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CEM Activities

CEM Steering Committee meeting

The first steering committee (SC) meeting for the CEM was held from the 23rd to 25th of February at IUCN headquarters, Gland, Switzerland. Together with appointing the new Steering Committee members and Regional Vice Chairs (RVC), 19 thematic groups were established for the CEM membership structure. Each thematic group will have a theme lead working closely with a focal point from the SC to establish group membership, implement activities and collaborate with thematic groups within CEM and other relevant partners. The table below introduces the new SC, RVCs and includes information on the secretariat. Further details, including the minutes of the meeting, can be obtained from the [CEM website](#).

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CEM Regional Vice Chair for South East Asia attends the IUCN Asia Regional Members Committee Meeting

Dr. Annadel Cabanban attended the meeting, which was held from 23rd to 24th March in Bangkok, on behalf of CEM. The meeting focused on identifying programme development opportunities, larger, transboundary initiatives that members and commissions are (or, can be) involved in and identifying mechanisms and sharing "best practices" for enhanced collaboration with members and commissions in developing and implementing initiatives to support the IUCN 2009-2012 programme". The opportunity for CEM to collaborate in existing IUCN programmes in the region is to provide technical support on the application of Ecosystem Approach. There are also opportunities for CEM to link-up with the regional programs on coastal and marine ecosystems and associated livelihoods (marine fisheries).

CEM supports National Seminar on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Management in India

The Bharathidasan University in India organized a two day national seminar on emerging issues in biodiversity management from 8th to 9th January 2009. CEM provided financial and technical support to this event. CEM members Dr. Dhruvajyothi Gosh and S. Faizi led the session on Ecosystem Approach and Biodiversity management, which presented case studies on participatory natural resource management and the role of Ecosystems Approach in biodiversity conservation. [More](#)

What's Happening @ IUCN?



Cities and Conservation

CEM member Ted Trzyna leads an initiative to encourage IUCN to pay more attention to urban dimensions of conservation, including links between cities and larger ecosystems. The centre of this effort is the Cities Task Force of IUCN's World Commission on Protected Areas. However, the resolution on which the urban initiative is based, adopted by IUCN's Bangkok World Conservation Congress in 2004, goes well beyond protected areas and embraces the full range of connections between conservation and urban places and people. Trzyna, a former IUCN Councillor and commission chair (1991-96), is based in California, USA. As IUCN Senior Adviser, Cities and Conservation, he invites interested CEM members to

[contact](#) him.



Union Pulse – The IUCN Members Update

A new e-newsletter for the IUCN Members which is also distributed to Staff, Commission members, Commission Chairs, Commission Focal Points, Membership Focal Points, Councillors, National and Regional Committees. This newsletter is

dedicated to providing Members with information about what is happening in the Union and to promote contacts between Members, Commissions and the Secretariat. Anyone can subscribe to it by sending a message to [membership](#). Available in [English](#), [French](#) and [Spanish](#).



IUCN and Islands – new Programme Officer

Olivier Tyack joined IUCN as Ecosystem Management Programme's Islands Officer, and will be further developing the IUCN Islands Initiative - in particular supporting and building on IUCN regional work in the Pacific, the Caribbean, the Mediterranean, the work in EU Overseas Territories, and islands components of other regional programmes. He will also serve as the IUCN focal point for the CBD's programme of work on Islands Biodiversity, and will play a key role in IUCN's support to the Global Islands Partnership (GLISPA), and other international initiatives to advance the implementation of conservation and sustainable development in islands.

Born in Mauritius, Olivier completed his undergraduate studies in economics in Reunion Island and completed an MSc. in Marine Environmental Protection at the University of Bangor in Wales, focusing on management tools such as sensitivity mapping around Islands. Having first worked in management, he then worked in the tourism industry, including managing a diving operation in Mauritius, where he became interested in the impact of human activity on the coastal environment. His previous employer was the University of Liege, for whom he coordinated an EU project in Environmental education for Sustainable Development in the Indian Ocean Region. He has spent the past two years in Dakar where he worked as an environment consultant with several NGOs and also as a regional project coordinator in the UNESCO regional office.

Olivier looks forward to closing collaborating with CEM and other commission members in enhancing conservation and sustainable livelihoods on islands. [Contact](#)

IUCN and Drylands – Establishing a Global Drylands Initiative

IUCN East and Southern Africa Regional Office organised and hosted a Global Drylands strategy meeting at the Wasaa Conservation Area from March 16th – 19th. The meeting was attended by interested and enthusiastic dryland focal points/experts from Asia, West Africa, South - and East Africa, the Mediterranean & North Africa, West Asia, South America and staff from the IUCN Ecosystem Management Programme. Mike Mortimore from CEM attended and actively participated in the meeting. He also presented a draft IUCN Drylands Challenge Paper to be launch at the UNCCD COP in September 2009. This positive and productive three day meeting led to an agreement over the Dryland Programme's strategic objectives and a plan of action for developing a Global Drylands Initiative. [More](#)



IUCN and Disaster Risk Reduction

IUCN's work on ecosystems and disaster risk reduction is making waves! IUCN Director General, Julia Marton-Lefèvre invites Assistant Secretary-General and Special Representative for Disaster Risk Reduction to IUCN to discuss how improved ecosystem management can reduce the impacts of extreme events on vulnerable people. IUCN will also have a more visible presence at the June 16-19, 2009 U.N. International Strategy for Disaster Reduction's (ISDR) 2nd Global Platform event, with a workshop, guidance materials and booth space jointly organised with other partners for environment and disaster risk reduction. In addition, two IUCN-organised workshops on ecosystem management and disaster reduction will take place this year in Sri Lanka and Meso America. These activities have been made possible thanks to an IUCN-funded 3IC project focusing on ecosystems, vulnerability and disasters. [Contact](#)



The IUCN Red List Website Made Easy

In October 2008, the IUCN Red List web site was given a brand new look. The new site has more functionality than ever before. This also means that the site has more detailed search pages that allow increased flexibility in the searches that can be carried out, introduces the ability to store searches for future use or to share search results with others, and allows users to download range data for mammals and amphibians. Click [here](#) to download the users' guide. A video tutorial on how to search the IUCN Red List is also available. It covers quick searches, advanced searches, as well as the new refine option and how to save and export searches. Click here to [view the tutorial](#).

Announcements & Events

Survey - Advancing Conservation in a Social Context

The Advancing Conservation in a Social Context project is asking for your help in our research into the relationship between conservation and development goals. As part of our research, we are conducting a series of surveys that examine the relationship between conservation and development goals. We are looking for participants who are professionally involved in conservation and/or development, including but not limited to students, practitioners, and professors. Please feel free to pass on this [link](#) to anyone else you think would be interested. Who We Are: This survey is part of a broader research project on Advancing Conservation in a Social Context, funded by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. [More](#)

Symposium on Creating a new prosperity: Fresh approaches to ecosystem services and human well-being

Royal Geographical Society, London, Friday 4th September 2009

This event will present a critical and reflective view of progress to date on current approaches for ecosystem service studies and take a look forward at place in emerging research and policy agendas. [Contact](#)

International Conference on Eco-tourism, Jeju Province, South Korea from May 25th to 28th, 2009. [More](#)

International Conference: 4 Degrees and Beyond, 8-30 September 2009, Oxford.

The University of Oxford, Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research and the Met Office are hosting a conference on the implications of a large climate warming for society. For more information on the conference program, invited speakers, online abstract submission and general registration please visit [conference website](#).

BIPNews, the quarterly newsletter of the 2010 Biodiversity Indicators Partnership

We are pleased to announce the release of issue 4 of *BIPNews*, the quarterly newsletter of the 2010 Biodiversity Indicators Partnership. The Partnership coordinates and supports the regular delivery of biodiversity indicators into a range of decision-making processes, with a particular focus on 2010 target. Available in English, French, Spanish, Chinese, Russian and Arabic, as well as in a variety of resolutions, the newsletter can be [viewed online](#). If you wish to have future issues of *BIPNews* delivered direct to your inbox, simply [subscribe online](#).

AERF's new initiative to save forests of north Western Ghats (part of Global Biodiversity Hotspots)

Applied Environmental Research Foundation (AERF) has been involved in conservation on the ground and excelled in it through its work on the sacred groves (small regional cultural ecosystems). Through last five years of research we have identified many such privately owned High Conservation Value Forests ranging from few ha up to 10 ha. Through the initiative we enter into an agreement with the poor forest owner for protection and co management of the forest for five or ten years. The response from the local farmers is increasing and so far we have entered into agreements for about 25 ha forests. To get the support from the urbanites and other stakeholders we have launched a website at www.myforest.co.in giving more information about this initiative.

Publications



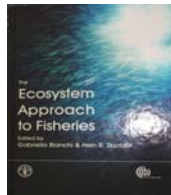
Slow-Tech - Manifesto for an Overwound World, Andrew Price

The modern world has put its faith in high-tech processes that has left it weakened and ill-equipped to withstand catastrophe. Collateral damage has been immense, made worse by pressures from a swelling population. *Slow-Tech* argues for a world with greater robustness - something that is possible in surprisingly simple ways. Unexpected and counter-intuitive yet convincing and timely, *Slow-Tech* offers an alternative vision for life in the twenty-first century - a rounded vision of balance and robustness that would be healthier for the planet - and healthier for

us. [More](#)

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The Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries

Edited by Gabriella Bianchi and Hein R. Skjoldal

The publication covers both theoretical and applied aspects of sustainable management, with a particular emphasis on reviewing concepts and addressing implementation issues in the form of case studies from around the world. Personal experiences from diverse backgrounds are considered and the best practices to facilitate further implementation are discussed. [Contact](#)

EcoTip from MyGreen IUCN!

Tired of hunting for a parking space? Tired of paying for it? Taking the train/bus more often solves that problem, and helps the environment!

