

Natural solutions for climate change

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THE LATEST The focus of IUCN's World Conservation Congress turns today towards climate change, putting nature at the centre of the solution. Healthy forests, wetlands and coastal areas can store substantial amounts of carbon and help people adapt to the impacts of climate change that are being felt across the world. When developed in an equitable and sustainable manner, mechanisms such as Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation (REDD) can reduce emissions, conserve biodiversity and enhance human well-being.

BACKGROUND IUCN's World Conservation Congress is the world's largest and most important conservation event, as well as the birthplace of ground-breaking environmental conventions, scientific discoveries and global initiatives. This year, around 8,000 delegates—including government leaders, NGOs and top professionals from all regions with on-the-ground expertise—are attending Congress. New insights and key agreements on how to manage our natural environment are coming to life.

Key Issues

- **Nature+ is about boosting natural resilience.**
- **Conservation works.**
- **Nature provides solutions to climate change adaptation.**

Today's media events:

09H00-09h30 IUCN Press Conf - Nature +Climate

10H00-10H30 IUCN Press Conf - Latest scientific findings on Corals in the Caribbean

13H15-13H20 IUCN Photo Opp – Flashmob - between Species and A Just World Pavilions, Level 3, ICC

14H00-14H30 IUCN/UNEP/WCMC Press Conf - Protected Planet Report

14H30-15H30 IUCN Meet the Press – World Leaders Dialogue with HE Henri Djombo, Env Minister, Republic of Congo, HE Bharrat Jagdeo, Former President Guyana, Marvin Odum, President Shell Oil

15H30-16H00 IUCN Press Conf - Locally Controlled Forests

15H30-16H30 Korean Department of Forestation Meet the Press - North Korea reforestation

16H00-16H30 Korea DMZ Press Conf - Ecological Conservation and Peaceful utilization of DMZ

For a full list of key events at IUCN's World Conservation Congress, please click here:

http://events.iucn.org/wcc2012/official_programme

Materials for media:

- IUCN World Conservation Congress website: www.iucn.org/congress
- A dedicated web portal with features, news, audio, video and photos for media to download: http://www.iucnworldconservationcongress.org/news_press/press/
- Videos of Congress themes:
 - Nature+ climate: <http://youtu.be/eBUcME6p8P0>
 - Nature+ development: <http://youtu.be/JUIB5KDA5tU>
 - Nature+ food: <http://youtu.be/npCJCwY9qLw>
 - Nature+ life: <http://youtu.be/a88WVNJDGJOg>
 - Nature+ people and governance: <http://youtu.be/dutAs65Wb3Y>
- Photos for download: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/iucnweb/sets/72157627514768600/show/>

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