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DEVELOPING A BOOK ON CONTINENTAL SCALE CONNECTIVITY

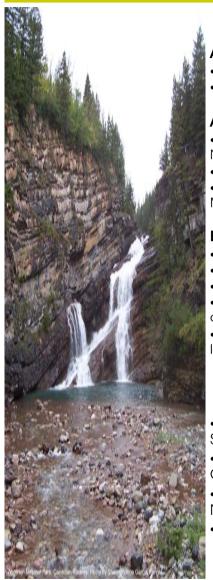
elcome to the first newsletter for the Connectivity Conservation Management Workshop (CC2006), an IUCN-WCPA Mountains Biome Theme Project Initiative. The purpose of this newsletter is to:

- Maintain the momentum achieved at the 2004 International Mountain Corridors Conference in the Canadian Rockies.
- Keep conference participants and other interested individuals attuned to the progress made towards the publication of the Connectivity Conservation Management Book.
- Inform partners of the upcoming CC2006 to be held in Quito, Ecuador, November by 2006.

There is a vast depth of knowledge and experience on implementing "large scale connectivity conservation" from many parts of the world. However, there is no single guidebook highlighting others' successes, failures and lessons learned. In September of 2004, delegates of the International Mountains Conservation Corridors Conference, recognized this gap in the existing literature, and endorsed the development of a book dealing with continental scale connectivity conservation management, focused on the sharing of "lessons learned".

The book will be widely available, affordable, and practical in its orientation, describing the establishment and management of conservation connectivity through approximately 20 major Global Case Studies. Case studies will address terrestrial, riparian, aquatic and freshwater environments of mountain regions. A project Plan containing specific information is attached to this Newsletter for review.

The first step on this adventure will be the presentation of papers at the 2005 Mountains Conservation Corridor Workshop in the Pyrenees. The **Lessons Learned** chapter will be synthesized during the 2006 Connectivity Conservation Management Workshop.



CONFIRM STUDY CASES AND CONTRIBUTORS

- Drakensberg Mountains: Trevor Sandwith
- Rwanda-Uaanda: Amv Vedder

Asia and The Middle East

- Kangchenjuga landscape, Himalayas: Nakuii Chettri, ICIMOD
- Terrai Arc. Nepal: Chandra Garuna
- Tropical foothills to the high Himal, Bhutan: Mingma Sherpa

Europe and Russia

- Italian Alps: Patrizia Rossi
- The Apennines: Benadino Romano
- The Pyrenees to the Alps: Miguel Rafa
- The Carpathian Corridor: Guido Plassman or Maria Opeiz
- Catalonia and EECONET: Josep M. Mallarach

North and Central America

- Meso America Connectivity: Fausto Sar- Wendy Francis, Michael Lockwood, Graeme miento
- Paseo Pantera: Mario Boza
- Rocky Mountains Initiative, Y2Y: Harvey Challenges for the future Locke

Oceania

- Southern Alps, New Zealand: Bruce Jeffries
- The Australian Alps and the Great Escarpment of Eastern Australia: Graeme Worboys
- Wild Country, Australia: Brendan Mackey

South America

- Andes Connectivity: Fausto Samiento
- The Gran Ruta Inca Initiative: Marina Cracco- Alan Putnev
- Andes Venezuela: Edgard Yerena
- Andes , Chile-Araentina: Daniel Paz

Lessons Learned

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UPDATE YOUR AGENDAS!!!

- The 2005 Wilderness, Wildlands and People A Partnership for the Planet 8th World Wilderness Congress. September 30-October 6th 2005 in Anchorage Alaska, USA, by The WILD Foundation.
- Mountains Conservation Corridor Workshop.

October 20-23, 2005 in Les Planes de Son Catalonian Pyrenees, Spain by Fundación Territori i Paisatge.

CC2006 Connectivity Conservation Management Workshop.

November 2006 in Quito, Ecuador, by IUCN-WCPA Mountains Biome Theme Project, TNC and IUCN Sur.

2007 Transboundary Conservation Management in Mountains Workshop.

Date to be set in Kathmandu, Nepal, by IUCN-WCPA Mountains Biome Theme Project and ICIMOD.

The next three years will be exciting for Mountain Conservation!!!

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