Message from the Chair: Aroha Te Pareake Mead

This is the first Newsletter of the Commission since the World Conservation Congress in Jeju. We’ve been very busy re-organising the work of the Commission, appointing Steering Committee members, re-appointing Commission members and grappling with the challenge of having a leading role in developing IUCN’s first social sciences flagship ‘knowledge baskets’, the Natural Resources Governance Framework (NRGF) and the Human Dependency on Nature Framework (HDNF).

Both of these initiatives provide an opportunity to give greater visibility to many of the heartland issues of CEESP such as rights-based approaches to conservation, rights of indigenous peoples, sustainable livelihoods and participatory conservation. This Newsletter introduces you to the new CEESP team - Steering Committee and Secretariat Focal Points.

Guest Editorial | Politically conceptualizing a “Green Economy - Malik Amin Aslam Khan

“Our foot is stuck on the accelerator and we are heading towards an abyss” (Ban Ki-Moon)
extravagant consumption patterns, rising greenhouse gases triggering catastrophic climate changes, dwindling biodiversity reserves, rapid and unregulated urbanization, these are just some of the environmentally alarming trends delivered by the existing model for economic growth. Thus, it is no surprise that while the global GDP has more than doubled in the past three decades the planet has paid a very heavy price with more than 60% of its natural ecosystems being degraded.

It was these concerns that led to the introduction of the concept of the green economy. The aim was to revisit, revise, rethink and improve the clearly unsustainable growth model and come up with a viable solution. Subsequently, the Rio+20 meeting (2012) endeavored to develop consensus on a global vision for a green economy. Although the meeting was marred by failed expectations, the one agreement coming out was on urging countries to individually rise to the challenge by committing to their own homegrown versions of a green economy.

Introducing the CEESP Steering Committee
2012-2016

Steering Committee members comprise the Chair, Deputy Chair, Financial Advisor, Theme and Specialist Group Chairs, Regional Vice-Chairs and other Special Advisors. The Chair is elected by the World Conservation Congress and all other members are appointed by the IUCN Council on the recommendation of the Chair. They are all supported by an Executive Officer.

The new team bring an impressive mix of expertise, networks cultural and regional diversity. Some are long standing members of the Commission and others are new members. The majority of the 23 SC members are women (16 women, 7 men) and the nationalities of members cover 19 countries (Australia, Botswana, Canada, Columbia, Ethiopia, Fiji, France, Guatemala, Italy, Jordon, Mexico, New Zealand, Pakistan, Palau, Peru, South Africa, Sweden, UK, USA). Herewith, we present the full Steering Committee of CEESP by name and role.
The CEESP Executive comprises the Chair, Deputy Chair, Financial Officer, one Regional VC and one Theme/SG Chair. The Executive assists the Chair on a regular basis, providing advice and guidance and making functional decisions. Currently the Deputy Chair and Financial Officer are one in the same but this is not always the case. The Chair and Executive are supported by the CEESP Executive Officer. Mersie Ejigu (Regional Vice-Chair East and Southern Africa) and Kristen Walker (Co-Chair SPICEH) will serve on the Executive Committee 17 March 2013 to 31 November 2014 and will be replaced by other SC reps. from 1 December to the end of the CEESP 2012-2016 mandate.

**CEESP Chair**
Aroha Te Pareake Mead  
(NZ)

**Deputy Chair & Financial Officer**
Richard Cellarius  
(USA)

**Executive Officer**
Elizabeth Erasito  
(Fiji)

The Theme Chairs

The Chairs of Themes and Specialist Groups hold a range of responsibilities including; Acting as the Commission focal points for the issues within the purview of their topics; Establishing and maintaining the Theme’s or Group’s membership; Developing the Theme’s or Group’s objectives, initiatives and communication avenues for the 4-year term and Establishing and maintaining mechanisms to respond on behalf of the Theme or Group to requests for information and expertise.
Inter-Commission Specialist Groups

CEESP has formal inter-Commission Specialist Groups with three IUCN Commissions, the World Commission on Protected Areas (TILCEPA), the Species Survival Commission (SULi) and the World Commission on Environmental Law (SPICEH).
The Regional Vice Chairs

Regional Vice-Chairs are members of the CEESP Steering Committee and have the same responsibilities as all other SC members. They have an additional responsibility of representing CEESP in their region, encouraging CEESP regional initiatives; working with the relevant IUCN Regional Office and recommending new members for CEESP.

Regional Vice Chair - East and Southern Africa
Mersie Ejigu (Ethiopia)

Regional Vice Chair - Asia
Meher Marker Noshirwani (Pakistan)

Regional Vice Chair - South America
Pierina Benites Alfaro (Peru)

Regional Vice Chair - North America
Peggy Smith (Canada)
Regional Vice Chair - West Asia
Mohammad Shahbaz (Jordan)

Regional Vice Chair - Europe
Martha Chouchena-Rojas (France and Colombia)

Regional Vice Chair - Oceania
Faustina Rehuher-Marugg (Palau)

Special Advisors

Special Advisors are appointed by the Chair of the Commission. There are two Special Advisors, one on climate change and another on Inter-Generational Partnership/Youth. These are over-arching issues that impact on all aspects of the work of CEESP and as such their role is to provide advice to the Chair and Theme & Regional Vice-Chairs on how to strengthen climate change and youth considerations in their work.

Special Advisor on Climate Change
Johan Schaar (Sweden)

Youth Engagement and Intergenerational Partnership Advisor
Catie Burlando (Canada & Italy)

Secretariat Focal Points

To support the One Programme Approach through Commission-Secretariat technical engagement, several Secretariat primary and secondary focal points for CEESP have been identified. The three primary points of contact for CEESP within the Secretariat are: Stewart Maginnis, Head- Nature-based Solutions Group; Gonzalo Oviedo, Senior
Global Director - Nature-based Solutions Group
Stewart Maginnis

Social Science and Ecosystems Programme Officer
Kaia Boe

Senior Advisor, Social Policy
Secondary Focal Point - Social Policy
Gonzalo Oviedo

The Secretariat regional focal points include: Chantal Van Ham for Europe; Aracely Pazmiño Montero for South America (SUR); Fadi Shraideh for West Asia; Sarah Gibbons for East and Southern Africa (ESARO) and Maria Pia Hernández for Central America (ORMA).

Further information can be found here or by contacting Kaia Boe.
25th 2013 in the offices of IUCN member organisation, the Sierra Club. The Meeting provided an ideal opportunity to discuss how CEESP will contribute to the new IUCN Global Programme consistent with the four priorities of the Commission's mandate approved by the WCC Members Assembly. Discussion was also focussed on the two new IUCN knowledge baskets that CEESP has agreed to take a lead role, Natural Resources Governance Framework and the Human Dependency on Nature Index. (More information about these initiatives can be located further down this newsletter).

Following the SC Meeting, some members of the CEESP-SC participated in a session with staff and students of the Beahrs Environmental Leadership Program (BELP) and College of Natural Resources Center for Sustainable Resource Development at the University of California Berkeley.

The session was organised by IUCN Member organisation, the Christensen Fund (Jeffrey Campbell and Kyra Busch) and was the first effort of the CEESP-SC to combine a Steering Committee meeting with a workshop/seminar with IUCN members and the general public to promote the issues that CEESP is involved in and encourage new members. The session involved presenting the work of CEESP and the diversity of backgrounds and experiences of CEESP SC members with an emphasis on encouraging students to volunteer and become involved in environmental and social justice issues at the global level.

- A copy of the Minutes of the Steering Committee meeting can be read by clicking here.

New CEESP Initiatives

This section describes new initiatives that CEESP will be involved in during the term 2012-2016. The Natural Resources Governance and Human Dependency on Nature Frameworks are the first two social science knowledge projects to be included as major contributions to the IUCN Global Programme. As a multi-disciplinary Commission with a large number of members who are social scientists CEESP welcome's the opportunity to show the value and relevance of the social sciences to the good governance of nature's use and the effective management and conservation of nature. The NRGF and HDNF offer the first substantial opportunity for CEESP, the Secretariat, other Commissions and IUCN members to work together consistent with the One Programme approach on issues directly relevant to the mandate of CEESP.

You will note that CEESP and IUCN have started using the term 'knowledge baskets' to refer to the major knowledge-based projects of IUCN. CEESP has been encouraging IUCN to incorporate indigenous knowledge and world views into all aspects of the Global Programme. Consistent with this, CEESP recommended to the Secretariat that rather than use the term knowledge 'products' to describe IUCN's flagship global projects, this be replaced with the term 'Nga Kete Aronui' - knowledge baskets. This term is based on the
have used the term for one basket (kete) of knowledge – kete aronui, knowledge of benefit to all humanity. For any knowledge to be effective, all three kete must be balanced.

Many cultures, including Maori, have a tradition of using baskets as a metaphor for knowledge and/or wisdom. The Maori tradition can be found in the story of the god Tāne, the god of the forest, who collected three baskets of knowledge from the outer world and brought them back to the world of mortals. The three baskets – te kete-tua te (basket of light, present knowledge), te kete-tua uru (basket of darkness, things unknown), and te kete-aronui (basket of pursuit, the knowledge humans seek, knowledge of benefit to all humanity) – must be in balance for us to live harmoniously on Earth.

Natural Resources Governance Framework

The main aim of the IUCN Natural Resource Governance Framework is to provide an independent method to determine the strengths and weaknesses of natural resource decision-making and implementation. It will help decision-makers, whether citizens, economic institutions or political authorities to make better and fairer decisions that will underpin the sustainable management of natural resources and improve existing governance arrangements.

Read more

Developing the Human Dependency on Nature Framework – Update on the process

The Human Dependency on Nature Framework is one of two new knowledge 'baskets' included in the IUCN Global Programme for which CEESP has a lead role. The main goal of the IUCN Human Dependency on Nature Framework is to assess, document and communicate the role and importance of non-farmed natural/ wild resources for communities' food and nutrition security.

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Indigenous & Traditional
Committee

The CEESP Chair has established an Indigenous & Traditional Knowledge Advisory Committee within CEESP. The draft Terms of Reference for this Advisory Committee are to:

- Refine and Finalise the Terms of Reference and Name of the Advisory Committee;
- Develop an overview of how ITK is being framed in international processes - the achievements and gaps;

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Economic Perspectives on Global Sustainability

The CEESP Theme on Environment, Macroeconomics, Trade & Investment (TEMTI) has started producing a new series of briefing papers on "Economic Perspectives on Global Sustainability." This series is designed to provide reliable information and rigorous analysis on critical issues that affect global sustainability. The main objective of the new series is to open a badly needed space for reflection and understanding of the complex forces that are driving social marginalization and environmental degradation worldwide.

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CEESP Reports & Updates

TILCEPA Report - IUCN and UNESCO World Heritage Enhancement

TILCEPA’s Chair participated in a workshop on Enhancing the World Heritage Programme, 17-21 February 2013. The event took place on Vilm Island in the Baltic Sea, hosted by the German Bundesamt für Naturschutz and IUCN’s World Heritage Division. Participants included WCPA Steering Committee members, ICCROM, the UNESCO World Heritage
Degraded Lands is a Value-Loaded Term

Degraded lands’ is a term that is increasingly used to identify priority areas for restoration or development. Yet degradation is a complex term, laden with value judgments and perspectives. Areas that fall in this category have attracted negative labels such as waster lands, unoccupied lands and so forth and yet in the eyes of resources users what is considered degraded lands could be viewed in the positive as fallow land set aside to recover.

Update from SULi – the CEESP/SSC Sustainable Use and Livelihoods Specialist Group

SULi has been busy in the last few months, with work focusing on establishing our new membership (with many new members from other parts of CEESP), planning work for the quadrennium, and taking forward work on small scale fisheries, indigenous knowledge, the economics of wildlife trade, and wild meat.

Culture & Conservation Priorities

The Theme on Culture and Conservation is in the process of forming new Working Groups. Trisha Kehaulani Watson from Hawai‘i has agreed to lead a working group on WCC Resolution 5.115 “Strengthening biocultural diversity and traditional ecological knowledge in the Asia-Pacific Island region”.
Another working group will focus on the relationship between culture and conservation and World Heritage and will be led by Professor Ian Lilley.

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CITES and livelihoods: the missing voice of people who depend on species trade

Fluffy knock-kneed vicunas, big eyed, scrambling onto their matchstick legs after being shorn for their valuable fur; a tiered circle of aloe leaves draining their sap into a hole in the ground lined with plastic for collection for the market; safe nesting sites for crocodiles to lay their eggs being built by people who were previously crocodile hunters.

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CEESP Youth Network: An agenda for action

The CEESP Youth Network envisions an intergenerational community of leaders who learn and work together within and through IUCN, for a just, sustainable and peaceful world. The goals of the CEESP Youth Network for the next four years are to: 1) recognize and support emerging leaders in the structures, policies and activities of CEESP; 2) promote the involvement of youth in the development of CEESP’s four priority areas for 2013-2016; and 3) foster cross-commission collaboration and participation.

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IUCN Council for 2012-2016
ARE YOU A MEMBER OF CEESP?

At the end of every World Conservation Congress, Commissions are asked to revisit and renew their membership. CEESP applied what we considered to be a fairly straightforward renewal process, but it turned to be far more complex than we thought! By the end of the renewal period, we had lost just over 300 members because they did not respond, or we had no record of their response, to the calls for renewal.

- A list of the new membership of CEESP can be found here

NEED TO RENEW?

Please check to see if your name is entered and the details correct. We do not disclose email addresses, only names, country and Theme(s)/SGs. If you did renew your membership in CEESP, welcome back and look forward to working with you over the next three years.

If you missed the opportunity to renew and/or would like to join CEESP, membership forms in English/Spanish/French and Portuguese can be found on the following page:

- CEESP Members page by clicking here.

FUTURE EDITIONS OF CEESP NEWSLETTERS

The first 12 issues of the CEESP Newsletter were produced by a two person productions team comprising CEESP Chair, Aroha Mead and web designer Nikolasa Biasny-Thule both located in NZ. Aroha advised the CEESP SC she wished to hand this role over to someone else, and after sending out a message through CEESP Themes, two volunteers stepped forward. Future editions of the CEESP newsletter will be compiled by: Nastaran Moossavi from (Iran) and Shalini Dyani (India) - they will continue to work with Nikolasa and Aroha will lend a hand when needed.

CEESP Newsletters for 2013 will be produced in May, August and December. A call for contributions will be sent to all CEESP members shortly. Deadline for receipt of articles for the May edition is 17 May 2013 and should be sent to:

- CEESPNEWS@iucn.org