



Biodiversity Conservation, Ecosystem Services and Poverty Reduction

Shaping a New Agenda

September 17th to 21st 2009

held at the
International Academy for Nature Conservation, Isle of Vilm,
Germany



The global economic crisis shocked the world earlier this year. Many governments have responded with enormous, unprecedented economic stimulus and support programs to avoid increasing unemployment and poverty. It is well known today that poverty impacts on the environment and increasing ecosystem degradation aggravates poverty. The loss of biodiversity is a central element in this vicious circle.

On the basis of recent discussions and experiences on linking biodiversity and ecosystem services with development and poverty reduction, the workshop primarily aims to develop inputs for the Strategic Plan of the *Convention on Biological Diversity* (CBD). The plan, which will be negotiated at the 10th *Conference of the Parties* in October 2010 in Nagoya, Japan, will influence environmental policies of 191 member states for the period 2011 to 2022. Among other issues, the plan will specify the importance of biodiversity for poverty reduction and the achievements of the Millennium Development Goals.

More specifically, the workshop focuses on three principle elements for the integration of biodiversity and associated ecosystem services into sustainable development and poverty reduction strategies and, vices versa, poverty reduction considerations into biodiversity policy and action plans. These elements are: (1) a conceptual framework, (2) targets and indicators and (3) policy instruments (e.g. PES¹ and TEEB²). Expected outputs of the workshop include recommendations for the new Strategic Plan of the CBD and a road map for further engagement into the process of policy implementation.

In 2010 the world will celebrate the UN International Year of Biodiversity and the theme of next year's International Day on Biodiversity is "biodiversity for development and poverty alleviation". In the run-up to these events, the workshop provides a forum to discuss key issues and to develop inputs for a new agenda related to biodiversity conservation and poverty reduction. Through case studies we hope not to loose track and to incorporate practical experience. Ample space for discussions and working groups is considered.

¹ Payments for Environmental Services

² The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity

Thursday, 17th September, 2009

Afternoon/evening: Individual arrival of participants

18:30 Dinner

20:00 Welcome to the Isle of Vilm and introduction to the International Academy for Nature Conservation
Gisela Stolpe, German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN)

Welcome of participants and introduction to the workshop
Bettina Hedden-Dunkhorst, BfN

Comprehensive introductory round
All participants

Friday, 18th September, 2009

07:30 Breakfast

09:00 **Setting the Stage - Key Statements on Conservation and Poverty Reduction**

Why do we need a conceptual framework?

Alfred Oteng-Yeboah, Council for Science and Technology

What assessment mechanisms are necessary to support the process?

Lea Scherl, IUNC CEESP (Oceania) and IUCN CEESP-WCPA, Taskforce on Protected Areas, Equity and Livelihoods



What are the requirements for successful policy implementation?

Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, Conservation International

Discussion

Introduction to the Strategic Plan of the CBD and the ongoing review process

Alberto Vega, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity

11:00 Coffee / tea break

11:15 Conceptual Framework

An umbrella framework to link the CBD implementation with development and poverty reduction processes: Gap-analysis of the thematic CBD Programs of Work and other inputs to the CBD planning cycle

Alberto Vega, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity

An up-date on the current discussions around Post-2010 frameworks that link biodiversity and human well being

Abisha Mapendembe, UNEP-WCMC

Discussion

12:30 Lunch

13:30 Excursion on the Isle of Vilm

15:00 Coffee / tea break



15:30 **Targets and Indicators (short Presentations, Panel and Open Discussion)**

The post-2010 target and indicators: Overview, lessons and recommendations

David Thomas, BirdLife International

Experiences developing ecosystem indicators that link to wellbeing

Monica Hernandez- Morcillo, UNEP-WCMC

Social assessment of protected areas: Indicators, models and approaches

Lea Scherl

Discussion

17:00 Specification of Working Group Sessions

18:30 Dinner

20:00 Opportunities for further short ad-hoc presentation of activities and social gathering

Saturday, 19th September, 2009

07:30 Breakfast

09:00 Policies and Policy Instruments

Payments for ecosystem services in Costa Rica: A successful policy instrument for linking conservation and sustainable development

Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, Conservation International



Challenges and potentials resulting from TEEB (The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity)

Johannes Förster, Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research

Discussion

10:30 Coffee / tea break

11:00 Working Group Session I

12:30 Lunch

13:30 Exchange on Working Groups

14:00 Working Group Session II (including Coffee break)

15:30 Visit to Putbus / Rügen

18:30 Dinner

20:00 Continuation of Working Groups Session II

21:00 Opportunities for further short ad-hoc presentation of activities and social gathering

Sunday, 20th September, 2009

07:30 Breakfast

09:00 Impulse through a Case Study

Conservation, poverty, and policy in the field: Perspectives from the Banggai Islands, Indonesia

Mochamad Indrawan



09:30 Working Group Session III (*including Coffee break*)

12:00 Alignment Plenary

12:30 Lunch

13:30 Plenary discussion on Working Group results

15:00 Coffee / tea break

15:30 Write up of Recommendations

17:30 Way Forward Discussion and Wrap Up

18:30 Dinner and Visit to the Vilm Photo Gallery and Social Gathering

20:00 Farewell party with traditional food, drinks, music, dances etc. brought by the participants

Monday, 21st September, 2009

07:30 Breakfast

Individual departure of participants

07:25 First Departure option by ferry for train connections from Lauterbach-Mole at 08:05, breakfast packets will be provided

09:20 Second Departure option by ferry for train connections from Lauterbach-Mole at 10:05, lunch packets will be provided

