

Dear Colleagues,

Please find below periodic thematic digest on 'Biodiversity and Forest', Issue 13 (19 August 2010), prepared for members of Mountain Forum and Mountain Partnership network.

Regards,
Asia Pacific Mountain Network (APMN) team

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News

1. Himalayan nations discuss climate change adaptation roadmap

18 August 2010

Four eastern Himalayan countries officially commenced a three-day high-level technical consultative meeting in Kathmandu on the 'Sacred Himalayas for Water, Livelihoods, and Bio-cultural Heritage', which is being organised by ICIMOD and the Royal Government of Bhutan and expected outcomes will create a roadmap leading to the proposed 'Climate Summit for a Living Himalayas, Bhutan 2011'.

Source: <http://bit.ly/cCXg54>

2. Rhino found dead

18 August 2010

A female Rhino was found dead at the Gyaneswar Community forest in west Chitwan in Nepal on Wednesday morning. The Rhino was killed by the wire fence connected to electricity installed by the local farmers to protect their crop from wild animals, the District Forest Office has said.

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

3. Scientists discover new bearded monkey

17 August 2010

Scientists Thomas Defler, Marta Bueno, and Javier García have discovered a new species of monkey in the Caquetá region of southern Colombia. The region, which is part of the Amazon rainforest, had been inaccessible for years due to a violent insurgency.

Source: <http://yhoo.it/9YEcb3>

4. City bees show a richer diet than bees from farmlands

17 August 2010

Bees in urban and suburban settings have a richer, healthier diet than bees in farmland settings, say researchers.

Source: <http://bbc.in/axm55K>

5. NGOs invited to apply for funding to conserve the Indo-Burma biodiversity hotspot

17 August 2010

The Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) is providing grants to NGOs, academic institutions, community groups and other civil society organizations to implement projects leader to the conservation of Indo-Burma biodiversity hotspot.

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

6. Trojan Horse Attack on Native Lupine: Tiny Mice Advance Under of Invasive Beachgrass to Feast on Seeds of Endangered Plant

16 August 2010

It's a battle between an invasive plant and a native plant, but with a new twist. The two plants, European beachgrass and Tidestrom's lupine, are not in direct competition, and yet the beachgrass is helping to drive the lupine over the cliff.

Source: <http://bit.ly/a3PFew>

7. Assam asks Arunachal to stop mega dams

12 August 2010

Assam today registered protest over "reckless" construction of mega dams in Arunachal Pradesh and demanded that the Inter Ministerial Group of the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) conduct a thorough study to find out whether such dams are safe in a highly seismic region.

Source: <http://bit.ly/ak0vqp>

8. Biodiversity Hot Spots More Vulnerable to Global Warming Than Thought

12 August 2010

Global warming may present a threat to animal and plant life even in biodiversity hot spots once thought less likely to suffer from climate change, according to a new study from Rice University.

Source: <http://bit.ly/bihIR3>

9. Common Orchid Gives Scientists Hope in Face of Climate Change

10 August 2010

A study led by scientists from the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew's Jodrell Laboratory, which focuses on epigenetics in European common marsh orchids, has revealed that some plants may be able to adapt more quickly to environmental change than previously thought. The research, published in Molecular Biology and Evolution, brings new hope to plant conservation.

Source: <http://bit.ly/bp4uLP>

10. Global Tropical Forests Threatened by 2100

06 August 2010

By 2100 only 18% to 45% of the plants and animals making up ecosystems in global, humid tropical forests may remain as we know them today, according to a new study led by Greg Asner at the Carnegie Institution's Department of Global Ecology.

Source: <http://bit.ly/bN1G3i>

11. Increased Destruction of Bird Populations Are Predicted With Rise in Global Temperatures

05 August 2010

Blair Wolf, an associate professor of biology at the University of New Mexico, and his collaborator Andrew McKechnie from the University of Pretoria, South Africa, have been studying how increasing global temperatures will impact desert bird populations.

Source: <http://bit.ly/cLmiv5>

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Events

1. 20-21, November 2010

A National Conference on Conservation of Biodiversity; Bangalore, INDIA

This conference is open to science communicators and professionals, researchers and postgraduate students working in the field of biodiversity and allied subjects.

Deadline: Rolling

More at: <http://bit.ly/aXP6JH>

2. 01-03, December 2010

International Conference on Biodiversity: Biodiversity and the UN Millennium development Goals: Challenges for Research and Action; Frankfurt/Main, GERMANY

The 2-day conference will involve plenary sessions, workshops and poster sessions. No conference fee will be charged. Due to the space limitation the number of participants is restricted to 200. The conference will be held in English.

More at: <http://bit.ly/c8wexU>

3. 20-23 October 2010

2010 NELA National Conference: The Politics of Biodiversity; Canberra, AUSTRALIA

This will be a unique opportunity to hear challenging presentations on the politics of preserving the world's biodiversity for future generations.

Deadline: Not Available

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

4. 07-09 January 2011

2011 International Conference on Environmental Science and Development (ICESD 2011); Call for papers; Mumbai, INDIA

The aim of the ICESD conference series is to provide a forum for laying the foundations of a new principled approach to Environmental Science and Development. To this end, the meeting aims to attract participants with different backgrounds, to foster cross-pollination between different research fields, and to expose and discuss innovative theories, frameworks, methodologies, tools, and applications.

Deadline: 15 September 2010

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

5. 11-13, November 2010

Second International Conference on Science in Society; Madrid, SPAIN

The conference invites participants from a range of disciplines and professional areas to explore the relationship between science and its contexts and implications, including the cultural, social, ethical, and political.

Deadline: Not Available

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

6. 13-17, December 2010

2010 AGU Fall Meeting; San Francisco, California, USA

The American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting provides an opportunity for researchers, teachers, students, and consultants to present and review the latest issues affecting the Earth, the planets, and their environments in space. This meeting will cover topics in all areas of Earth and space sciences.

Deadline: 27 August 2010

More at: <http://bit.ly/chin1N>

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Opportunities

1. NGOs invited to apply for funding to conserve the Indo-Burma biodiversity hotspot

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Deadline: 30 September 2010

More at: <http://bit.ly/dbhmF1>

2. Vacancy: EDCTP Developing Countries Coordination Committee (DCCC) members

The Developing Countries Coordination Committee (DCCC) of the European and Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP) is seeking four new members to replace those who have completed their tenure.

Deadline: 20 October 2010

More at: <http://bit.ly/aHC87w>

3. Associate Editors - Nature Climate Change

Nature Climate Change is looking for two Associate Editors to join its London-based team.

Deadline: 10 September 2010

More at: <http://bit.ly/9cw8de>

4. ESRC/DFID Joint Scheme on International Development (Poverty Alleviation); call for research in international development

ESRC and DFID have announced their 2010 call for their joint scheme for research in international development. A series of workshops were held around the UK providing information and support for applicants to the scheme.

Deadline: 30 September 2010

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

5. Erasmus Mundus - euSYSBIO Scholarships

The Erasmus Mundus master's programme in Systems Biology (euSYSBIO) is cooperation between KTH Royal Institute of Technology in Sweden (KTH), Instituto Superior Tecnológico in Portugal (IST) and Aalto University school of Science and Technology in Finland.

Application period: 15 September-15 November

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

6. CAS Sofia Fellowship in Bulgaria

Fellows receive adequate material and intellectual support and can profit from the Centre's wide international networks, international seminar- and guest-lecturer programme. CAS Sofia assists Fellows in all practical matters concerning travel, residence and research in Sofia.

Deadline: 01 November 2010

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

7. UNAOC-Global Dialogue Foundation (GDF) Essay Contest

The Melbourne Forum organised by the Global Dialogue Foundation (GDF) under the auspices of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, will showcase some of the most innovative and successful grassroots initiatives aimed at promoting mutual understanding among people and cultures in the Asia-Pacific Region.

Deadline: 15 September 2010

More at: <http://bit.ly/a329Sk>

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Organisations working on Biodiversity and Forest

1. Centre for Biodiversity and Indigenous Knowledge, Kunming China

URL: <http://bit.ly/cmt0CU>

2. Climate Change Biodiversity Alliance consortium, US

URL: <http://bit.ly/b31h5C>

3. Congo Basin Forest Fund (CBFF)

URL: <http://bit.ly/9Vd8sF>

4. Doyle Foundation

URL: <http://bit.ly/aVm6Xp>

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Resources

1. ARKive.org — Discover the world's most endangered species

URL: <http://bit.ly/aVNJW1>

2. Trees a 'low-cost' solution to air pollution and biodiversity loss in cities

URL: <http://bit.ly/a1Z9Y2>

3. Is Africa's wildlife being eaten to extinction?; Mark Jones, 03 August 2010

URL: <http://bbc.in/asED63>

4. Lund, JF; Balooni, K; and Puri, L; Perception-based Methods to Evaluate Conservation Impact in Forests Managed Through Popular Participation; Ecology and Society

URL: <http://bit.ly/bBXUKV>

5. Carbon, biodiversity & ecosystem services: exploring co-benefits

URL: <http://bit.ly/bydvBK>

6. Current Opinion in Environmental Sustainability: Special issue on biodiversity, ecosystem services and human well-being

URL: <http://bit.ly/9vANOS>

7. The role of biotechnology for the characterisation and conservation of crop, forest, animal and fish

URL: <http://www.fao.org/biotech/logs/C13/summary.htm>

8. Biodiversity hotspots for conservation priorities

URL: <http://bit.ly/9r2cpV>

9. Lugt P.; (2008); Design Interventions for Stimulating Bamboo Commercialization - Dutch Design meets Bamboo as a Replicable Model; VSSD

URL: <http://bit.ly/9WOOhG>

10. Conservation comes in many forms

URL: <http://bit.ly/9sNnNm>

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