

Poverty and Conservation Learning Group: Mission, Strategies and Activities

<i>Mission: To promote better understanding on the links between conservation and poverty linkages in order to improve conservation and poverty policy and practice.</i>			
<i>Strategies</i>	<i>Activities</i>	<i>Outputs</i>	<i>Outcomes</i>
Maintaining an overview of relevant poverty-conservation activities and outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documenting and summarising progress in relevant international initiatives. Tracking changes in policy and practice of relevant organisations Identifying and investigating apparent blank spots in geographic or thematic coverage Disseminating information to the Learning Group network 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newsletters – PCLG News Monthly research briefing - BioSoc Ad hoc briefing papers and other publications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PCLG participants better aware of activities and events with which they may have synergies. PCLG participants better able to set own activities in context of others
Informing international and regional policy processes ⁱ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining a watching brief over emerging processes Identifying emerging key issues Feeding in relevant information and learning outcomes Supporting members activities and events that help to inform relevant policy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ad hoc briefing papers and other publications Inputs to MEAs and other policy processes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International and regional conservation and poverty reduction policy takes better account of poverty-conservation linkages. Existing processes linking conservation and poverty take into account new or emerging issues
Promoting dialogue between and within different communities of interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promoting regional and national learning processes Organising an annual meeting of Learning Group members Organising or participating in meetings on key issues Providing catalytic or seed funding for members' activities or eventsⁱⁱ Facilitating exchange of information and experience between practitioners. Identifying opportunities for promoting collaboration between PCLG member organisations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting reports Regional and thematic presentations at international Learning Group meetings Practitioners exchange forum established on PCLG website 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increasing volume and quality of dialogue on poverty-conservation linkages Better understanding of different perspectives on key issues. Practice informed by broader exchange of experience Effectiveness of members activities increased
Collecting and disseminating information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifying and capturing relevant documents for bibliographic database. Documenting case studies of local level efforts to link poverty and conservation. Identifying and profiling organisations and initiatives addressing conservation-poverty linkages. Documenting useful tools and methodologies for assessing and addressing conservation-poverty linkages Supporting dissemination of relevant publications of PCLG member organisations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing development of the poverty and conservation website Ad hoc briefing papers and other publications Special issues of existing publication series focussed on poverty-conservation linkages 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PCLG participants better informed. Policy and practice reflects new learning

ⁱ National processes are specifically excluded here as being beyond the scope of the current Learning Group but it is hoped that participants in the Group may be encouraged to develop spin-off activities that focus at the national and local level.

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