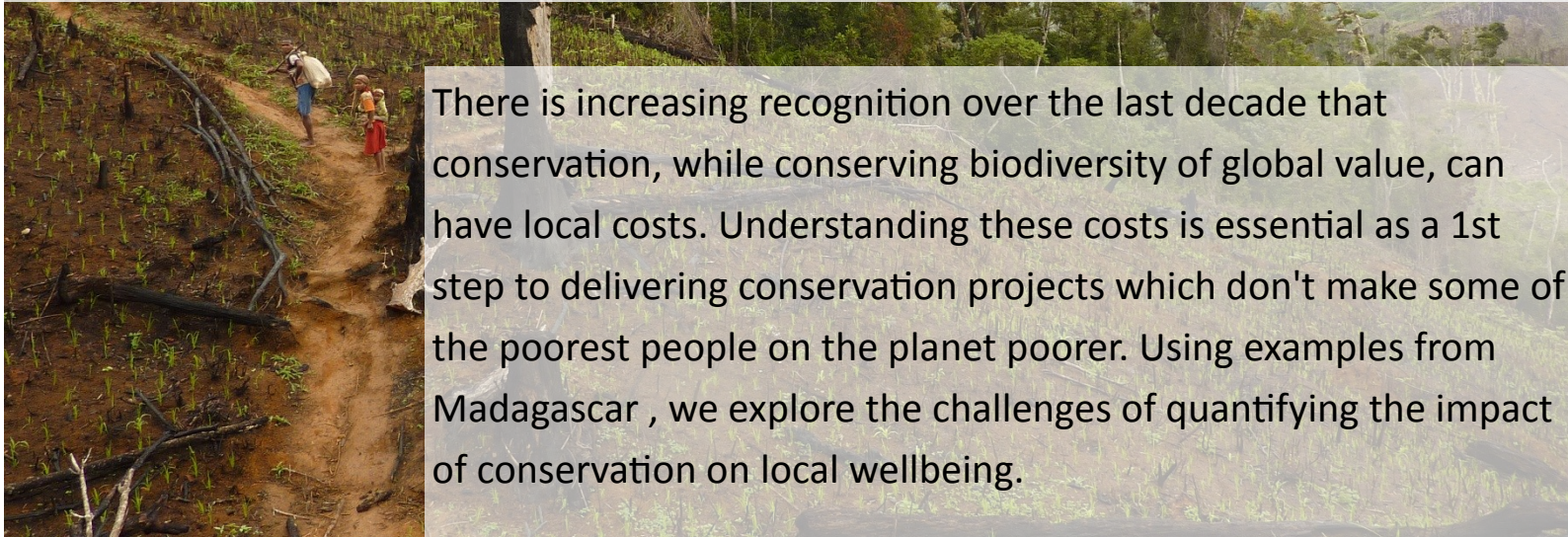


How does conservation impact local people's wellbeing (and how can we know?)


Date: 16 November 2016

Time: 2.00pm

Venue: School of biological sciences, Block 2, Room G12 - University of Nairobi

A photograph of a dirt path winding through a forest. Several people are walking along the path, and the trees are tall and green.

There is increasing recognition over the last decade that conservation, while conserving biodiversity of global value, can have local costs. Understanding these costs is essential as a 1st step to delivering conservation projects which don't make some of the poorest people on the planet poorer. Using examples from Madagascar, we explore the challenges of quantifying the impact of conservation on local wellbeing.

A photograph of a woman wearing a red shawl with a blue and white patterned headscarf, smiling and looking upwards. She is standing in front of large green banana leaves.

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Julia is interested in how people interact with natural resources and how incentives can be best designed to maintain ecosystem services; for example the growing field of Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) and how schemes such as REDD+ can effectively deliver global environmental benefits while also having a positive impact on local livelihoods. She also has a strong interest in the design of robust conservation monitoring using different types of data, and in analysing the evidence underpinning environmental policies and decisions.