



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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Secretariat News

WE HAVE MADE A FEW CHANGES TO THE NEWSLETTER As you will notice, we have made a few changes to the PCLG Newsletter to better suit the needs of our readers. A new section titled 'Conservation and Poverty News Stories' will present recent news stories on poverty and conservation, while the sections 'Funding and Award opportunities' and 'Other opportunities' will present information for organisations and individuals respectively. We apologise for the delay in sending out this issue of PCLG News, but we hope this new format will appeal to you and as always we will be happy to hear any feedback you might have.

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>

Members News

The **Conservation Initiative on Human Rights (CIHR)** is pleased to announce a new website at www.conservation-rights.org. The CIHR is a consortium of international conservation organizations including **BirdLife International, Conservation International, FFI, IUCN, The Nature Conservancy, Wetlands International, Wildlife Conservation Society and WWF** that seek to improve the practice of conservation by promoting integration of human rights in conservation policy and practice. The aim of the website is to enable increased information-sharing and engagement with people and organizations interested in CIHR activities, and in rights-based approaches to conservation more generally. The website offers access to information on CIHR objectives and events, relevant work of participating organizations, resources and opportunities for input to CIHR activities.

Fauna & Flora International has recently produced a number of documents summarising the learning from some of its recent work on integrating sustainable livelihoods approaches and natural resource governance in conservation programmes. The first document, [Integrating Conservation, Livelihoods & Governance: Learning From Experience](#), is a lessons learnt document covering the following issues: Contextual analysis, monitoring and evaluation; Socio-cultural and economic empowerment; Gender; Climate change adaptation; and Accessing relevant skills and expertise. The other 3 documents are case studies of FFI-supported projects:

- [Empowering Tibetan herders: sustainable rangeland management on the roof of the world](#)
- [Mpingo, the tree that makes money from music: Participatory Forest Management in Tanzania](#)
- [Striking a balance between conservation and development in Cristalino, Gateway to the Amazon](#)

The **UN Environment Programme (UNEP)** has released the fifth issue in its Policy Series on Ecosystem Management, titled "[Sustaining Forests: Investing in Our Common Future](#)," which addresses forest issues in relation to the green economy and climate change. The series seeks to facilitate dialogue on policy issues related to ecosystem management. The Policy Series is accompanied by an online blog where readers can post comments, ask questions and suggest topics for future issues in the series.

Conservation and Poverty News Stories

Leaders Announce Global Effort to Restore 150 Million Hectares of Deforested Land: A global effort to restore 150 million hectares of degraded and deforested lands by 2020 is being launched in Bonn, Germany. The announcement comes during the Bonn Challenge Ministerial Roundtable, where a select group of government officials, business leaders, and international forest experts are gathering to catalyze support for global forest and landscape restoration. The Bonn Challenge builds on a new global assessment identifying that more than 2 billion hectares of the world's deforested and degraded lands are available for restoration. This assessment, carried out by WRI, the South Dakota State University, and IUCN on behalf of the Global Partnership on Forest Landscape Restoration, nearly doubles the

previous estimate, reflecting greater precision and a better understanding of the conditions needed for forests to grow. [Full article](#)

IPBES Workshop Proposes Scope and Nature of IPBES Assessments: The report of the International Science Workshop on Assessments for the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) is now available. The report provides, inter alia, recommendations on the scope and nature of IPBES assessments, and number and type of working groups needed to effectively carry out these assessments. This document is intended to be proposed to policymakers at the meetings of the IPBES plenary to be held in October 2011 and February 2012. It also has been submitted to the UN Environment Programme (UNEP). [Link to the report](#)

Norwegian Environment Minister reassures Indonesia that forest conservation is “good for business”: Erik Solheim, Norwegian Minister for the Environment, reassured leaders in the Indonesian paper, pulp and palm oil industries that the conservation of forests would lead to greater business opportunities, and that countries like Brazil were proof of its success. [Full article](#)

Tanzania: Kigoma to Earn On Forest Conservation: Communities in seven villages of Kigoma Rural district will early next year start earning money for protecting Masito-Ugalla forest reserve, which climate change scientists say is helping in the absorption of carbon dioxide and controlling global warming. [Full article](#)

Game Parks in South Africa Forge Unique Relations with Local Communities: South African wildlife parks increasingly involve local communities in conservation efforts – with benefits for all concerned. [Full article](#)

Featured Publication

[Negotiated Conservation and Development: Lessons and Recommendations for the CARE-WWF Alliance Based on Past Programs Addressing Livelihoods and Biodiversity](#), by Wright, R.M., July 2011, World Wildlife Fund-US, 85 pp.: The report, undertaken for the CARE-WWF Alliance, reviews past programs focused on livelihoods and natural resources, including common property resource systems, co-management approaches and two decades of ICDPs. Key factors and weaknesses of these programs are summarized. Based on this analysis, if livelihood prospects are to be addressed, the report recommends program priorities expand beyond endangered biodiversity and wild nature to include natural resource systems of particular utilitarian value to the poor. Strategies also need to expand beyond protected areas, even with essential social safeguards, to include negotiated conservation. Greater attention to governance and policy and the essential need for adaptive implementation are discussed. Donor conditionality as a major impediment to effective implementation is described, as is the tension between structured institutional learning and local control over program direction.

New PCLG Members

Strong Roots focuses on conservation and sustainable development through educating and empowering the local and indigenous communities that live in the region of the Kahuzi-Biega National Park (KBNP) in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). While working to find and achieve local solutions to environmental issues in partnership with other Community Based Organizations, universities as well as national research and conservation institutions, Strong Roots empowers local and indigenous communities by providing knowledge, tools and the opportunities to create for themselves a sustainable way of life while also supporting KBNP's (and surrounding forests') long term preservation.

African Union of Conservationists (AUC) has been established to be the biggest Union of Conservationists in Africa, to champion conservation and development integration. It is an independent nongovernmental organization mandated to promote contemporary conservation activities, facilitate joint work with local NGOs, CBOs, CSOs, local authorities, and governments among its members. The Strategy of the Union is to provide essential framework and direction to Africa to arrest the current biodiversity loss. The plan of the Union for the coming period is to:

- Ensure that the Union provides value for biodiversity conservation and also member organizations, states; and governments in Africa
- Demonstrate that the Union is having an impact in its activities

Nkuringo Cultural Center (NCC) is a not-for-profit organisation committed to poverty eradication through conservation. The main aim of NCC is to improve communities' wellbeing through the use of cultural heritage, eco-tourism and conservation. Currently NCC has three major programs: culture in development and conservation; community tourism; empowerment program.

Forthcoming Events

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? Registration to the conference is now open.

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**. The Call for Contributions for the Forum segment of the Congress (7-11 September) is now closed.

Funding and Awards Opportunities

The following grant opportunities may be of interest to the PCLG: [New England Biolabs Foundation](#) (15 Feb); [Right Livelihood Award](#) (01 Mar); [Irwin Andrew Porter Foundation](#) (31 Mar); [Women's World Summit Foundation](#) (31 Mar). The Terra Viva Grants Directory offers email alerts of grants by subject areas, and/or by forms of grant support. Click on the links in [Funding News](#) and follow the sign-up guidelines.

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

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 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, at the Center for Integrative Conservation Research (CICR) at the University of Georgia or see the CICR website: 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.

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.

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

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