

Nature and People

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THE LATEST The 2012 IUCN Congress will showcase ways to share power, responsibility and benefits with respect to natural resources, as well as to make laws and regulations more transparent and inclusive. It will highlight how the rights of indigenous and other vulnerable peoples and communities can be supported. And it will identify changes we can make so that nature's benefits are properly reflected in national economies and individual incomes.

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 highlights:

0900-0930 IUCN Press Briefing

1000-1100 Meet the Press IUCN - Plant a Pledge Campaign plus reforestation announcements

1100-1130 Press Conf IUCN - Investing in coastal ecosystems: Snapshots of Mangroves for the Future

1100-1200 Meet the Press – Book Launch WAZA

1130-1200 Press Conf IUCN - BIOPAMA: Improving the long-term conservation of biodiversity and reducing poverty in the Africa, Caribbean and Pacific regions

1200-1230 Press Conf IUCN - Revision of Nepal's National Conservation Strategy: an update on progress

1230-1300 Press Conf - Save the Dugong: Updates on the Conservation of the Okinawa Dugong

1400-1430 Press Conf - Launch of the World Heritage Centre's Marine Programme 10 year Strategy to protect the crown jewels of the ocean

1430-1500 Press Conf IUCN - The Red List of freshwater species in North Africa

1430-1530 Meet the Press IUCN – World Leaders Dialogue - Luc Gnacadja, Executive Sec UN Convention

to Combat Desertification, Emmanuel Issoze-Ngondet, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Gabon, Dr. Suk-Chae

Lee, Chairman & CEO, Korea Telecom, Colonel Samuela A. Saumatua, Minister for Local Government,

Urban Development, Housing and Environment, Fiji, Erik Solheim

Former Minister of Environment and International Development, Norway

1500-1530 Press Conf - A survey: How world experts recognize the environmental crisis? Asahi

1530-1600 Press Conf - Rio+20 and the High Seas – What Next? Pew

Live streaming of press conferences at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/wcc2012-media>

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/
- Video http://www.iucnworldconservationcongress.org/news_press/press/video_for_press/
- Photos for download: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/iucnweb/sets/72157627514768600/show/>

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