



REDD-plus & Biodiversity e-Newsletter



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The aim of this e-Newsletter is to inform CBD National Focal Points and CBD partners about biodiversity aspects in relation to reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries (REDD-plus). To subscribe, please visit <http://www.cbd.int/forest/redd/newsletters/>. To unsubscribe, please click [here](#).

NEWS

Regional Workshops on Biodiversity Safeguards

Based on [Decision X/33](#), the CBD Secretariat is organizing a series of regional consultation and capacity building workshops on biodiversity aspects of REDD-plus, including on relevant safeguards. The first workshop, for the Asia-Pacific region, will take place from 15-18 March 2011 in Singapore. More: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/notifications/2010/ntf-2010-218-redd-en.pdf>.

CBD at UNFCCC COP 16 / CMP 6 – Cancun, Mexico

Rio Conventions' Ecosystems and Climate Change Pavilion: In Cancun, the [Ecosystems Pavilion](#) had an exhibit, a meeting space, and a series of associated events on topics highlighting the linkages between biodiversity, climate change and sustainable land management. Presentations and recordings from the events can be accessed at: <http://www.ecosystemspavilion.org/en/cancun>, and videos, photos and interviews are available at: <http://www.ecosystemspavilion.org/en/nagoya-videos>.



Forest Day 4: *Forest Day 4* was co-hosted by the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), the Mexican National Forestry Commission (CONAFOR), and members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF), including the Convention on Biological Diversity. It brought together more than 1,500 of the world's leaders and experts, practitioners and policy makers, advocates and investors, indigenous people, community representatives, and the media to discuss the integration of forests into climate mitigation and adaptation from local to global levels. A summary of Forest Day 4 is available at: <http://www.forestclimatechange.org/?id=412>.



Forest Biodiversity as the Theme of the International Day for Biological Diversity and International Year of Forests

The theme for the [International Day for Biological Diversity \(IDB\)](#) in 2011 is Forest Biodiversity. IDB is being celebrated on 22 May as part of the [International Year of Forests](#). More: <http://www.cbd.int/idb/doc/2011/idb-2011-booklet-en.pdf>.



Online resources on carbon, biodiversity and ecosystem services

The [UN-REDD Programme pages on the multiple benefits of REDD+](#) provide access to a wide range of resources on ecosystem-based benefits, including an introductory brochure 'Beyond Carbon'. Amongst other materials, the website houses the *Multiple Benefits Series* of technical and issue papers. Your comments on these web pages are welcome. Visit: http://www.un-redd.org/AboutUNREDDProgramme/GlobalActivities/New_Multiple_Benefits/tabid/1016/Default.aspx.

Old technology is new again for people and trees in Borneo

Use of a motorized winch – instead of a bulldozer – to remove harvested timber is being tested at Indonesian Borneo logging concessions. Supported by USAID, Indonesia Ministry of Forestry and The Nature Conservancy's Responsible Asian Forestry & Trade (RAFT) program, this sustainable forestry approach has created local jobs, caused less soil disruption and released less carbon from damage to surrounding forest. More: <http://www.nature.org/initiatives/climatechange/features/art32870.html> and <http://change.nature.org/2011/01/12/the-power-of-22-horses-and-cable-winch/>.



PUBLICATIONS

"The Little Biodiversity Finance Book"

The Global Canopy Programme is pleased to announce its latest publication on innovative finance for biodiversity and ecosystem services. The Little Biodiversity Finance Book estimates that between USD 36 - 38 billion per annum is currently being spent on natural capital and explores ways to raise up to USD 141 billion per annum by 2020. To find out more go to: <http://globalcanopy.org/main.php?m=117&sm=225&t=1>.



"Biodiversity Conservation in the REDD"

REDD+ has potential to combat global climate change and save threatened biodiversity as a co-benefit of protecting forests. This paper shows, however, that in Indonesia, protecting forests providing the largest carbon savings benefits a small portion of Indonesia's most threatened biodiversity. The authors warn that implementing REDD+ without a regulatory framework to guide biodiversity co-benefits could undermine, not enhance, long-term prospects for biodiversity conservation. Visit: <http://www.cbmjournal.com/content/5/1/7>.

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Your contributions to this Newsletter on issues related to biodiversity aspects of REDD-plus are welcome. Please send your submission to red@cbd.int. Articles should contain no more than 60 words, and must contain a hyperlink for more information. For more information please see: <http://www.cbd.int/forest/redd/newsletters/>



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