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### 1. The New Logo

The Global Island Partnership has a new look. Please do add the new logo to your website. Contact Jessica if you would like to add a section on GLISPA to your website: [jessica.robins@glispa.org](mailto:jessica.robins@glispa.org).

### 2. Western Indian Ocean Coastal Challenge

July 11 to 12, 2011, the Government of the Seychelles and GLISPA hosted a national consultation meeting on mobilizing the Western Indian Ocean Coastal Challenge (WIOCC). The purpose of this national consultation was to discuss the role of the Government of Seychelles in supporting political leadership to build a common vision and reinforce a “call to action” by the countries to address the impacts of climate change through adaptation measures that benefits country economies, ensures sustainable livelihoods and human security; and safeguards the resilience of marine and coastal ecosystems in the Western Indian Ocean region. Further information will be shared in the near future. Any questions can be directed to [lisa.gaylord@glispa.org](mailto:lisa.gaylord@glispa.org).

### 3. Hawaii Green Growth Initiative

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Audrey Newman (GLISPA Senior Advisor) and Jenta Russell (GLISPA Fellow) have been supporting coordination of a Hawaii Green Growth Initiative (GGI) Working Group to explore opportunities to assist the US government and advance shared priorities identified by the new APEC Growth Strategy, US State Department and Hawai'i's New Day economic plan. Significant progress has been made by the Working Group in identifying a variety of successful large-scale green (and blue) initiatives in Hawaii. GLISPA and the GGI Working Group will host a briefing from Ambassador Kurt Tong, U.S. Senior Official for APEC, on United States priorities for Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation 2011 and green growth on the 9 August 2011. Involvement in the Asia Pacific Clean Energy Summit, Sept 13-14, being held in Hawaii is also being explored. Please contact [jenta.russell@glispa.org](mailto:jenta.russell@glispa.org) for information.

### 4. Caribbean Challenge

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4 August 2011 - The World Bank Board of Directors approved an US\$8.75 million grant from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) to ensure the long-term conservation and sustainable management of fragile marine ecosystems in the Eastern Caribbean, including the protection of over 100,000 hectares of marine habitat.

The Sustainable Financing and Management of Eastern Caribbean Marine Ecosystem Project will establish conservation trust funds to provide reliable and consistent sources of funding for biodiversity preservation. It will also promote collaboration among participating countries (including governments, communities, NGOs, and the private sector) to facilitate marine and coastal conservation, protect near shore areas, and support a regional monitoring and information network. [http://finchannel.com/news flash/Corporate Social Responsibility/92347 Eastern Caribbean Countries to Protect 100,000 Hectares of Fragile Marine Ecosystems/](http://finchannel.com/news_flash/Corporate_Social_Responsibility/92347_Eastern_Caribbean_Countries_to_Protect_100,000_Hectares_of_Fragile_Marine_Ecosystems/)

### 5. Debt for Adaptation – Financing Ecosystem Based Adaptation

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At the GLISPA Steering Committee Meeting in February it was decided that GLISPA would focus on trying to secure climate change funds to support ecosystem based adaptation for islands. One avenue being explored is the idea of debt for adaptation swaps and to this end a draft concept has been developed and formal discussions have been held with Belize, Antigua & Barbuda, Grenada, St. Vincent & Grenadines and St. Lucia. It is proposed to also involve other SIDS regions – AIMS and the Pacific. Questions can be directed to Rob Weary at [rweary@tnc.org](mailto:rweary@tnc.org).

### 6. POWIB - Programme of Work on Island Biodiversity

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Ana Tira'a and Jacqui Evans of the Cook Islands are the selected consultants of the CBD Secretariat to produce the in-depth review (IDR) pre-session document for SBSTTA-16 in May, 2012. Ana and Jacqui, as islanders themselves, have extensive experience in island and SIDS biodiversity and development issues. Robyn Bromley, CBD National Focal Point for Australia, is chairing GLISPA's POWIB IDR working group and a number of volunteers are now contributing to this process.

The IDR will be based on information received from Parties and partners (see <http://www.cbd.int/island/reports.shtml>), the analysis of CBD national reports and several consultation rounds - as an additional opportunity for input, the two regional NBSAP review workshops scheduled to be held in Fiji (3-7 October) and Grenada (17-21 October), where the large majority of Parties are islands, will dedicate some time to the IDR. Ana, Jacqui and Kate Brown (GLISPA Coordinator) will attend the workshops as IDR facilitators and resource persons, and will be collecting inputs and contributions. The pre session document will be prepared in the next few months and will undergo peer review in the early part of 2012.

Preliminary discussions within the IDR group indicate growing interest in an Islands Summit to be held at CBD COP11 as an opportunity to highlight groundbreaking progress in POWIB projects (such as the island regional challenges), consolidate partnerships for new initiatives and coordinate donor/recipient commitments for the future. The full details of the IBPOW IDR are available on the CBD website <http://www.cbd.int/island/review.shtml>. If you have questions on the IBPOW or would like to receive the POWIB IDR road map, please contact Jacquie Grekin at the CBD Secretariat ([jacqueline.grekin@cbd.int](mailto:jacqueline.grekin@cbd.int)).

## 7. Review of the Challenges

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The Nature Conservancy and GLISPA are undertaking a review of the regional country Challenges with the goal of strengthening existing knowledge and understanding of how the Challenge approach is developing (including Caribbean Challenge, Micronesia Challenge, Coral Triangle Initiative and Forever Costa Rica). The objectives of the Review are to:

- Identify and explore specific elements of the Challenge approach (e.g., launch, defining success, establishing leadership, relationship with other governance mechanisms)
- Capture and compile stakeholder perspectives on how the Challenges are developing in these areas.
- Publish a paper or online “practice guide” to document what has been done and lessons learned.

A Project steering committee has been established to guide design and implementation and a series of interviews will be conducted by consultants in each of the Challenge regions. Small workshops will also be hosted to consolidate knowledge across Challenges. For further information contact Chrissy Schwinn at [cschwinn@TNC.ORG](mailto:cschwinn@TNC.ORG).

## 8. Rio+20 Proposal – “Celebrating Island Leadership in the Green Economy”

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The Rio+20 theme “a green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication” presents an unprecedented opportunity to showcase a variety of successful large-scale green (and blue) initiatives led by island countries and countries with islands that are advancing the green economy, including: world-class marine protected areas, multi-country conservation commitments, progressive biosecurity planning and innovative sustainable financing mechanisms to support these programs.

A proposal has been drafted that aims to establish a platform to bring together island countries and countries with islands – regardless of political status – during Rio+20 to:

1. **Share experiences** and stimulate peer to peer networking on islands and green economy
2. **Catalyze** new commitments towards conservation of island biodiversity and sustainable livelihoods
3. **Celebrate** early island leadership on green (and blue) economy

The proposal will be circulated for discussion and input by all interested. Please do contact Kate or Jessica to discuss [kate.brown@glispa.org](mailto:kate.brown@glispa.org).

## 9. GLISPA Steering Committee

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The third Steering Committee meeting for 2011 was held on 1st August. The main focus was on updating on various GLISPA initiatives and coordination. There was discussion on funding and sustainability of GLISPA beyond its first three funded years (which ends in mid 2012). A GLISPA Fundraising Committee is chaired by Sean Southey, Executive Director, Media Impact and meets on a monthly basis to identify coordinate funding and sustainability approaches. GLISPA Steering Committee members are also working to incorporate funding for GLISPA into projects and activities that they are developing as this has been successfully undertaken by TNC, Government of Italy and IUCN.

## Other News

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### 10. Seychelles makes major contribution to Aichi Biodiversity Targets

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The Seychelles Government announced it will declare new protected areas in the archipelago, resulting in half (50.59%) of all Seychelles land becoming protected under the law. The Cabinet approved the designation of protected areas, which amounts to 15.72 km<sup>2</sup> of land representing 3.53% of Seychelles land territory and totals 45,500 hectares (excluding reclaimed areas). Last year, the Silhouette National Park and the Recif Island Reserve were created, thus raising the total area of protected land to 47.06%.

[http://biodiversity-l.iisd.org/news/seychelles-declares-new-protected-areas/?referrer=biodiversity-update&utm\\_source=lists.iisd.ca&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Biodiversity+Update+-+8+July+2011+-+Biodiversity+Policy+%26+Practice](http://biodiversity-l.iisd.org/news/seychelles-declares-new-protected-areas/?referrer=biodiversity-update&utm_source=lists.iisd.ca&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Biodiversity+Update+-+8+July+2011+-+Biodiversity+Policy+%26+Practice).

### 11. Roundtable on Biodiversity and Climate Change for EUOST

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The first meeting of the Europe overseas roundtable on biodiversity and climate change was held from the 30 June to the 1 July 2011 in Brussels, Belgium. The establishment of the platform was a recommendation of the Conference of the European Union and its Overseas Entities: Strategies to Counter Climate Change and Biodiversity Loss held on Reunion Island in 2008. Further news on the outcomes will be available soon. <http://www.iucn.org/about/union/secretariat/offices/europe/places/overseas/?7764/Roundtable-on-Europe-overseas-biodiversity>

### 12. Hawaii Conservation Conference

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The Hawai'i Conservation Conference will be held this Tuesday 2 to 5 August. Willy Kostka, Executive Director, Micronesia Conservation Trust, will be a key note speaker at this event. The 2011 HCC theme "Island Ecosystems: The Year of the Forest" aligns with the United Nation's International Year of the Forests, which will focus on raising awareness at all levels to strengthen the sustainable management, conservation and sustainable development of all types of forests for the benefit of current and future generations. The scope of the conference will not be exclusive to forest conservation topics; we will also feature symposia, forums, workshops, general sessions and poster presentations on other conservation topics pertinent to Hawaiian and Pacific ecosystems (both marine and terrestrial). We also expect to include topics and themes presented at previous annual conferences (ex. traditional ecological knowledge, climate change, reef ecosystems, matching science and management, etc.).

[http://hawaiiconservation.org/activities/hawaii\\_conservation\\_conference/conference\\_schedule](http://hawaiiconservation.org/activities/hawaii_conservation_conference/conference_schedule)

### 13. SIDS-L (<http://sids-l.iisd.org/>)

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We encourage all members of this GLISPA-discuss list serve to also sign up to the SIDS-L service (if you haven't done so already). SIDS-L provides a useful weekly summary of news, event reporting on SIDS. We will not cross-post the SIDS-L summaries to the GLISPA-discuss list serve unless to draw your attention to GLISPA specific content.

If you would like further information on any of the above mentioned information, please contact Jessica Robbins on [jessica.robbs@glispa.org](mailto:jessica.robbs@glispa.org).