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Please find below periodic thematic digest on 'Biodiversity and Forest', Issue 19 (31 January 2011), prepared for members of Mountain Forum and Mountain Partnership network.

Regards,
Asia Pacific Mountain Network (APMN) team

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News form Regional Member Countries (RMCs)

1. India: More tiger cubs bring cheer to Ranthambore

28 January 2011

Ranthambore, which lost 10 tigers recently due to deaths or straying, may have got back its count with at least nine cubs being sighted in the park. Since last September, five cubs have been caught on camera while forest guards spotted two more tigress which are said to be lactating, park sources said.

Source: <http://bit.ly/gjM0k2>

2. India: Man-eater of Kumaon felled after killing 6

28 January 2011

A forest warden on Thursday shot to death a man-eater that had created terror in and around Kumaon's Corbett Reserve, stalking and killing at least six people in the last three months. The animal had killed and eaten his latest victim — a 27-year-old man — earlier in the day.

Source: <http://bit.ly/hD27Dm>

3. China: First Single-Fingered Dinosaur Discovered

25 January 2011

A new species of parrot-sized dinosaur, the first discovered with only one finger, has been unearthed in Inner Mongolia, China. The new dinosaur belongs to the Alvarezsauroidea, a branch of the carnivorous dinosaur group Theropoda. Theropods gave rise to modern birds and include such famous dinosaurs as Tyrannosaurus and Velociraptor.

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

4. Nepal: Nepal translocates first Wild Tiger to new home

22 January 2011

A wild tiger fitted with satellite-collar was successfully translocated from Nepal's Chitwan National Park to Bardia National Park for the first time today, according to World Wildlife Fund. The translocation was led by the Government of Nepal with support from World Wildlife Fund Nepal (WWF-Nepal) and the National Trust for Nature Conservation during the last days of the Year of the Tiger. It will further Nepal's goal of doubling wild tiger numbers by 2022, the next time the Chinese calendar celebrates the endangered species.

Source: <http://bit.ly/fC3MvW>

5. Bhutan: Bhutanese conservation society among MacArthur winners

21 January 2011

The Royal Society for Protection of Nature, along with the Chicago-based Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law and 10 other nonprofits with budgets under \$5 million received funds ranging from \$350,000 to \$1 million from the foundation.

Source: <http://bit.ly/go4vMR>

6. Bangladesh: 'Remove anomalies from proposed Wildlife Act'

01 January 2011

Wildlife and biodiversity experts have urged the government to redraft the proposed Wildlife Act 2010, as the draft made by the environment and forests ministry is full of inconsistencies.

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

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Global News

1. Indonesia: Rare Sumatran tiger gives birth to three cubs

27 January 2011

A rare Sumatran tiger has given birth to three cubs at an Indonesian zoo in a welcome boost for the endangered species, an official said Thursday. The big cat gave birth to four cubs at Taman Rimba zoo in Jambi province Tuesday but one died immediately, according to provincial tourism and cultural agency head Didi Wuryanto.

Source: <http://bit.ly/hPU5BS>

2. USA: Hormones Dictate Breeding Success in Birds

26 January 2011

Hormones like prolactin and corticosterone can exercise a crucial influence on the behaviour of birds in the breeding season and therefore on their reproductive success. An animal's hormonal constitution is thus of major significance for its reproductive success, and is possibly an important driving force of evolution.

Source: <http://bit.ly/e5h1aK>

3. UK: Britain's wild plants make a comeback

25 January 2011

Already three quarters of genetic diversity of crops have been lost in the 20th century as commercial agriculture concentrated on breeds that give the highest yield. However the traditional British varieties often contain nutrients or properties such as pest resistance that could prove key to plant breeding in the future.

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

4. UK: Changes in wildlife migration could alter disease risk

24 January 2011

The risk of animals passing diseases to humans could increase in some cases, but decrease in others, as people encroach on and disrupt wildlife migration paths, according to a review in Science (21 January). Climate change is also affecting migration patterns, and the review says there is an urgent need for research on how changes in habitat and climate will affect disease in migratory animals, to predict risks for both people and wildlife.

Source: <http://bit.ly/ha3dGP>

5. USA: Biologists discover giant crayfish species right under their noses

19 January 2011

Two aquatic biologists have proven that you don't have to travel to exotic locales to search for unusual new species. They discovered a distinctive species of crayfish in Tennessee and Alabama that is at least twice the size of its competitors. Its closest genetic relative, once thought to be the only species in its genus and discovered in 1884 about 130 miles away in Kentucky, can grow almost as big as a lobster.

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

6. Peru: AIDSEP denounces illegal logging in Oxapampa Forest Reserve

12 January 2011

About one hundred thousand feet of thin wood are extracted every month of the Biosphere Reserve Oxapampa-Asháninka-Yanesha, Pasco region, a process carried out by illegal loggers exploiting the absence of the state, predating the forest. The affected area includes the National Park Yanachaga Chemillen, the Yanesha Communal Reserve, the San Matías protected forest and part of the El Sira Communal Reserve.

Source: <http://bit.ly/fF8Ymo>

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Event

1. 11-13, February 2011

Conservation of Sacred Groves to Protect Local Biodiversity, C.P.R. Environmental Education Centre (CPREEC); Call for proposals/abstracts, Tamilnadu, INDIA

It is an inter-disciplinary conference to study sacred groves as traditional repositories of floral and faunal diversity, protected by religious beliefs and traditions. Papers will be published with ISBN numbering.

Deadline: 31 January 2011

Contact: cpreec@vsnl.com, Tel- 91- 44 -24337023, Fax- 91- 44 – 24320756

Event website: <http://bit.ly/eJl7ko>

2. 15–18, March 2011

Asia-Pacific Regional Consultation and Capacity Building Workshop on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation in Developing Countries (REDDplus 1), Including on Relevant Biodiversity Safeguard, Call for nominations, Singapore City, SINGAPORE

The workshop is the first in a series of three regional workshops to ensure effective consultation with Parties on the topic of relevant REDD-plus biodiversity safeguards, and it will be followed by regional workshops for other relevant regions in this context, notably Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean.

Deadline: 10 February 2011

Contact: secretariat@cbd.int, Fax - +1 (514) 288-6588

Event website: <http://bit.ly/e94944>

3. 23-25, February 2011

Symposium on Insect Pest Management-2011; Call for proposals/abstracts, Palayamkottai, Tamil Nadu, INDIA

In view of the impact of insect pests on human beings and environment, the proposed symposium will provide an opportunity to entomologists to propose guidelines for future research on Insect Pest Management.

Deadline: 20 February 2010

Contact: Dr.Dunston P Ambrose, ipmsxc2011@gmail.com

Event website: <http://bit.ly/elhz2P>

4. 29 July 2011 - 04 August, 2011

2011 International Biodiversity Conference; Call for proposals/abstracts, Banos, ECUADOR

We invite college professors and field experts in wildlife conservation who teach biology, biodiversity, geography, geology, and life science to participate in our event.

Deadline: 01 June 2011

Contact: Dr. Barry W. Barker, barkerb@wildspotsfoundation.org

Event website: <http://bit.ly/g5QsYO>

5. 06-08, September 2011

Landscape Ecology and Ecosystem Services; Call for proposals/abstracts, Telford, Shropshire, UK

The 18th annual UK meeting will explore landscape ecology & ecosystem services. There will be 2 days of presentations on science, policy & practice, networking events and workshops, followed by fieldtrips to landscape-scale projects.

Deadline: 25 February 2011

Contact: Chris Young, conference2011@iale.org.uk

Event website: <http://bit.ly/gfsr1n>

6. 14-17, September 2011

International Conference on Conservation and Management of Pollinators 2011, Call for abstracts, Sarawak, MALAYSIA

Registration is now open for the International Conference on Conservation and Management of Pollinators being organized by the Century Foundation in association with Sarawak Convention Bureau, Government of Sarawak, Malaysia.

Deadline: 15 June 2011

Contact: Dr. Anita M., Tel- +91(080) 22961315, +91 9845056044, pollinator2011@gmail.com

Event website: <http://bit.ly/h8b3PN>

7. 20-22, December 2011

National Conference on Environment and Biodiversity of India; Call for proposals/abstracts, New Delhi, Delhi, INDIA

Researchers, academicians, students, conservationists, environmentalists, foresters and policy makers across the country are welcomed to be part of this conference. Exciting programme of lectures, panel discussions, poster presentations and social events will be organized.

Deadline: 30 September 2011

Contact: Khurajam Jibankumar Singh, Organising Secretary, ebi2011.neceer@gmail.com

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

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Opportunities

1. Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF) Calls for proposals for Young Researchers Award

Two awards of ₹4000 will be available in 2011 from the Global Biodiversity Information Facility GBIF. The main objective of the Young Researchers Award is to foster innovative research and discovery in biodiversity informatics by graduate students in master's and doctorate programs at universities in countries participating in the GBIF network. Deadline for application is 15 March.

Deadline: 15 March 2011

Contact: GBIF Secretariat Universitetsparken, info@gbif.org

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

2. Summer 2011 Fellowship

PERC'S fellowships for graduate students and law students offer the ideal opportunity for those who are interested in researching issues related to natural resources and the environment. PERC is seeking graduate or law students who are interested in natural resources and environmental issues and who show potential for research and writing in these areas. Preference is given to those who are working on a research paper, thesis, or dissertation on a natural resource or environmental topic.

Deadline: 15 February 2011

Contact: Fax- (406)586-7555, programs@perc.org, perc@perc.org

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

3. Post-doctoral scientist -Contagious Bovine Pleuropneumonia, Nairobi, Kenya

The International Livestock research Institute seeks to recruit a Post doc scientist to join the Contagious Bovine Pleuropneumonia (CBPP) research group within the biotechnology team.

Deadline: 31 January 2011

Contact: Loyce Mbwaya, recruit-ilri-Ken@cgiar.org Tel- +254-02-3282

More at: <http://bit.ly/dO9B9b>

4. ASEAN SEARCA MS-PhD Scholarships in Agriculture 2012-2013

The scholarship is open to nationals of Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Vietnam who are regular employees of academic or research institutions or government agencies and not older than 35 years old.

Deadline: 30 July 2011

Contact: gsd@agri.searca.org
More at: <http://bit.ly/fCSAqb>

5. Vacancy: Technical Advisor (ForInfo Project), The Centre for People and Forest, Bangkok

RECOFTC - The Center for People and Forests

RECOFTC is seeking a Technical Advisor for its project 'Forest Information Generation and Ownership by Local People in Products and Services Markets' (ForInfo).

Deadline: 21 February 2011

Contact: P.O. Box 1111, Kasetsart University, HR@recoftc.org, Fax: 66-2-5614880;

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

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Organisations working on Biodiversity and Forests

1. Royal Society for Protection of Nature, Bhutan

RSPN's mission is to inspire personal responsibility and active involvement of the people of Bhutan in the conservation of the Kingdom's environment through education, research and sustainable livelihood opportunities.

URL: <http://bit.ly/gCRAb0>

2. The Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), Germany

It is an international network to promote responsible management of the world's forests. FSC brings people together to find solutions to the problems created by bad forestry practices and to reward good forest management.

URL: <http://bit.ly/g7sa4c>

3. One World Wildlife, UK

One World Wildlife is a British-based conservation charity that undertakes and supports ecological research, sustainable development initiatives and environmental education projects.

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

4. Biodiversity Conservation Society, Nepal

Biodiversity Conservation Society Nepal (BIOCOSNEPAL) is a non-governmental, non profit-making, non political and member based organization.

URL: <http://bit.ly/i9oKO3>

5. Global Wildlife Center, USA

It seeks to be a center of excellence in education; to create a perfect place in which threatened and endangered wildlife from around the world live and flourish in a free-ranging natural environment.

URL: <http://bit.ly/iadS8y>

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Resources

1. Global Mountain Biodiversity: News on mountain biodiversity

URL: <http://bit.ly/eJ4ews>

2. Mountain Biodiversity Portal

URL: <http://bit.ly/igl4ZH>

3. REDD in the news: 3-9 January 2011

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

4. National REDD+ Strategies In Asia And The Pacific: Progress And Challenges

URL: <http://bit.ly/gJz44R>

5. Top 10 Environmental Stories of 2010; Commentary by Jeremy Hance and Rhett A. Butler

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

6. Greening the world with palm oil? Rhett A. Butler

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

7. Zambia: The fantastical flight of Africa's giant fruit bats

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

8. Elton, C., (1927) Animal Ecology; Chapter V, The animal community " Page 2 of 15

URL: <http://bit.ly/e8FnZa>

9. Deforestation Stats

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

10. Carbon and biodiversity: A demonstration atlas UNEP-WCMC Biodiversity Series No. 29

URL: <http://bit.ly/hv9P1F>

11. World Conservation magazine - latest issue

URL: <http://bit.ly/eK2Hex>

12. The new issue of "Pakistan Forest Digest" is available on the following link.

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

13. Eco Friendly News: UN and WWF can see the Forest for the Trees?

URL: <http://bit.ly/g9GHgx>

14. The United Nations Collaborative Programme on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD) in Developing Countries: Newsletter, Issue #15 Dec 2010/ Jan 2011

URL: <http://bit.ly/id761S>

15. Conservation Training information

URL: <http://bit.ly/i3AUfy>

16. The European Tropical Forest Research Network (ETFRN), The Netherlands

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

17. View point: Biodiversity nears 'point of no return'

URL: <http://bbc.in/hdla7m>

18. Yua, H., Luedeling, E., and Xua, J., (2010) Winter and spring warming result in delayed spring phenology on the Tibetan Plateau, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America

URL: <http://bit.ly/e6g4tN>

19. Plants flowering later on the Tibetan Plateau by Hannah Hoag, 29 November 2010, nature news

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

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