



# Biodiversity conservation and climate change in the Albertine Rift

## **International Workshop Announcement** **Hotel Africana, Kampala, Uganda** **8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> May 2008**

As part of WCS' MacArthur Foundation funded investigation into the potential impacts of climate change on biodiversity in the Albertine Rift, we are pleased to announce the first in a number of workshops related to the project.

The aims of this first workshop are to introduce the project, and disseminate the initial results of our review of the requirements of biodiversity vulnerability assessment in relation to climate change, stimulating a discussion about the specific requirements of such an assessment for the Albertine Rift. Furthermore, we hope to develop an understanding of the activities and concerns of related projects in the broader East African region, and to develop a relatively informal network of people and organizations with an interest in biodiversity conservation and climate change in the Albertine Rift.

A key element of the workshop will be discussion of a number of hot issues related to biodiversity conservation in the face of climate change in the Rift. This will be facilitated by the attendance to the workshop of international experts on climate change modelling, species' responses to climate change and climate change impacts modelling. Given attendance to the workshop of researchers, academics and experienced professionals from a broad range of government ministries/departments and conservation/development organisations based in the countries bordering the Albertine Rift, it is expected that these discussions will have a very practical, and regionally relevant focus.

An online and interactive climate change portal will also be unveiled at the workshop, providing a virtual information resource and communication tool for members of the Albertine Rift Climate Change & Biodiversity network.

Please register your interest in the workshop as early as possible to ensure you receive further information. There are a limited number of modest travel bursaries available for attendance. Please indicate in your reply the details and estimated cost of your travel requirements should you wish to apply for one of these bursaries.

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