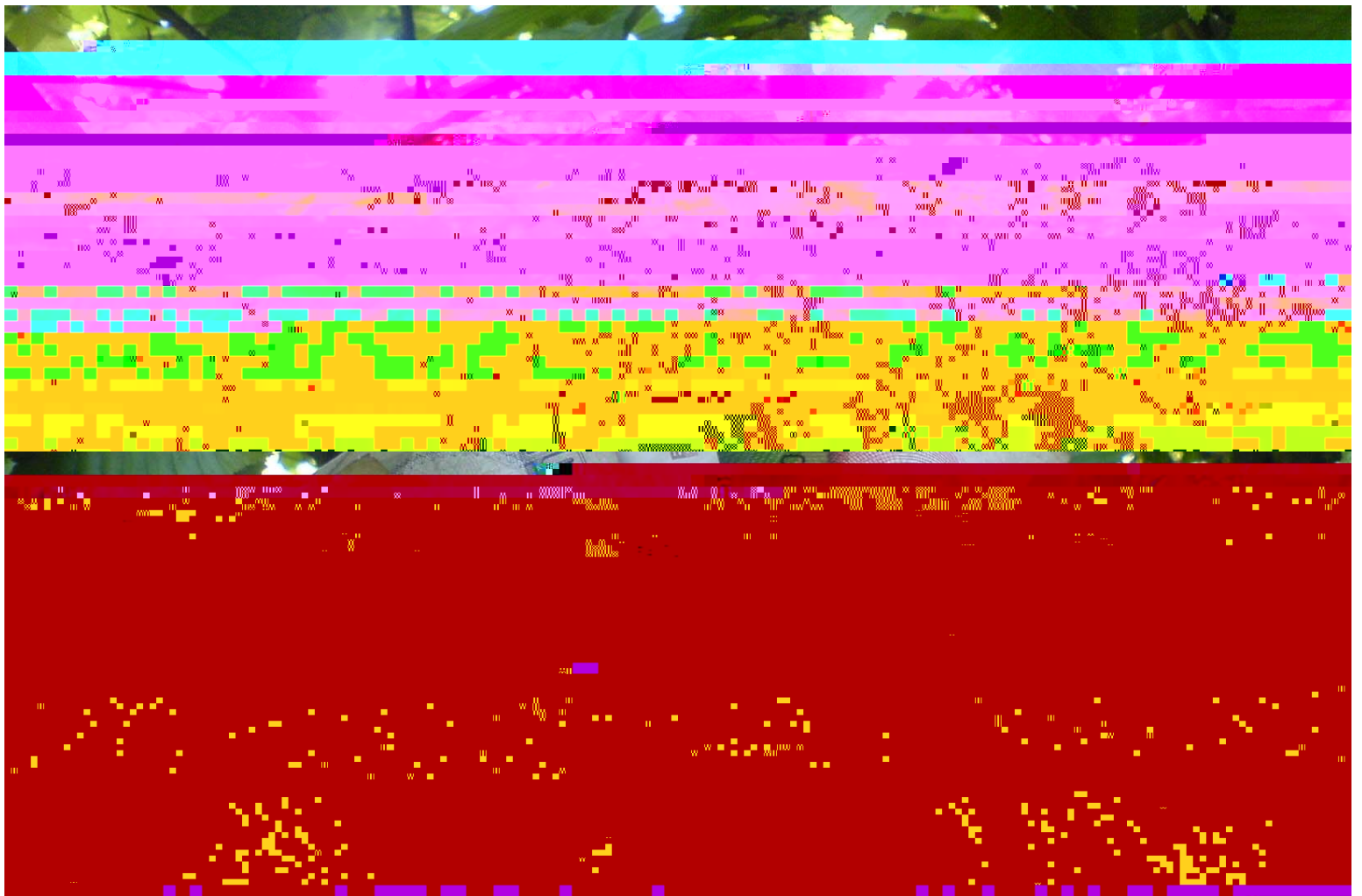




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**Growing interest in IPES:**

The IPES concept emerged from growing concern about the loss of biodiversity and ecosystem services, combined with inspiration from the early success of the global carbon market and a desire to scale-up experience with PES at regional and national levels. In response, an initiative on IPES was developed jointly by The World Conservation Union (IUCN) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), in close collaboration with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). The initiative was 'launched' at an expert meeting of PES practitioners from around the world, in Geneva, in September 2006. Details of the meeting are available at: <http://www.unep.ch/etb/events/2006-PESTD12-13Sep.php>

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