

symposium

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LINKING BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND POVERTY REDUCTION: WHAT, WHY AND HOW?

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The links between environment and development have long been discussed, but only recently has this discussion focussed specifically on the possible links between biodiversity conservation and poverty reduction. In 2002, the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) adopted a target “to achieve by 2010 a significant reduction of the current rate of biodiversity loss at the global, regional and national level *as a contribution to poverty alleviation* and to the benefit of all life on earth”. It is clear that biodiversity loss will continue beyond 2010—but even if conservation efforts are successful would this really contribute to poverty reduction?

There is a diversity of opinion as to the nature and scale of biodiversity conservation–poverty reduction links and the most appropriate mechanisms that can help to maximise them. There are also many generalisations and assumptions that are made about these links. The purpose of this symposium is thus to explore what the current state of knowledge is and to challenge some of the prevailing myths and assumptions so as to identify the key research and implementation gaps. This should help inform a post-2010 biodiversity target for the CBD as well as making clearer the contribution that biodiversity conservation can realistically make to achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).



This two-day symposium will take the form of a mixture of paper presentations, commissioned “state of the art” reviews and case studies. A poster session will run concurrently and will focus on the role of local organisations in linking biodiversity conservation and poverty reduction.

Tickets must be booked in advance; the deadline for registrations is 14 April 2010. A registration form and flyer are available from www.zsl.org/science/scientific-meetings.

Prices for two days (or part days) £130 (£65 for students or ZSL Fellows & Friends)
for one day (or part day) £80 (£40 for students or ZSL Fellows & Friends)

Lunch and refreshments are included. A 3-course dinner with the speakers will be held on the Wednesday evening and places are an additional £40 per person.

Relevant posters will be on display throughout the meeting and attendees will have the opportunity to study posters and interact with speakers and delegates during breaks. Please email poster proposals to joy.hayward@zsl.org for consideration by 29 March 2010 (max 250 words). Notification of accepted poster presentations will be given by 31 March 2010.

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