

Dear Colleagues,

Please find below periodic thematic digest on '**Biodiversity and Forest**', Issue 6 from the Asia Pacific Mountain Network (APMN).

Regards,  
APMN team

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News  
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### **[1] RP bird-watch site, an Asean Heritage Park**

January 24, 2010

A popular bird-watching site, the Mount Kitanglad Range Protected Area (MKRPA), has been declared as the 28th Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN ) Heritage Park.

Source:

<http://bit.ly/81hVDO>

### **[2] Saving the planet through its trees**

January 24, 2010

Now is the time to act on the fact that much of our future is linked to the conservation of forests. Negotiators at the COP15 conference in Copenhagen didn't see eye to eye on much last month, but almost everyone agreed on one thing: To protect the planet we need to save its forests.

Source:

<http://bit.ly/6dypL0>

### **[3] Tibet ranks 1st in nature reserve area**

January 23, 2010

Tibet has built 45 nature reserves with a combined area of 412,600 sq km so far, ranking first in China in terms of the area of such reserves. The reserves cover almost all the habitats of key endangered wild animals and plants in the region, with 125 kinds of wild animals and 39 types of wild plants protected by the country.

Source:

<http://bit.ly/8KYtmK>

### **[4] World Wildlife Fund lists the 10 most threatened species in 2010**

January 20, 2010

The World Wildlife Fund has released its annual list of the most threatened species in 2010, and it includes some of the most-loved animals on the planet. The group says the long-term survival of many of these species is threatened by climate change and loss of habitat.

Source:

<http://bit.ly/4QIFx0>

#### **[5] 50 Countries converge in London to work out global biodiversity deal**

January 19, 2010

2010 is the International Year of Biodiversity and the year when the current global target for biodiversity set in 2002 expires. This week, representatives from over 50 countries are meeting in London to discuss the current global biodiversity status as well as trends, scenarios and importantly, how we quantify the economic value of biodiversity.

The conference is being jointly hosted by the UK and Brazil in preparation for October's 'Conference of the Parties' (COP10) in Nagoya, Japan where the new global biodiversity target will be agreed.

Source:

<http://bit.ly/4KyWFT>

#### **[6] World's least known bird' found breeding in Afghanistan**

January 18, 2010

Researchers have found in Afghanistan the first known breeding area of the large-billed reed warbler, which was dubbed in 2007 as 'the world's least known bird species'.

Source:

<http://bit.ly/4WKxXg>

#### **[7] Conservation of forest biodiversity: global economic benefits**

January 15, 2010

There are significant global economic benefits from conservation of forest biodiversity. This is the outcome of a new IUCN Economics study which assesses the economic value of 'surplus' biodiversity hectares produced under an offsets programme in Madagascar.

Source:

<http://bit.ly/8vpbA2>

#### **[8] Himachal banks on sustainable forestry for enhancing livelihood means**

January 13, 2010

Sensitive to the need for conserving and expanding Himalayan green cover, foresters are making efforts to link livelihoods with management of forests by introducing new practices.

Under ‘Sanjha Van-Sanjivani Van’, one of the programs started recently, as many as 525 joint forest management committees (JFMCS) have been constituted, said an government spokesman.

Source:

<http://bit.ly/7ATTUw>

## **[9] Climatic cracks of doom surface in green Bhutan**

December 17, 2009

For centuries this monastic fortress in Bhutan's Himalayas has sheltered ancient Buddhist relics and scriptures from earthquakes, fires and Tibetan invasions.

At least 53 million cubic meters of glacier melt is threatening to break the banks of a lake upstream in the Himalayan peaks.

Source:

<http://bit.ly/4VK4IQ>

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**Events**  
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[1] International Workshop on Collective Action, Property Rights, and Conflict in Natural Resources Management, June 28 - July 1st, 2010, Siem Reap, Cambodia

More at: [http://www.capri.cgiar.org/wks\\_0610.asp](http://www.capri.cgiar.org/wks_0610.asp)

[2] Research Grants, Center for Tropical Forest Science

Location: Global

Closing Date: 4 April 2010

More at: <http://www.ctfs.si.edu/group/Grants+%26+Training/Grants>

[3] A National Conference on Forest-People Interaction, Pokhara, Nepal

Abstract submission: February 1, 2010

More at: <http://www.forestrynepal.org/event/4398>;

<http://www.forestrynepal.org/images/Conference%20Brochure.pdf>

Contact: [conference2010@iof.edu.np](mailto:conference2010@iof.edu.np)

[4] International Training Event: Third Executive Forest Policy Short Course – Enhancing Forest Policy in the Greater Mekong Sub-region, 8-19 March 2010, RECOFTC, Bangkok, Thailand

Registration deadline (extended): 31 January 2010

For more information:

More at: [http://www.recoftc.org/site/fileadmin/images/frontpage/Forest\\_Policy\\_Shortcourse.pdf](http://www.recoftc.org/site/fileadmin/images/frontpage/Forest_Policy_Shortcourse.pdf)

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**Announcements**

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[1] UNDP Equator Prize 2010 Call for Nominations

The Equator Prize is awarded biennially by the UNDP Equator Initiative for outstanding local, indigenous and community efforts to reduce poverty through the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity.

Nomination deadline: February 28, 2010

More at: [www.equatorinitiative.org](http://www.equatorinitiative.org)

[2] Call for Papers on (Agro) biodiversity for Mountain Research and Development (MRD), Vol. 30, No. 3

Paper submission deadline: February 14, 2010

The guidelines for both peer-reviewed sections are available at: <http://www.mrd-journal.org/submission.asp>

[3] Programme Director in Local Initiatives for Biodiversity Research and Development (LI-BIRD), Pokhara, Nepal

Application deadline: February 8, 2010

More at: [http://libird.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=359&Itemid=2](http://libird.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=359&Itemid=2)

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**Resources**  
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[1] Training manual on agricultural water management

Available online at: <http://www.eldis.org/cf/rdr/?doc=45300&em=200110c=agric>