

# 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 twenty-first 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 - Forthcoming Events - New Publications in our Database - Resources

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## **Secretariat News**

**PCLG International Symposium:** The PCLG Secretariat is organizing an international symposium that **will take place on 28th and 29th 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 is now 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](mailto:pclg@iied.org)).

## **Featured News**

**Re-energising livelihoods approaches:** A series of seminars, organised by the Livelihoods Network and funded by the Economic and Social Research Council, is bringing together researchers, policymakers and practitioners to explore sustainable livelihoods approaches. Robert Chambers and Ian Scoones, from the Institute of Development Studies, offer their reflections on the future prospects for livelihoods approaches to development in the July 2009 issue of *id21 Sustainable Livelihoods Viewpoints* (<http://www.id21.org/viewpoints/PDFs/ChScoones.pdf>) with two pieces titled respectively 'Practising what we preach? The failure to apply sustainable livelihoods thinking where it is most needed - in the North', and 'Re-energising livelihoods approaches: New focus, new priorities?'. For more information you can go to Livelihoods Connect ([www.eldis.org/go/livelihoods](http://www.eldis.org/go/livelihoods)) or join the debate online at: <http://community.eldis.org/sla>.

## **News from PCLG Members**

**COMACO:** In 2002, WCS-Zambia saw an opportunity to improve the welfare of the impoverished people living in Zambia's Luangwa Valley and their environment by creating a sort of "green workforce" among

Luangwa's rural communities. The result is the Community Markets for Conservation co-op, better known as COMACO. This program has empowered residents to adopt sustainable trades, including organic farming, beekeeping, gardening, carpentry, and handicrafts. At the same time, it has reduced the levels of poaching saving large numbers of wild animals. The 2009 annual report from COMACO is now available at: <http://povertyandconservation.info/docs/20090827-COMACOAnnualReport.pdf>. For more information on COMACO contact Dale Lewis ([dlewis@wcs.org](mailto:dlewis@wcs.org)).

**University College London:** A PhD dissertation titled '**Tourists, gorillas and guns: Integrating conservation and development in the Central African Republic**' was recently submitted at University College London (UK). Integrated conservation and development programs (ICDPs) typically involve providing park-adjacent communities with conservation-related benefits in the belief these will encourage pro-conservation behaviour, yet the validity of this link remains largely unproven. This study adopts an interdisciplinary approach to evaluate the efficacy of a Central African ICDP at meeting both local development and conservation goals, with a strong focus on how these two areas interact. It provides both applied management recommendations in addition to further contributing to our theoretical understanding of the dual development-conservation approach. For more information you can contact the author of this work, Chloe Hodgkinson ([Chloe.Hodgkinson@fauna-flora.org](mailto:Chloe.Hodgkinson@fauna-flora.org)).

**CREE:** The wetlands of Dunga on the shores of Lake Victoria, Kenya have fantastic touristic potential. Yet these lands are also rife with conflicts from some of the very animals that make the area so unique. Animals such as the hippopotamus compete with human settlement and often raid and destroy crops, leading to local retaliation. However, solutions to this conflict are beginning, springing up from locally conceived ideas executed in often surprising and creative ways. One of these methods is the use of 'Eco-San', or ecologically-sanitary toilets, which enrich existing agricultural lands through soil fertilization of crops from human waste. This helps negate the need for further colonization of swamplands, while at the same time decreasing direct human-animal conflicts with hippos on newly-converted lands. CREE is currently starting the **Dunga Wetlands project**, the pilot construction of an ecologically eco-san toilet in Western Kenya. More info at: <http://www.conservationforpeople.org/dunga-wetlands-project-kenya/>

**Biodiversity for Development:** The CBD Secretariat has published the fifth issue of its Biodiversity for Development newsletter. This issue covers, among other topics: the lessons from a year of implementing EGS (Ecosystem Goods and Services) tools; information on the publication of a series of Biodiversity for Development guides; a call to all interested stakeholders to submit case studies on the successful integration of biodiversity conservation in development and poverty eradication projects and on biodiversity mainstreaming within institutional processes at the donor agency level. The newsletter can be downloaded at: <https://www.cbd.int/development/newsletters/newsletter-bd-05-en.pdf>

**EC-IUCN-DFID:** More than ten years ago DFID, IUCN and EC joined forces to carry out a project aimed at identifying the role of biodiversity in development. As part of this project, called **Biodiversity in Development**, a series of twenty briefing papers were published. These 'Biodiversity Briefs', which are still relevant today but often difficult to come by, are now available on the PCLG website:

- [Biodiversity Brief 1: Links between Biodiversity and Poverty](#)
- [Biodiversity Brief 2: Policies and Biodiversity](#)
- [Biodiversity Brief 3: Sharing the Benefits from Genetic Resource Use](#)
- [Biodiversity Brief 4: Incentive Measures for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity](#)
- [Biodiversity Brief 5: Regional Approaches to Biodiversity Management](#)
- [Biodiversity Brief 6: Food Security and Biodiversity](#)
- [Biodiversity Brief 7: Health and Biodiversity](#)
- [Biodiversity Brief 8: Road Infrastructure and Biodiversity](#)
- [Biodiversity Brief 9: Tourism and Biodiversity](#)
- [Biodiversity Brief 10: Livestock and Biodiversity](#)
- [Biodiversity Brief 11: Fish and Biodiversity](#)
- [Biodiversity Brief 12: Forests and Biodiversity](#)
- [Biodiversity Brief 13: Crops and Biodiversity](#)
- [Biodiversity Brief 14: Wildlife and Biodiversity](#)
- [Biodiversity Brief 15: Protected Areas](#)
- [Biodiversity Brief 16: The Convention on Biological Diversity and Related International Agreements](#)
- [Biodiversity Brief 17: Guiding Principles for Biodiversity in Development](#)
- [Biodiversity Brief 18: EC Development Cooperation and Biodiversity](#)
- [Biodiversity Brief 19: Biodiversity – What is it, and why is it being lost?](#)
- [Biodiversity Brief 20: CITES and Wildlife Trade](#)

## Forthcoming Events

**Biodiversity Conservation, Ecosystem Services and Poverty Reduction – Shaping a New**

**Agenda:** The German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN), together with BirdLife International, is organising a workshop titled "Biodiversity Conservation, Ecosystem Services and Poverty Reduction – Shaping a New Agenda". The workshop will be held at BfN's International Academy for Nature Conservation on the **Isle of Vilm, Germany, from September 17th to 21st**. This is the 4th workshop in a series of events held on the Isle of Vilm that deals with linking conservation and poverty reduction. This year's workshop specifically aims to develop inputs to the new Strategic Plan of the Convention on Biological Diversity, which will influence conservation policies of 191 member states for the period 2011 to 2022. For more information, please contact [till.hopf@bfn.de](mailto:till.hopf@bfn.de). A copy of the draft agenda is available at: <http://povertyandconservation.info/en/event.php>

**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.

**Second Intergovernmental and Multi-stakeholder Meeting on an Intergovernmental Science-policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES):** The twenty-fifth session of the UNEP Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environmental Forum has agreed to convene a second intergovernmental multi-stakeholder meeting on IPBES, which will take place from **5-9 October 2009, in Nairobi, Kenya**. Some of the issues that will be addressed during this meeting are: whether IPBES is the best tool to improve biodiversity decision-making, how it will be managed, how it will work, etc. A major input for this meeting will be a document that analyzes the existing mechanisms and institutional gaps for making data and scientific information on biodiversity and ecosystems available to decision-makers. This is a unique opportunity for civil society to insert its views, particularly on the need for a credible, legitimate and relevant scientific interface on biodiversity and ecosystem services. For more information contact: Ruth Watulo ([ruth.watulo@unep.org](mailto:ruth.watulo@unep.org)).

**Katoomba XV Meeting in Ghana:** The Katoomba XV meeting will take place in **Accra, Ghana, from 6th -7th October 2009**. The Meeting will focus on key challenges for the planning and development of national REDD strategies. This meeting is also timely in terms of helping country representatives fine tune their positions on REDD issues prior to the watershed meeting of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Copenhagen in December 2009, at which it is hoped there will be a political agreement on the basic architecture of REDD in a post-Kyoto regime.

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

**Nature Unbound: Conservation, Capitalism and the Future of Protected Areas, by Brockington, D., Duffy, R., and Igoe, J., October 2008, Earthscan, 240 pp.:** This groundbreaking volume is the first comprehensive, critical examination of the rise of protected areas and their current social and economic position in our world. It examines the social impacts of protected areas, the conflicts that surround them, the alternatives to them and the conceptual categories they impose.

**Partnerships for Tropical Conservation, by Vermeulen, S., and Sheil, D., 2007, Oryx, Vol 41, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge (UK), pp. 434-440:** Despite considerable rhetoric about local participation the vast majority of conservation initiatives continue to be devised and controlled by a small group of powerful, external voices. What is widely overlooked is that local people often have positive conservation goals and preferences. While as yet unfamiliar to many conservationists, partnerships with local people are working in other natural resource sectors (water, commercial forestry). Partnerships are no panacea, but a real commitment to partnership offers conservation outcomes that are more ethical and often more practicable than current models.

**The Theory of Integrated Conservation and Development Projects Rethoric or Reality? The Case of Ngorongoro Conservation Area, by Riemer, R.S., and Kelder, Y., 2008, 64 pp.:** In this work the authors look into the conflicts between nature conservation and development of local communities in developing countries. They examine the weaknesses within the theory of Integrated Conservation and Development Project (ICDP) by analysing the reality of one of the world's first ICDPs, the Ngorongoro Conservation Area (NCA) in Tanzania, and its local indigenous population who belong to the pastoral Maasai.

**Tropical Deforestation, Community Forests, and Protected Areas in the Maya Forest, Ecology and Society**, by Bray, D.B., Duran, E., Ramos, V.H., Mas, J.-F., Velazquez, A., McNab, R.B., Barry, D., and Radachowsky, J., 2008, Vol 13 No 2: This article reviews the effectiveness of community forests and protected areas as strategies to stop deforestation.

## Resources

**Call for Nominations for CSO Representatives to the UN-REDD Programme:** The Call for Nominations for Civil Society Organizations (CSO) to nominate representatives to the Policy Board of the UN-REDD Programme is now open. The Policy Board is the governing and decision-making body of the UN-REDD Programme, which is a collaborative partnership between FAO, UNDP and UNEP that supports countries to develop capacity to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD) and to implement a future REDD mechanism in a post-2012 climate regime. It is an opportunity for civil society to directly participate in and contribute to the main governing body of the UN-REDD Programme, which is one of the two main international bodies tasked with assisting countries to prepare for, and implement the REDD mechanism. The call for nominations closes on 11 September 2009. Voting for CSO nominees will take place from 14 - 28 September 2009. For more information and to access nomination and voting instructions, please go to: <http://www.un-redd.org/UNREDDProgramme/GlobalProgramme/CSOselfselection/tabid/1244/language/en-US/Default.aspx>. The Call is available in French and Spanish as well.

**IIED Senior Researcher vacancy:** IIED's Forest Team seeks a senior researcher to drive a programme of research and partnership building in countries including Uganda, Tanzania, Ghana, Vietnam and Brazil, primarily focusing on forest-based climate strategies. The postholder will work towards greater understanding of how such strategies can contribute to good forest governance, delivering social justice and sustainability for the forest-dependent poor. A full job description and information on how to apply is available at: [www.iied.org/general/jobs/senior-researcher-forests-and-climate-change](http://www.iied.org/general/jobs/senior-researcher-forests-and-climate-change). The closing date is 21 September 2009.

**WWF-US is seeking nominations for the 2009 J. Paul Getty Award for Conservation Leadership.** Each year the J. Paul Getty Award recognizes a leader in conservation in one of three annually rotating themes: political leadership, scientific leadership, and community leadership. This year's category is political leadership in support of biodiversity conservation. The award is a cash prize of \$200,000, which will be used to support scholarships in conservation-related fields named in honor of the winner and J. Paul Getty at a university of the winner's choice in his/her home country. Deadline for submission of nominations is October 2, 2009. The nomination form can be found on the following link: <http://www.worldwildlife.org/getty2009>

**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](http://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](http://www.povertyandconservation.info), the website of the Poverty and Conservation Learning Group.

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