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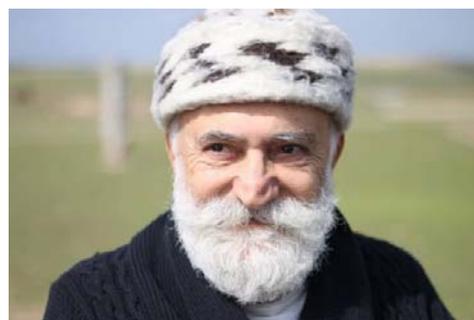


Honoring Dr. Taghi Farvar (1942 - 2018)

Emma Courtine, Programme and Communication Officer, ICCA Consortium

M. Taghi Farvar, a larger-than-life man, son of Shahsevan indigenous nomadic tribe pastoralists in Iranian Azerbaijan, twice chair of the IUCN CEESP (from 2000-2008), passed away in the morning of Monday 16th July 2018, in Tehran, Iran where he had been based for the past years. He was a tireless defender, representative and voice of indigenous peoples and local community rights across the world, breaking down all boundaries.

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Dr. Mohammad Taghi Farvar © CENESTA

REFLECTIONS FROM HALIFAX

Blog: Communities, Conservation, and Livelihoods: A Win-Win Situation

Indu Kumari, IUCN CEESP and IUCN WCPA member

When a community's vulnerabilities are addressed through empowerment, sustainable livelihoods, technical knowledge, education, proper health and infrastructure, it will no more be an exploiter of forests. People will take pride in their natural heritage and once again become its custodians, as they will understand that forests have sustained them for ages and the lives and livelihoods of future generations are dependent on them

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Delegates of the Communities, Conservation and Livelihoods Conference, Halifax, Canada © Indu Kumari

IUCN 70th Anniversary celebrations in Halifax, Canada

IUCN Indigenous Peoples' Organisation (IPO) Members and non-members attending the Communities,



Conservation & Livelihoods conference in Halifax, celebrated IUCN's 70th Anniversary on 30 May 2018. The event was well attended and provided participants with the opportunity to network and also to hear about IUCN and its work.

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CEESP celebrating IUCN's 70th Anniversary
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Blog: Artistic representation meets academic research: Reflections from a journey to Nova Scotia

Dr. Helen Schneider, Flora and Fauna International
I've always found something slightly unsettling about visiting a place with a long history of human habitation but only a relatively recent built heritage. Somehow it feels to me that the buildings and other infrastructure sit uneasily on the landscape like they don't quite belong.

So, it was with mixed feelings that I landed in Halifax, Nova Scotia on a sunny but chilly day in late May. The reason for the visit? To participate in a conference co-hosted by the Community Conservation Research Network (CCRN) and IUCN's Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy (CEESP).

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A kupe'e (wristlet) woven by a member of the Hawaii contingent. Laurel Chun

MEMBER NEWS

Marginalized peoples living around Loktak Lake meet with Manipur University researchers

Salam Rajesh, Manipur State Wetlands Authority
The Center for Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy at Manipur University organised a discussion on "Marginalised Group of People living around Loktak Lake" on 16th May, 2018. The focus of the presentation was on how over decades the people of Loktak have been continually marginalised by several projects, schemes, policies and laws of the state.

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Manipur Loktak Lake, India © Sanjoy Ghosh

Creating a Urban Garden for all - Colombo, Sri Lanka

Kanchana Weerakoon, Founder/President, Eco Friendly Volunteers (ECO-V), Sri Lanka

The Metta Garden in Colombo, Sri Lanka, run by Eco friendly Volunteers, is the place for generating healthy food for people and a living space for many other animals and plants. It has become an inspirational training institute for many stakeholders who are trying to grow organic food and to get a better income through in-high-demand organic food.

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Urban Garden, Colombo, Sri Lanka
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THEMATIC NEWS

Indigenous voices amplified in 'Landing Together' film series

Dr. Purabi Bose, Filmmaker, Deputy Chair of CEESP Theme on Governance, Equity and Rights

It is rare that the voices of the voiceless get any recognition. Landing Together's new four short indie documentary films capture the stories of real life protagonists – tribal, Indigenous Peoples and pastoralist communities – stories about their forests and traditional land.

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Tribal Belt of India © Purabi Bose

REGIONAL NEWS

Aisa Hammadeen is elected Vice Chair for CEESP for West Asia

Aisa Mustafa Hammadeen has over ten years of experience in legal works and research. He is licensed by the Jordan Bar Association. He has written contributions as well as lectures on legal topics related primarily to environmental law and human rights. He worked as a legal advisor in a regional environmental project between Jordan, Syria and Lebanon. He is the founder and owner of the “Life Center for Legal Studies and Researches”. Aisa is member in several nonprofit organizations. He is a member in IUCN’s Environmental Law Centre (ELC), and IUCN’s World Commission on Environmental Law (WCEL). He is also a member in the Jordan Environment Society. He earned his Master’s degree in law in 2005, and Bachelor’s degree in Law in 1999.

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Aisa Hamadeen,
IUCN West Asia CEESP Vice Chair © IUCN

PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS

Regional Security: The Case of the Korean Demilitarized Zone (DMZ)

Arthur Westing

The possible treaty to finally bring a formal end to the Korean War could have at least one tragic drawback, namely the dissolution of the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) that was established by the Armistice Treaty in 1953 to act as a temporary buffer between the two Koreas until a final settlement was achieved.

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Korean Demilitarized Zone © Arthur Westing

Evaluating indigenous and local peoples’ connections with nature: an ecosystem services framework

Kamaljit K. Sangha

This paper proposes an ecosystem services framework that underscores peoples’ capabilities along with well-being benefits, to inform policy decision-making about



the value of natural resources towards Indigenous and local peoples' well-being.

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