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MEMBERS NEWSLETTER



Community Voices in the Illegal Wildlife Trade Debate

Rosie Cooney, outgoing Chair of the IUCN CEESP/SSC Sustainable Use and Livelihoods Specialist Group (SULi)

Who gets to have a say in how wildlife is conserved? Whose perspectives and interests count?

The illegal wildlife trade (IWT) is one of the world's largest illegal trades, and at the top of the conservation agenda globally. It is causing dramatic and alarming declines in many species – from pangolins to elephants to orchids and fish, as well as destabilizing regional governance and economies, eroding the natural asset base for local communities, and sparking an increasingly militarized response that is impacting harshly on local people.

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*Community Voices, October 2018
Jonathan Perugia/Gaia Visual*

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CEESP CHAIR

Congratulations to CEESP members in their new roles!

Kristen Walker, CEESP Chair

Ramiro Batzin, CEESP member and with the indigenous peoples organization, **Sotzil**, joins the IUCN Council.

Jenny Springer - Director, Global Programme on Governance and Rights at IUCN

Barbara Nakangu - Senior Programme Officer, Global Programme on Governance and Rights



Jessica Campese - Chair, the Natural Resource Governance Framework (NRGF)



Kristen Walker CEESP Chair

Mersie Ejigu appointed CEESP Regional Vice Chair for Africa

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REGIONAL NEWS

Highlighting Human Dimensions of Conservation
Ameyali Ramos, CEESP Deputy Chair

The Mexican National Committee of IUCN Members hosted a Forum in Mexico City, Mexico from 23 to 25 October 2018. The Forum provided an opportunity to review the progress of IUCN Mexican Member activities, to collaborate with IUCN Commissions and the Secretariat

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Participants of the Mexican National Committee Forum in Mexico City © Ameyali Ramos

Jaguars and Culture: Public Policies for Integrated Conservation in Mexico

Angel Daen Morales Garcia and Jonatan Job Morales Garcia

In collaboration with the Federal Congresswoman Erika Aracelia Rodriguez Hernandez, and as part of the Biofutura A.C conservation strategies for the jaguar, a proposal was presented to declare April 23 as the "National Jaguar Conservation Day." This was in an effort to establish synergies and foster collaboration between the Ministry of Culture and the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment in order to conserve jaguars with a biocultural approach.

Since pre-Hispanic times, cultural practices associated with the worship of this feline have been carried out as part of an indigenous worldview. The jaguar is considered a mysterious and magical creature and has inspired the inhabitants of Mesoamerica who in turn made many iconographic and mystical creations based on the jaguar.

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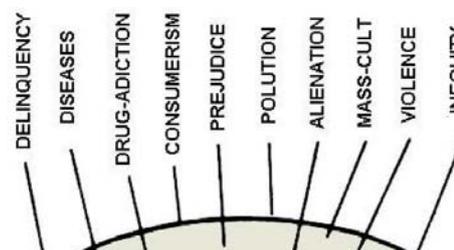
Jaguar mask © Angel Daen Morales Garcia

Member News

Returning Earth to Mankind and Mankind to Earth: An Ecosystemic Approach to Advocacy, Public Policies, Research, and Teaching Programs

André Francisco Pilon

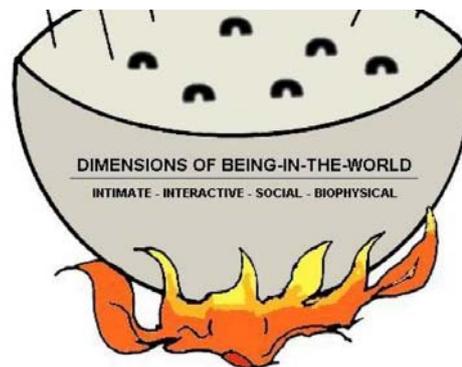
In view of the overwhelming pressures on the global environment and the need to disrupt the systems that drive them, an ecosystemic theoretical and practical framework is posited for the evaluation and planning of communication, advocacy, public policies, research and teaching programmes; Priority is given to a set of



values, norms and policies in view of human well-being, quality of life and natural and built environments, supporting new socio-cultural learning niches, within and outside the academic area, to change perspectives, develop boundary-crossing skills, and cope with complexity and expertise in a critical and creative way.

Trying to solve isolated and localized problems, without addressing the general phenomenon, is a conceptual error: "sustainable" development, as an ideology, is easily absorbed by predominant interests (including enterprises for plunder); policy makers and researchers

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The "boiling pot" Andre © Francisco Pilon

Biodiversity conservation initiatives have unfulfilled potential to support the UN Sustainable Development Goals

Helen Schneider

The University of Cambridge has launched an online tool to help conservationists identify how biodiversity projects can contribute to the SDG targets. The tool draws on the experiences of Birdlife International, Fauna & Flora International, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and International Institute for Environment and Development.

At the end of September 2018, the United Nations General Assembly reconvened in New York for its 73rd session, bringing together the international community to drive progress towards the 2015 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The SDGs were adopted by the United Nations (UN) General Assembly in September 2015. The 17 Goals and 169 related targets unite a wide array of social and environmental issues, including education, health, and biodiversity, with an aspiration to achieve these globally by 2030.

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Harvesting octopus in Aceh, Malaysia © A'Al Syafrizaldi/FFH

CEESP Member Accomplishments - Fall 2018

Robert Ddamulira for being elected president of the University of Delaware Energy and Environmental Policy Graduate Student Association!.

Keith Somerville who is expecting his book, *Humans and Lions: Conflict, Conservation and Coexistence*, to be completed in January 2019

Salam Rajesh, who was appointed by the government of Manipur to be a member of the technical committee of the Manipur State Wetlands Authority, and a member of the Loktak Development Authority for the next three years.



Dr. Patti Dunne who was chosen to join the 4th cohort of the Homeward Bound Project.

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Top: Robert Ddamulira; Keith Somerville

Bottom: Salam Rajesh; Patti Dunne

Webinar on Gender and Conservation

CEESP Member Phil Franks from the International Institute for Environment and Development is hosting a **webinar on Gender and Conservation** on November 13, 2018. To learn more and register to watch, please [click here](#).



PUBLICATIONS

Women as change-makers in the governance of shared waters

Good water governance will be a cornerstone of global water security over the coming decades. A central dimension of water security involves the protection, allocation and sharing of increasingly scarce and polluted water resources among humans and the environment.

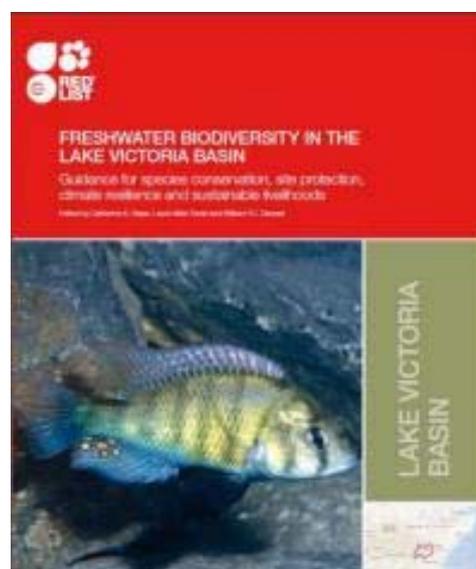
Comprising approximately 50% of the population and despite their recognised pivotal role in water management since 1992 through the Dublin principles, women remain under-represented in water governance processes in local, national and transboundary settings. A new report 'Women as change-makers in the governance of shared waters' was launched during World Water Week.

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New guidance for conservation and sustainable livelihoods for freshwater biodiversity in the Lake Victoria Basin

The Lake Victoria Basin (LVB) is home to the most extensive wetlands in Eastern Africa. Recent work led by the IUCN Freshwater Biodiversity Unit of the Global Species Programme and with expertise from the IUCN SSX and IUCN CEESP assesses the livelihood value of the freshwater biodiversity of LVB, and highlights potential threats. The assessment collates information on the many and varied uses of species of freshwater plants and fishes in the LVB and their importance to the livelihoods of the communities of the LVB (Sayer et al.



2018b). The work illustrates the central role of LVB biodiversity for addressing malnutrition and poverty, and calls for measures to ensure sustainable use and conservation of this biodiversity.

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Madagascar's Southern Region: A socio-economic, historic, cultural, political, anthropological and environmental analysis

"*The Deep South*" study walks us from the past to the present examining the evolution of the semi-arid lands of southern Madagascar. From trading to semi-nomadism to sedentary agriculture, the peoples of the region have adapted since their arrival. Rising populations, an unpredictable climate and limited access to lands, all pose ever greater challenges now and for the future.

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Green Crime in Mexico: A Collection of Case Studies (2018)

Ines Arroyo-Quiroz and Tanya Wyatt

A unique exploration of the key green criminological issues in Mexico. Builds on a rapidly growing area of scholarship in Latin America and beyond. Includes contributors from Mexican academics and practitioners.

This collection is the first exploration into green crime in Mexico, offering a unique critique of the environmental problems facing Mexico today.

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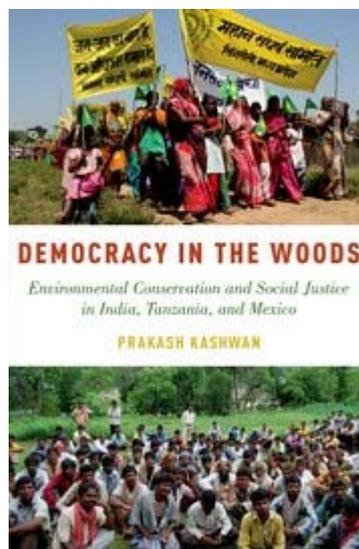


Democracy in the Woods: Environmental Conservation and Social Justice in India, Tanzania, and Mexico

Prakash Kashwan, University of Connecticut

How do societies negotiate the apparently competing agendas of environmental protection and social justice? Why do some countries perform much better than others? *Democracy in the Woods* answers these questions by explaining the trajectories of forest and land rights—and the fate of forest-dependent peasants—in the forested regions of India, Tanzania, and Mexico.

To organize a comparative inquiry that straddles the fields of comparative politics, historical institutionalism, and policy studies, this book develops a political economy of institutions framework. It shows that differences in structures of political intermediation—venues that help



peasant groups and social movements engage in political and policy processes—explain the varying levels of success in combining the pursuits of social justice and environmental conservation.

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