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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Welcome to the thirteenth 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 September.

Secretariat News

Launch of the PCLG networking site: The PCLG Secretariat is pleased to announce the launch of the online social network of the Poverty and Conservation Learning Group. The aim of this website is to provide an online forum for people working on the linkages between biodiversity conservation and poverty reduction. We warmly invite all our readers to join the PCLG online social network, and to become active members of the group. Please, use this website to: post blogs, start discussions, share news on poverty-conservation linkages, announce the publication of new documents, and advertise new resources, upcoming meetings or training events. **To access the PCLG networking site go to:** <http://pclginfo.ning.com>

The PCLG at the World Conservation Congress: The Poverty and Conservation Learning Group (PCLG) will have a stand at the forthcoming World Conservation Congress, which will take place in **Barcelona, Spain, from 5 to 14 October 2008**. All members of the PCLG are invited to use this space to display material (including short films) from their organisation or initiative. Please, ensure the material is relevant to the theme of poverty-conservation linkages. If you would to take advantage of this opportunity, please contact us at pclg@iied.org.

News from Members

Equator Initiative: In September 2008, UNDP Equator Initiative will announce the twenty-five 2008 Equator Prize winners who represent outstanding community initiatives at the forefront of alleviating poverty through the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity. The 2008 Equator Prize winners will be formally recognized on 6 October 2008 in Barcelona, Spain during an award ceremony dinner. The keynote speaker of the ceremony will be Ted Turner, Chairman of the United Nations Foundation. The twenty-five winners will later participate in a week-long, UNDP Equator Initiative-hosted community dialogue space, titled Poble. The dialogue space will provide an opportunity for community representatives to showcase their work to a diverse audience and interface with

peer organizations, influence international policymakers, and inform members of official country delegations of their grassroots success. UNDP Equator Initiative invites all those expecting to be at the WCC to attend the Poble, which will be held within the Centre Convencions Internacional de Barcelona. For more information please contact: Elspeth Halverson (elspeth.halverson@undp.org).

Conservation International: Conservation International, with support from the Grupo Nacional de Trabajo para la Participación in Bolivia, will host an **event at the World Conservation Congress in Barcelona titled “Making landscapes work for nature and people: Successes and Challenges from the field”**. This workshop, which will take place on **Thursday 9 October 2008, from 4:30 pm to 6 pm**, will focus on the challenges of building a bridge between conservation and local and regional development priorities, in order to both safeguard biodiversity and improve human well being. These challenges include fostering dialogue between diverse stakeholders at multiple scales; giving conservation a voice that can compete with major industries such as mining and energy; and generating local economic benefits through biodiversity-friendly development. These issues will be examined through lessons from the Andes region, South Africa, Madagascar, Indonesia, Australia and other parts of the world. The event will have a round table format, with a series of brief presentations and extensive participation by the audience. For more information please contact: Jordi Surkin (jsurkin@gntp.org).

New Members

Fundación Instituto de Promoción y Apoyo al Desarrollo (IPADE): Fundación IPADE is a development NGO dedicated to international cooperation and education for development. Independent and committed, IPADE has worked since 1987 for the promotion of sustainable human development of vulnerable populations in more than 30 countries in Latin America, Africa and Asia. IPADE also carries out activities to raise awareness on the Millennium Development Goals and on the links between environment protection and poverty alleviation.
<http://www.fundacion-ipade.org>

New Initiatives

Ecosystems Services for Poverty Alleviation (ESPA): Three organisations, NERC, the Economic & Social Research Council (ESRC) and the Department for International Development (DfID) join forces in the Ecosystems Services for Poverty Alleviation (ESPA) initiative to explore the potential for a multi-disciplinary research programme that will address how to achieve sustainably managed ecosystems. Four regional and two thematic situation analyses will inform the development of the programme. The analyses will provide evidence identifying key regional ecosystem services challenges and propose ways to best address these challenges through research to alleviate poverty. The outcomes of the analyses will inform a research programme to support developing countries to use the benefits of ecosystems for poverty reduction.
<http://www.nerc.ac.uk/research/programmes/espa>

Forthcoming Events

Second DIVERSITAS Open Science Conference. Biodiversity and Society: Understanding Connections, Adapting to Change

Following up on the success of the First DIVERSITAS Open Science Conference, and in order to provide in-depth overviews of a broad range of topics in biodiversity research and initiate biodiversity research projects around the world, DIVERSITAS is pleased to announce its Second Open Science Conference “Biodiversity and society: Understanding connections, adapting to change”, which will take place from the **13th to 16th October 2009 in Cape Town, South Africa**. In keeping with the Conference title, scientists worldwide are invited to submit proposals for symposia on the following topics: strengthening biodiversity science; supporting the science; integrated approaches to topical issues; focus on African issues is welcome. The

deadline for submission is 15 September 2008.<http://www.diversitas-osc.org>

World Conservation Congress

The World Conservation Congress will take place in **Barcelona, Spain from 5th to 14th October 2008**. This year Congress theme is 'A diverse and sustainable world'. Thematic streams include: i) a new climate for change; ii) healthy environments - healthy people; iii) safeguarding the diversity of life. The PCLG Secretariat will host an event during this congress, aimed at highlighting the outcomes from the CBD CoP9 "Biodiversity for Poverty Reduction Day" and emphasising what has been learned to date on conservation-poverty linkages.www.iucn.org/congress/2008

Workshop on Biodiversity Conservation and Poverty Reduction – Taking an Economic Perspective: This workshop, which will take place on the Isle of Vilm, **Germany, on 22-23 September 2008**, is the third in a series of events organised by the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation on linking nature conservation and poverty reduction. Numerous recent initiatives have highlighted the key role economics can play in raising awareness over conservation issues, and in linking biodiversity with sustainable development and poverty reduction. By bringing together expertise from a number of initiatives, this workshop aims to promote exchange of information, stimulate learning, identify knowledge gaps and needs for action. For further information and registration please contact: Dr. Susanne Lehmann, Federal Agency for Nature Conservation, Bonn, Germany (susanne.lehmann@bfn.de). Limited funding for travel and living expenses is available.

New Publications in our Database

Promoting Value Chains of Neglected and Underutilized Species for Pro-poor Growth and Biodiversity Conservation: Guidelines and Good Practices, by Will, M., 2008, Bioversity International

Use of neglected and underutilised species (NUS) can play an important role in improving food security, conserving biodiversity and generating income and employment. Value chain development (VCD) can be a useful tool for realising these prospects, by linking supply capacities to market opportunities. This publication, commissioned by the Global Facilitation Unit for Underutilized Species (GFU), presents guidelines and good practices for value chain development of neglected and underutilised species.

http://www.underutilized-species.org/documents/PUBLICATIONS/promoting_vc.pdf

Responsible Tourism: Critical Issues for Conservation and Development, by Spenceley, A., September 2008, Earthscan with the Southern African Sustainable Use Specialist Group (SASUSG) of IUCN

'Responsible tourism' and 'Ecotourism' are often invoked as a way to achieve both biodiversity conservation and poverty reduction. This volume delves deep into practice in southern Africa, the hotbed of innovation on the issue, and provides a comprehensive, evidence based examination of what works and what fails, using a wealth of information from scholars and practitioners working in the region.

<http://www.earthscan.co.uk/?tabid=26778>

The Work of Non-Governmental Organisations in African Wildlife Conservation, by Scholfield, K., Brockington, D., July 2008

This report examines the geography of activities by about 280 conservation NGOs working in Sub-Saharan Africa. The authors look at where the organisations work, where they are based, what protected areas they cover, how much money they get and where they spend it. Finally, the authors examine the challenges of increasing conservation funding.

<http://www.sed.manchester.ac.uk/idpm/research/africanwildlife>

Resources

The Biodiversity Fund: The Biodiversity Fund was created in 2001 by the

Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Directorate General for International Cooperation, to stimulate sustainable biodiversity management. The Fund provides financial support to outstanding globally or regionally operating networks and civil society organisations that contribute to this goal. The Fund, which is managed by Hivos and Oxfam Novib, aims to offer a sustainable livelihood to those with limited control over resources. For more information:

http://www.hivos.nl/english/english/cooperation_in_the_south/biodiversity_fund/the_biodiversity_fund

The Research and Media Network: IIED set up the online Research and Media social network last year to bring together journalists, researchers, science communicators, policymakers with an interest in research, policy and sustainable development.

The Research and Media Network features discussion forums, personal blogs, videos, social bookmarks and sub-groups around specific themes such as climate change, agriculture and health. To find out more or to join, please visit:

<http://researchandmedia.ning.com>

BioSoc is the monthly bulletin of the PCLG, highlighting key new research on biodiversity and society, poverty and conservation. To receive it,

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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