Welcome to July/August’s 2008’s WWF PES InfoExchange (Year 3 No. 30).
This listserve is a resource provided and managed by WWF-Macroeconomics Program Office (MPO), as a platform to exchange ideas and notify experts and practitioners of developments and events in the emerging field of Payments for Ecosystem Services (PES). PES are mechanisms by which beneficiaries of ecosystem services, such as clean water, compensate the providers for maintaining those services.

Please see the WWF-MPO website for references to PES guidelines, manuals and evaluations at www.panda.org/mpo; subscribe by sending an email to sarah.davidson@wwfus.org

You may also download PES InfoExchange at: http://assets.panda.org/downloads/PESinfoexchange30.pdf

News and Analysis

WWF MPO’s Ecosystem Services/Payments for Ecosystem Services program is supporting WWF’s Danube Carpathian Office during the second half of 2008 to prepare: (a) PES preparatory studies in the Firitza-Runcu catchment of the Marumares River (Romania); and (b) consultation and workshops with local stakeholders to discuss the findings of the studies and the design of PES schemes in the Marumares river upper basin. More information on these activities can be obtained from Yanka Kazakova, at Kazakova@wwfdcp.bg

WWF’s MPO Ecosystem Services/Payments for Ecosystem Services program is supporting to WWF Greater Mekong Vietnam program to prepare: (a) PES studies in the Dong Nay River and Be river; (b) A workshop with provincial stakeholders to discuss the findings of the studies and the design of PES schemes in the Dong Nay and Be rivers. More information on these activities can be obtained from Nga Dangthuy at, Nga.Dangthuy@wwfgreatermekong.org

Recent and Upcoming Events

The forthcoming IUCN world Conservation Congress will bring more than 6,000 participants to Barcelona, Spain for 10 days of discussion on the protection of the world’s environment. among
its many activities the Congress will feature several workshops and discussions focusing on ecosystem services, payments for ecosystem services and other financial innovations to support the conservation of the world biodiversity. View a list of activities and how to participate in them at http://cms.iucn.org/news_events/events/congress/index.cfm.

In early July 2008, staff from WWF Mediterranean Program Office and Ecosystem Services/Payments for Ecosystem Services program were in Morocco to launch the initial phase of a 3-year collaboration between WWF-Medpo and WWF-MPO to apply ES/PES approaches to the conservation of WWF priority sites in Morocco’s Sebou River basin. Initial consultations have focused the project in the protection of Middle Atlas wetlands and the restoration of a lowland wetland, important habitats for migratory birds that migrate annually between Europe and Africa. As an example of the project activities, in the Middle Atlas WWF will broker a PES scheme where Berber herders will be paid to reduce the grazing pressure on and protect the selected wetland, while the payments will come from European conservationists (for protection of European migratory birds) and from Moroccan environmental and water agencies (for improved groundwater availability and environmental restoration). More information on these activities can be obtained from Maria J. DE LOPE, at mjdlope@wwfmedpo.org or from Pablo Gutman at Pablo.gutman@wwfus.org.

July/August’s Featured Websites and Publications

**Environment and Development Economics** (June 2008, vol. 13, Part 3; Special Issue on PES)
- The special issue explores the performance and potential of PES to perform as a tool to accomplish both environmental protection and poverty reduction. Articles cover the role of ecosystem services and payments for ecosystem services related to wildlife and biodiversity, agricultural production, carbon, water, etc and with a focus to the potential roles, participation and benefits accrued to the rural poor.

- Gretchen Daily and Pat Matson’s article, *Ecosystem services: From theory to implementation*, explores the three main advances required, according to these authors, that would promote wise policy and regulatory choices that would provide support for the protection and conservation of natural capital. Significant efforts need to be directed to: the science of ecosystem production functions and service mapping; the design of appropriate finance, policy, and governance systems; and the art of implementing these in diverse biophysical and social contexts.