

Dear Colleagues,

Please find below periodic thematic digest on 'Biodiversity and Forests', Issue 15 (27 September 2010), prepared for members of Mountain Forum and Mountain Partnership network.

Regards,
Asia Pacific Mountain Network (APMN) team

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News from Regional Member Countries (RMCs)

1. Centre's nod to turn BRT sanctuary into tiger reserve

20 September 2010

Big cats in the country have got some more protected areas to roam around in down South with the Centre today giving in-principle approval for Karnataka's proposal to turn Biligiri Ranganatha Temple (BRT) Sanctuary into a tiger reserve.

Source: <http://bit.ly/b3rGGZ>

2. Over 130 leopards killed this year: Report

18 September 2010

The leopard deaths are continuing in the country. The anti-poaching cell of Uttarakhand forest department seized two leopard skins on Wednesday night from Chakrata in Dehradun district. There have been about 130 leopard deaths so far this year. Most of them have been reported from Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh.

Source: <http://bit.ly/ac3gf9>

3. Two fined Rs 25,000 each for killing deer

18 September 2010

Two persons were fined Rs 25,000 each for stoning to death a male deer that had strayed into their farm at Guruvareddiyur in Sennampatty forest area last evening.

Source: <http://bit.ly/azuxZ9>

4. The rich biodiversity of eastern Himalaya has great medicinal potential

17 September 2010

The rich biodiversity of eastern Himalaya including Bhutan, comprises most of the aforesaid

types of forests except for the ones described at Sl. no. 4, 5 and 6 in preceding paras.

Source: <http://bit.ly/9ne1fY>

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Global News

1. Forest lovers plant their way to UN General Assembly

22 September 2010

Representatives of Muliru Farmers Conservation group are in New York to pick up a \$5,000 (Sh400,000) and a certificate of achievement for their outstanding conservation campaign to protect the fragile biodiversity of Kakamega Forest.

Source: <http://bit.ly/a1g6Vi>

2. Stamp issue to mark Year of Biodiversity

21 September 2010

To mark the International Year of Biodiversity, Maltapost is issuing a philatelic commemorative set of four stamps on Thursday.

Source: <http://bit.ly/90Ant6>

3. South African cops bust alleged major rhino poaching syndicate

21 September 2010

Johannesburg - South African police on Tuesday announced a breakthrough in the battle against spiraling rhino poaching, with the arrest of nine members of an alleged rhino poaching ring.

Source: <http://bit.ly/bi2Bk9>

4. Rural landowners invited to join in biodiversity workshops

21 September 2010

Workshops for rural landholders keen to manage biodiversity will be held this Saturday (25 September) and next Wednesday (29 September) by Penrith City Council at Crane brook and Mulgoa.

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

5. The Nature Conservancy of Delaware is Awarded a \$900,000 Grant

20 September 2010

The Migratory Bird Conservation Commission has approved funding of a \$900,000 grant to The Nature Conservancy in Delaware to permanently protect 507 acres of the Island and Sanctuary Farms.

Source: <http://bit.ly/byS44K>

6. Japan-Africa Meet Pledges to Combat Biodiversity Loss

20 September 2010

Japan has called for a more robust global approach to tackle the world's deteriorating biodiversity crisis, pledged to strengthen its assistance to the continent and outlined key strategies to meet the challenge.

Source: <http://bit.ly/9xda3L>

7. Asian 'Unicorn' Dies in Captivity in Laos

20 September 2010

A very rare and elusive animal called the saola – also referred to as the Asian unicorn – has been spotted after almost 10 years in Laos, the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) confirmed.

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

8. Japan to host global meets on natural resources

16 September 2010

The meeting in Japan – known as COP10 – will bring together 193 parties to the UN Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), an international law created at the Rio Earth Summit in 1992.

Source: <http://bit.ly/cV7WHO>

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Event

1. 04-08, October 2010

20th Session of the FAO Committee on Forestry (COFO)/2nd World Forest Week: Calls for registration; FAO Headquarters Rome, ITALY

COFO 2010 will focus on, inter alia: the Global Forest Resources Assessment; forest biodiversity, fire and water in the context of climate change; emerging opportunities and challenges in forest finance and forest governance; programme priorities for FAO's forestry activities; and the International Year of Forests 2011.

Deadline: Rolling

Contact: FAO Forestry Department, Tel- 39-06-5705-3925, Fax-39-06-5705-31 52

Email: COFO2010@fao.org

Event website: <http://bit.ly/blshOZ>

2. 10-14, October 2010

International Wildlife Ranching Symposium; Call for Papers; Kimberley, Northern Province, SOUTH AFRICA

Theme: The business of conservation - science, livelihoods and values. The greatest contribution that wildlife ranching can make is in its extension to rural peoples throughout the world and the benefit from its sustainable use.

Deadline: 28 February 2010

Contact: Glaudin Kruger, Tel: 00 27 28 316 2905

Email: kruger@kruger-associates.com

Event website: <http://bit.ly/cgoBWa>

3. 28 -30, December 2010

2010 International Conference on Biology, Environment and Chemistry (ICBEC 2010); Call for Papers; Hong Kong, CHINA

All papers in the IC4E 2010 proceedings will be included in the IEEE Xplore and CSDL, and submitted to INSPEC, Thomson ISI Proceeding (ISTP), Ei Compendex for indexing.

Deadline: 20 October 2010

Contact: Northeastern University, Huazhong University, UESTC; Conference Secretary

Email: ic4e@vip.163.com

Event Website: <http://bit.ly/9Sv5K2>

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Opportunities

1. The Wildlife Conservation Society Fellowships

The WCS Research Fellowship Program (RFP) is a small grants program administered by the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) Institute that is designed to build capacity for the next generation of conservationists by supporting individual field research projects that have a clear application to the conservation of threatened wildlife and wild places. Applicants must currently be enrolled in a Masters, PhD, or DVM program, or the equivalent.

Deadline: 05 January 2010

Contact: fellowship@wcs.org

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

2. The Conservation Leadership Award

The Conservation Leadership Programme (CLP) is a partnership of four conservation organisations – BirdLife International, Conservation International, Fauna & Flora International, the Wildlife Conservation Society. Conservation Awards are open to applicants working across Africa, Asia, Eastern and South-eastern Europe, the Middle East, the Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean.

Deadline: 15 November 2010

Contact: clp@birdlife.org

More at: <http://bit.ly/cbkbF8>

3. The Women and Public Policy Program Fellowship

The stipend for the 2010-2011 academic year postdoctoral fellowship is \$34,000. Residential fellowships also provide for individual health insurance and institutional support. The fellow will hold his or her fellowship jointly with the International Security Program (ISP) of the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs (Belfer Center).

Deadline: 31 January 2011

Contact: theresa_lund@harvard.edu

More at: <http://bit.ly/cp8FiU>

4. NYU Postdoctoral and Transition Program for Academic Diversity Fellowship

New York University (NYU) is dedicated to ensuring a diverse, scholarly environment and encouraging individuals to enter the academic profession. Applicants with strengths in the sciences, health professions, law, and social sciences will be particularly welcome.

Deadline: 15 November 2010

Contact: diversityweb@nyu.edu

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

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Organisations working on Biodiversity and Forests

1. The European Tropical Forest Research Network (ETFRN)

Forum for communication between European organisations, researchers, EU institutions and

others concerned with (sub-) tropical forest research. The network has participants in 16 European countries, including Norway, Switzerland, and all European Union member states, except Luxembourg.

URL: <http://bit.ly/9Jt4ur>

2. Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR)

CIFOR advances human wellbeing, environmental conservation and equity by conducting research to inform policies and practices that affect forests in developing countries. CIFOR is one of 15 centers within the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR)

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

3. Asean Centre for Biodiversity

The Philippines became the official host of the headquarters of the ACB after its Senate approved a resolution concurring with the ratification of the Host Country Agreement (HCA) signed between the ACB and the Government of the Philippines. This regional project started in 1999, with an EC grant of €9.5 million.

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

4. Botanical Garden Conservation Network

BGCI is well-known and widely respected for its role in policy development and implementation relating to plant conservation. It is, for example, generally acknowledged that without the policy work of BGCI, the GSPC would not have been developed and adopted by the Convention on Biological Diversity.

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

5. Flora and Fauna International

Fauna & Flora International is conserving the planet's threatened species and ecosystems – with the people and communities who depend on them.

URL: <http://bit.ly/d3parA>

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Resources

1. Rhino Conservation: Rhino horn is not medicine

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

2. The Ecological Footprint and Biodiversity

URL: <http://bit.ly/bK4rOJ>

3. Report & debate to highlight Europe's biodiversity in crisis

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

4. VANSCHUYVER, B; Wildscapes a means of stewardship; 20 September 2010

URL: <http://bit.ly/ac11TB>

5. In Atlantic Forest Brazil Responsible Production of Cocoa Conserves the Forest and Generates Additional Income to Rural Workers

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

6. ETFRN News 51: Biodiversity Conservation in Certified Forests

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

7. Meijaard, E; Sheil, D; Nasi, R; (2005); Life after Logging: Reconciling Wildlife Conservation and Production Forestry in Indonesian Borneo

URL: <http://bit.ly/d9DnwP>

8. Kuijk, MV; Putz, FE; Zagt, R; (2009); Effects of Forest Certification on Biodiversity

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

9. Sheil, D.; Meijaard, E; (2010); Purity and prejudice: deluding ourselves about biodiversity conservation

URL: <http://bit.ly/a1hz45>

10. ASEAN Biodiversity; Volume 9, Number 1

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

11. 4th National Reports to the Convention on Biological Diversity

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

12. International Coral Reef Initiative

URL: <http://bit.ly/aaQbu1>

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