlife management and for strategies to reduce or stop the loss of biodiversity.

[Community-based Conservation: Is it More Effective, Efficient, and Sustainable?, by Rechlin, M.A., Taylor, D., Lichatowich, J., Hoon, P., de Leon, B., Taylor, J., March 2008, Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, 134 pp.](#): Perhaps roughly ten percent of the planet remains an unpeopled "grand treasure" suitable for the set-the-land-aside approach, but how do we protect the remaining ninety percent? This paper offers an analysis of current thinking and trends in community-based conservation that draws from the scientific literature.

Resources

Grant opportunities that may be of potential interest to members of the PCLG, posted in the **Terra Viva Grants**

Directory, include the following: The International Foundation (mid-May); Toyota Foundation (13 May); France Libertes Foundation (15 May); Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (31 May & 10 June); Development Marketplace Cameroon (31 May); InnoCentive (12 June); Ashoka Changemakers (15 June); Toyota Motor Corporation (15 June); BBC World Challenge (19 June); Polden-Puckham Foundation (15 Sept); and Fundacion La Caixa (09 Oct).

The University of Eastern Finland (UEF) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) are jointly organizing a high profile two-week Course on international environmental law-making and diplomacy. The Course transfers past experience in the field of international environmental law to current and future negotiators of multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs). Each Course is based on a specific theme, which in 2011 will be "Synergies among Biodiversity Related Conventions". An application form and a draft Programme can be found on the [Course website](#). **The application deadline is 31 May 2011.** Candidates from developing countries and from countries with economies in transition can apply for a full or partial fellowship.

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@ltsi.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](#).

Ramsar is launching a call for nominations for the Ramsar Wetland Awards, which will be presented at the next Ramsar COP in Romania, June 2012: The Ramsar Awards were established in 1996 in order to recognize and honour the contributions of individuals, organizations and governments around the world towards promoting the conservation and wise use of wetlands. In 2012 at Ramsar COP11, a prize will be given in each of three categories: "Management", "Wetland Science", and "Education". The Ramsar Secretariat invites all to consider whether they know suitable individuals, organizations, or initiatives that could be nominated, as well as to disseminate the announcement widely, so as to attract as many good nominations as possible. For more information regarding the Criteria and Procedures for the Award, nomination forms, as well as on previous editions of the Awards, please consult the Ramsar Awards webpage by clicking [here](#). **The deadline for receipts of nominations is 31 May 2011.** For more information, please contact: award@ramsar.org

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. Kindly submit your contributions to the Secretariat by e-mail at 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

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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