

Outputs and outcomes

Together, the international PCLG network and the four national chapters will work to achieve the following outcomes over the next two years:

1. Improved integration of poverty and/or local livelihood concerns into conservation policy in great ape range states.
2. Improved integration of poverty and/or local livelihood concerns into conservation organisations' project portfolios in great ape range states.
3. Improved capacity of conservation organisations to engage with and influence private and public sector development actors.

Success in each of these areas will enable the emergence of innovative systems that ensure improved great ape conservation and poverty reduction in great ape range states.

By 2015 we will have delivered:

New evidence

In Uganda, Cameroon, Tanzania and Rwanda we will gather evidence on how to address key ape conservation – poverty issues that have been identified as priorities in each country. All four countries will also undertake a review of private sector activities that impact on conservation.

Tools and resources

We will strengthen the tools and resources we already have available - and develop new ones - to make information and experience on how best to tackle poverty alleviation and great ape conservation widely available to great ape conservation policy makers and practitioners. These tools will include dedicated pages on the PCLG website, newsletters, mailing lists, online fora, databases and research reports.

Policies and institutions

We will develop the capacity of great ape conservation organisations to influence conservation and development policy. We will use policy opportunities such as periodic reviews of protected area management plans, revenue sharing guidelines and revisions to national biodiversity strategies and work with conservation organisations to make effective interventions into these processes.



Get involved

Let's work together to ensure a better integration of great ape conservation and poverty alleviation in policy and practice. There are many ways for you to stay in touch, get involved and spread the approach.

Visit our website - povertyandconservation.info - for more information

Work with us so that we can tailor our activities to best meet your needs. We would be very interested to hear back from you on our current plans, which include:

- further develop the great ape section of the PCLG website to become a "one stop shop" for information on great ape conservation and poverty linkages - let us know what information would be useful
- support the learning and networking of organisations in great ape range states - let us know if your country would be keen to host a new PCLG chapter
- convene learning events on new and emerging issues, with a particular focus on great ape conservation and poverty alleviation - let us know if you have any good ideas

Get in touch with a member of our team to find out more about the project and how you can get involved:

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Join the PCLG network

Joining is easy, free of charge, and guarantees you will always be in the loop when it comes to great ape conservation and poverty issues. Once you join, you will start receiving our monthly information bulletins, invites to relevant events and online discussions, and much more. And you will be able to interact directly with the rest of the network. To join contact: alessandra.giuliani@iied.org

About our funders

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Linking Great Ape Conservation and Poverty Alleviation

An initiative of the Poverty and Conservation Learning Group (PCLG)

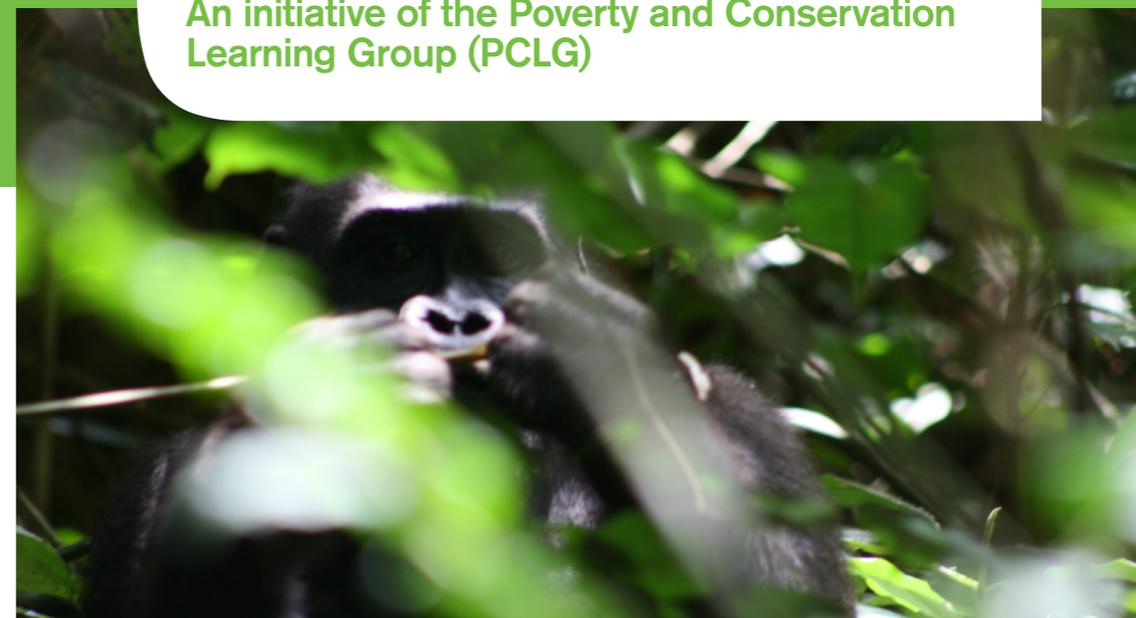


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Poverty and Conservation Learning Group

In brief

This project builds on previous support by the Arcus Foundation for the Poverty and Conservation Learning Group (PCLG) – an IIED-coordinated international network of organisations and individuals with a shared interest in integrated approaches to conservation and development. The previous phase of Arcus funding enabled us to bring a great ape focus to the work of the PCLG – including ape-specific information products and learning activities. We also established two national chapters of the PCLG, in Uganda and Cameroon, which started tackling great ape conservation-poverty priorities within their individual context. The purpose of this new grant is to capitalize on the investment made by the Arcus Foundation to date and to further build the capacity of the country chapters to engage with development processes that affect great apes and their habitats.

Why now?

- Great apes are iconic species that are highly valued by the international community and are a high priority for various international conservation efforts.
- Great ape ranges coincide with some of the poorest countries of the world – particularly in sub-Saharan Africa.
- Since the 2005 United Nations Kinshasa Declaration on Great Apes - which reinforced the connection between poverty alleviation and great ape conservation - many apes conservation organisations have been addressing poverty issues but with mixed results.
- To improve how successfully we address great ape conservation-poverty linkages we need better understanding of the issues at stake, and increased integration between all the actors involved (conservation and development organisations, research institutes, private sector and government).

Our ambitions

Through research, action and capacity building, this project aims to achieve:

Improved learning

Encouraging and supporting ongoing learning by conservation organisations on how to address key ape conservation – poverty issues.

Better information sharing

Making information and experience on how best to tackle poverty alleviation through conservation widely available to great ape conservation policy makers and practitioners.

Improved advocacy

Developing the capacity of great ape conservation organisations to influence conservation and development policy.

Raised awareness

Providing information on, and raising awareness about, ape conservation-poverty linkages amongst different audiences outside - but with the ability to influence – the conservation sector.

Who's who

The 'Linking Great Ape Conservation and Poverty Alleviation' project operates both at national and the international level and includes a number of different countries.

National level

Two national chapters of the PCLG were established in Uganda and Cameroon thanks to previous support from the Arcus Foundation. With this project, we hope to encourage the establishment of additional chapters in great ape range states and are currently exploring opportunities with partners in Rwanda and Tanzania.

Each national PCLG group is a consortium of conservation organisations based in that country with a particular interest in great ape conservation and its links to poverty alleviation.

International level

The International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) coordinates the project at the international level through its long standing Poverty and Conservation Learning Group (PCLG) initiative.

International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED)

IIED brings to this project its long and successful history, as well as wealth of experience, of working on poverty and conservation issues, achieved through solid research, advocacy and communication work.

Poverty and Conservation Learning Group (PCLG)

The heart of PCLG lies in the international network – currently made up of more than 100 organisations and 500 individuals - that has been running since 2004. Our core activities revolve around collecting, analysing and disseminating information on conservation-poverty linkages.



Timeline of activities

2015	Lessons sharing and showcasing	Ongoing communication and dissemination	Policy
	Interaction with policy makers	Supporting country teams	
2014	Mapping private sector activities	Developing Best Practice Guidelines	Research
	Small scale research and advocacy activities	Developing great ape components of the PCLG website	
2013	Group development, and project work plan (Rwanda and Tanzania)	PCLG information services	Planning
	Project work plan (Uganda, Cameroon)	International level group development	
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