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NEWS

Asia-Pacific Regional Consultation and Capacity Building Workshop on REDD-plus Biodiversity Safeguards, Singapore, 15-18 March 2011

Participants from 21 countries and 19 relevant organizations met in Singapore to discuss biodiversity and indigenous and local community aspects of REDD-plus, including relevant safeguards. The workshop was co-organized by the CBD Secretariat and the National Parks Board of Singapore (NParks), with financial support from the Governments of the United Kingdom, and Germany, and the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB). The workshop report is available at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=WSCBREDD-APAC-01>.



New "Planet Change" Blog Highlights REDD, People and Climate Change Connections

The Nature Conservancy has launched Planet Change (<http://change.nature.org>), a blog designed to share stories about actions to fight carbon pollution, address impacts of climate change and help people see the connections between climate change and their daily lives. In a March 18 post, Greg Fishbein, the Conservancy's forest carbon director, offers a post-Cancun view of the world's progress on REDD: More: <http://change.nature.org/2011/03/18/despite-lack-of-climate-progress-leaders-seeing-forests-for-the-trees/>.

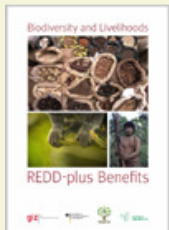
International Conference: Forest Biodiversity in a Changing Climate - Understanding Conservation Strategies and Policies

A call for paper is launched for this conference to be held in Freiburg, Germany, 22-23 September 2011. Papers addressing biodiversity conservation in forests (1) and forest and conservation policy (2) in a changing climate are welcome. Deadline for abstract submission: 31 March 2011. For further information see: <http://www.freiburgconference2011.de/>



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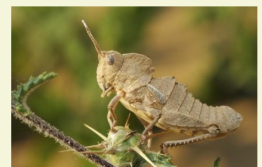
Biodiversity and Livelihoods: REDD-plus Benefits



The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and Deutsche Gesellschaft für International Zusammenarbeit (giz) have published a booklet on 'Biodiversity and Livelihoods: REDD-plus Benefits' available at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/publications/for-redd-en.pdf> (in English). Spanish and French versions will follow shortly at: <http://www.cbd.int/forest/publications.shtml>.

A REDD-plus manual for botanic gardens

Botanic Gardens Conservation International (BGCI) and the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, have recently published a new manual for botanic gardens. As well as providing background information on the REDD process, the manual also notes gaps in capacity for implementation and highlights opportunities for botanic gardens to contribute to REDD-plus projects. Further information and to download copies of the manual, please visit: <http://www.bgci.org/resources/news/0764/>.



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Deadline to submit articles for the next issue: **20 May 2011**.

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