

Poverty Indicators for Protected Areas

The Secretariat of the Poverty and Conservation Learning Group and the UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre (WCMC) are working together to review of existing methodologies and indicators that can be used to assess the impacts of protected areas on poverty. UNEP - WCMC has recently developed a project concept, entitled 'Vision 2020', which aims at establishing a process for the long-term assessment of the contribution of protected areas to conservation and development goals. Within this project, much work will be needed to develop a significant methodology for the assessment of the impacts of protected areas. This joint research will provide a baseline assessment on which further work can be developed, both within the 'Vision 2020' project, and within the PCLG.

- The first phase will consist of a baseline research aimed at assessing what methodologies and indicators have been developed so far by conservation, development, government, research and donor organisations to assess the impacts of Protected Areas on poverty. The outcome of this first phase will be a written report synthesising and analysing the results of the research carried out.
- A workshop will be held in early 2007, which will bring together key individuals from the international community with an interest on methodologies and indicators that could be used to assess the impacts of Protected Areas on poverty. The aim of the workshop is to provide an opportunity for people working in this field to meet, establish new relations and strengthen old ones, and take the discussion on this topic a step further.

We welcome your contributions to this initiative. If you know of any document (published or unpublished), initiative, project, study, etc. that deals with methodologies and indicators aimed at assessing the impacts of protected areas on poverty, or if you would just like to share your first hand knowledge and opinion, please contact us at:

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