

Dear Colleagues,

Please find below periodic thematic digest on '**Biodiversity and Forest**', Issue 9 from the Asia Pacific Mountain Network (APMN).

Regards,
APMN team

News

[1] Scientists call for research on climate link to geological hazards

April 19, 2010

Experts say suggestions that climate change could trigger more volcanoes and earthquakes are speculative, but there is enough evidence to take the threat seriously.

Scientists today called for wide-ranging research into whether more volcanoes, earthquakes, landslides and tsunamis could be triggered by rising global temperatures under global warming.

Source: <http://bit.ly/aHC9OG>

[2] PUMA and UNEP launch public service announcement to support biodiversity initiatives

April 19, 2020

Today PUMA unveiled a series of advertisements featuring Cameroon footballer Samuel Eto'o. The campaign is part of the 'Play for Life' partnership, which PUMA and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) formed in January of this year to support the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity.

Source: <http://bit.ly/asUUkO>

[3] Is this the end of migration?

April 18, 2010

Climate change is affecting bird behaviour at a staggering rate. Some 20 billion have already changed their flight plans.

It's rained three times as much as usual this winter in Andalusia, and almost every day unemployed amateur ornithologist Javier Caracuel has walked past a disused mining tower in the decaying industrial town of Linares and looked up, expecting the pair of white storks that nest there to have migrated south.

Source: <http://bit.ly/bAHnLu>

[4] World deforestation decreases, but remains alarming in many countries

March 25, 2010

World deforestation, mainly the conversion of tropical forests to agricultural land, has decreased over the past ten years but continues at an alarmingly high rate in many countries, FAO announced

Source: <http://bit.ly/b65Sae>

[5] Biodiversity hotspot

April 20, 2010

Depleting scrub lands and increasing human interventions in the form of habitations are some of the major concerns around Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve (KMTR) in Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu. Set in the Agasthyamalai range, the landmark, the beautiful conical peak of Pothigai, is located 1,868 meters above sea level and cannot be missed from the foothills.

Source: <http://bit.ly/aSJGJS>

[6] Asian governments explore ecosystem markets at Katoomba XVII

April 19, 2010

In his younger days, Vietnamese farmer Hoang Van Thang made a name for himself hunting birds. Now in his 60s, he's protecting the birds and their habitat.

'We need to preserve wildlife for the next generation,' he told the author of a report on the web site of the Hanoi National University of Education's Mangrove Ecosystem Research Centre.

Source: <http://bit.ly/bcNO45>

[7] Balancing biodiversity and livelihood a juggling act

April 16, 2010

Hanumantha Nayak had not ventured too far into the forest in search of firewood. But, while he was apparently attempting to tear up a cluster of dried bamboo, a tigress leapt onto his back, bit his forearm, and then went for his throat. Nayak, 50, never stood a chance.

Source: <http://bit.ly/b6yN2A>

[8] Endangered species stamp celebrates Scottish wildcat

April 13, 2020

The Scottish wildcat is featuring on a new stamp which aims to highlight the plight of endangered animals in the UK.

Experts believe there could be as few as 400 wildcats left in the wild, making it even rarer than the Bengal tiger.

Source: <http://bit.ly/anwIau>

[9] India, China, Nepal join hands to save Mt Kailash

12 April 2010

India, China and Nepal are set to launch a joint conservation initiative for the Mount Kailash landscape. The conservation will be meant to tackle the issue of glacial melt, biodiversity conservation and, interestingly, also have a mandate for cultural conservation in the Himalayan region.

Source: <http://bit.ly/9UMeP4>

[10] Bhutan sees struggle to stay 'carbon neutral'

April 12, 2010

The Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan sees a struggle to keep up a rare role in fighting climate change in coming years .its forests currently absorb more carbon than its people emit from use of fossil fuels.

Source: <http://bit.ly/afhfeY>

[11] International organisations fund Conservation International to Reforest Panda Habitat

March 25, 2010

Two of America's best known organizations have joined forces to help reforest giant panda habitat in a region of China's Sichuan Province devastated by a severe earthquake in 2008.

Giant pandas occupy temperate mountain areas forested with dense stands of bamboo. They spend about 55 of their time feeding, mainly on bamboo, which makes up 99 percent of their diet.

Source: <http://bit.ly/cZrSrn>

[12]New species of gecko discovered in Cambodian mountain range

March 24, 2010

Blending perfectly into the green of the tree underneath him, this new species of exceptionally well-camouflaged gecko has been discovered by a team of scientists in a previously unexplored part of Cambodia.

The species, named *Cnemaspis neangthyi*, was discovered during a reptile and amphibian survey in the rocky foothills of the Cardamom Mountains.

Source: <http://bit.ly/9whT9k>

[13] Birds from Central Asia at Hidkal Dam

March 6, 2010

The Hidkal dam in Belgaum district is buzzing with winged visitors from central Asia.

Hundreds of rare and migratory birds, the Demoiselle cranes have arrived here in large numbers, much to the delight of bird lovers. It is a never before treat as the rare migratory cranes are coming to the State after a five-year hiatus.

Source: <http://bit.ly/bLLYIT>

Events

[1] International Symposium on 'Linking Biodiversity Conservation and Poverty Reduction: What, Why and How', April 28 - 29, 2010, London, England

More at: <http://bit.ly/ax9kXv>

[2] Conservation and sustainable use of wild plant Diversity (CSUWPD2010), 5 - 8 May 2010, Chania, Greece

More at: <http://bit.ly/b435XA>

[3] International conference on sustainable strategies on technology and management for developing countries, 14 - 15 May 2010, Singapore

More at: <http://bit.ly/b2YrBG>

[4] Land Systems, Global Change and Sustainability: GLP Open Science Meeting 17-19 October 2010 Arizona, USA

Abstract submission deadline: 15 May 2010

More at: <http://bit.ly/cilHIm>

[5] Save Energy, Save Water, Save the Planet, Environmental International Conference and Exhibition, 3 - 5 June 2010, Sofia, Bulgaria

More at: <http://bit.ly/aFk1De>

[6] 18th Commonwealth Forestry Conference, Edinburgh. 28 June - 2 July 2010, Edinburgh, Scotland, United Kingdom

More at: <http://bit.ly/carSpI>

Announcements

[1] Call for expression of interest: Impact Evaluation of NFMA Programme & Country Projects Evaluation and Natural Resources Policy Experts

Application deadline: 26 April 2010

Contact: FAO-NFMA@fao.org

More at: <http://bit.ly/bYRmCp>

[2] Agricultural Research Economist, The International Center for Tropical Agriculture – CIAT, Headquarters in Cali, Colombia

Application deadline: 30 April, 2010

Contact: C.m.ruiz@cgiar.org

More at: <http://bit.ly/9YRERz>

[3] 2010 Belpasso International Summer School; The Economics of Ecosystem Services and Biodiversity Conservation, 12-18 September 2010, Belpasso, Italy

Application deadline: 1 May, 2010

More at: <http://bit.ly/9bZJLL>

[4] Programme Officer (Biodiversity and Environment), food and agriculture organization of the united nations

Duty station: Rome

Application deadline: 10 May 2010

More at: <http://bit.ly/aS7lfh>

[5] Climate change journalism beyond cop 15: Understanding The present, imagining The future, 2 - 13 August, 2010, Copenhagen, Denmark

More at: <http://bit.ly/a3zgPs>

Resources

[1] 'Forestry, Risk and Climate Policy'

Available at: <http://bit.ly/bw0OgD>

[2] Water, Wetlands and Forests: A Review of Ecological, Economic and Policy Linkages, CBD
Technical Series No. 47, 2010

Available at: <http://bit.ly/9e5B7N>

[3] Payments for Ecosystem Services Legal and Institutional Frameworks, IUCN, 2009

Available at: <http://bit.ly/cKVr2L>