RELIEF Kit

Resilience through Investing in Ecosystems – knowledge, innovation and transformation of risk management
Key facts

Over the last decade:

- 700,000 people lost their lives
- 1.4 M million people were injured
- 23 M around 23 million people were made homeless

as a result of disasters

Investing in Nature-based Solutions

- Frequency and intensity of natural hazards are increasing with climate change
- Effective disaster risk reduction strategies must be prioritised

Nature has an important role to play in cost-effective disaster risk reduction strategies

- It is critical to understand the role of biodiversity in disaster risk reductions
- Capacity development is a key priority for investing in biodiversity conservation to reduce risks.

Relief Kit project

Addressing the knowledge gaps and capacity needs

RELIEF Kit is a 3 year initiative (2015 - 2018) that will document linkages between biodiversity and disasters and establish capacity development knowledge products for policy makers, researchers and other relevant stakeholders.
Where is the project implemented?

The project is coordinated by The Global Ecosystem Management Programme at IUCN Headquarters in collaboration with six regional offices for implementation:

What are the project's goals?

1) To conduct assessments in the above regions to document the role of biodiversity and ecosystems in disaster risk reduction

2) To conduct six regional capacity building events based on the assessments

3) To disseminate the knowledge generated at global policy debates, national planning processes and local levels
What will RELIEF Kit contribute to Eco-DRR?

1) It will carry out regional and global assessments to generate knowledge on the role that biodiversity can play in disaster risk reduction

2) It will develop capacities, facilitate networks and catalyse action to protect biodiversity for disaster risk reduction

3) It will inform policies for integrated approaches to disasters, biodiversity conservation and climate change adaptation

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