



Thematic Area:

Linking people, biodiversity and livelihoods

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Workshop summary

The importance of biodiversity for poverty alleviation provides opportunities for building bridges between the conservation and development community and achieve win-win outcomes. Recent work in the UK and internationally has focused on assessing the strength of the evidence for biodiversity-poverty linkages and mainstreaming the evidence into development and planning policies.

The workshop was hosted by The Cambridge Conservation Initiative (CCI) and facilitated by UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC). The aim was to provide a forum for conservation and development researchers/practitioners to meet and discuss recent and planned work within the field of conservation and poverty interactions.

This workshop provided an ideal opportunity to initiate and strengthen joint work in light of the upcoming call for the CCI Collaborative Fund and to discuss further opportunities for collaborative work.

Agenda

The workshop took place on Thursday the 15th March 2012 from 10:00 -15:00 in the Harley-Mason Room in Corpus Christi College, Cambridge.

There were two sessions either side of lunch:

Session 1: Sharing experience, chaired by Abisha Mapendembe

Participants are invited to give brief presentations to introduce themselves and their work on biodiversity and poverty to the community, followed by a question and answer session.

Session 2: Key questions on biodiversity-poverty linkages, chaired by Bjorn Schulte-Herbruggen

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Detailed agenda

9:30 Coffee on arrival (in the Cambridge Room)

10:00 **Welcome and round table introductions**
Introduction to the workshop (Abisha Mapendembe)

10:30 **Session 1: Sharing experience (chaired by Abisha Mapendembe)**

Each person has been given 10 minutes, including 5 minutes talk about their own work and that of their organisation and 5 minutes for questions. There will be time for a more detailed discussion of particular issues and further questions after lunch.

Bjorn Schulte-Herbruggen	UNEP-WCMC
Dilys Roe	IIED
Claire Thompson	BirdLife International

11:00 Tea break (in the Cambridge Room)

Ivan Scales	Department of Geography
Chris Sandbrook	UNEP-WCMC
Joice Ferreira	Department of Zoology
Tom Clements	Department of Zoology and WCS
Chloe Hodgkinson	Fauna and Flora International (FFI)
Willow Outhwaite	TRAFFIC

12:10 Lunch (in the Cambridge Room)

13:00 **Session 1: Sharing experience (cont'd)**

Phil Atkinson	British Trust for Ornithology (BTO)
Martine Goder	Department of Geography
Nicholas Hill	Independent consultant
Matt Walpole and Jessica Smith	UNEP-WCMC

13:40 **Session 2: Key questions on biodiversity-poverty linkages**
(chaired by Bjorn Schulte-Herbruggen)

What do we need to understand about the links between biodiversity and poverty in order to improve conservation outcomes? Colleagues from a number of conservation and development organisations have identified – and tried to answer – a series of FAQs on biodiversity-poverty linkages (see <http://pubs.iied.org/pdfs/14612IIED.pdf>). In a facilitated discussion session, participants will be asked to think about how their work helps inform and/or answer these questions as well as any other questions that could be asked. Participants will also consider what could be done to enhance the evidence base (or specific aspects of it) through collaboration amongst CCI partners.

15:00 Meeting closed

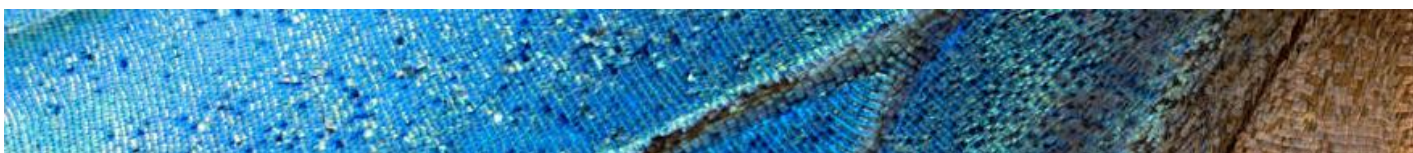


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