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MAPPING THE POVERTY-CONSERVATION LANDSCAPE – WHO IS DOING WHAT AND WHERE?

Numerous organisations are now engaged in research, policy work and projects that address the links between biodiversity conservation and poverty reduction. The International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) tries to keep abreast of this wealth of activity by, amongst other things, hosting the Poverty and Conservation Learning Group (PCLG). Recognising that one key constraint to more effective working is a lack of information about relevant activities of other organisations, PCLG has recently published its 2007 Directory of poverty and conservation organisations and initiatives. This is a quick reference guide to different organisations working in this field – including conservation NGOs, development agencies, indigenous peoples' organisations and academic institutions. The Directory does not claim to be comprehensive but is based on a survey of current PCLG members – other organisations working on poverty-conservation linkages are strongly encouraged to submit their details for next year's edition!

The PCLG Secretariat hopes, that in publishing this Directory and highlighting which organisations are working in which parts of the world it might encourage and enable more sharing of experience, more dialogue and more collaboration. It also seeks to prevent re-inventing of the wheel by providing additional information about the range of global initiatives that many of these organisations are involved in, that all – to a greater or lesser extent – address poverty-conservation linkages. The potential for sharing learning between these initiatives is huge but currently there are few efforts to maximise synergies and build on what has gone before.

The Directory is divided into two main sections: Section One reviews the activities of PCLG member organisations and Section Two describes some of the global initiatives carried out by these organisations with the aim of pursuing both biodiversity conservation and poverty reduction goals. The information presented in the Directory is also available in two online databases – i) initiatives and ii) organisations – which together with a database of iii) case studies and iv) publications form the core of the PCLG website www.povertyandconservation.info.

SOURCE

PCLG (2007). *Linking Biodiversity Conservation and Poverty Reduction: Who, What and Where? The PCLG Directory of Poverty and Conservation Organisations and Initiatives, 2007*. International Institute for Environment and Development, London.

The report is available to download from: http://www.povertyandconservation.info/docs/2007115-Survey_Update.pdf

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