Impact Mitigation and Ecological Compensation Thematic Group Webinar

Charting the future: next steps in impact mitigation and ecological compensation

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Impact avoidance, mitigation and ecological compensation, such as offsets, are key tools for balancing development with environmental outcomes that benefit nature and people. Yet many challenges remain, such as how to facilitate best-practice implementation; how to measure effectiveness to support ongoing improvement; and how to align ecological compensation efforts with broader biodiversity targets. In this webinar, leading experts on impact mitigation will set out what they see as the most important next steps in this space.

The webinar is the first hosted by the new Impact Mitigation and Ecological Compensation (IMEC) thematic group, part of the IUCN Commission on Ecosystem Management. Following a series of short presentations, an interactive discussion with all speakers will be facilitated by Martine Maron, IMEC Thematic Group lead. Our expert speakers include:

**Pamela Kershaw**
Deputy Director for Biodiversity Planning at the National Dept. of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries of South Africa. Currently responsible for the development and implementation of relevant national policies, legislation and related tools, strategies, and programmes for conservation and management of ecosystems in South Africa.

**Mark Johnston**
Group Ecologist in the corporate environmental team in BP plc. Mark provides technical advice and leadership on issues relating to biodiversity, ecosystem services, and working in sensitive protected areas, including relationships with international environmental NGOs and representation of UK businesses at international events.

**Helga Rainer**
 Arcus Foundation Great Apes and Gibbons Program Director. Helga leads the foundation’s engagement in relation to conservation of apes in situ. She has over 20 years of experience in natural resource management, research, and project development in Europe, Asia, and Africa.

**Pippa Howard**
Director, Extractives & Development Infrastructure at Fauna & Flora International. She is a registered Professional Natural Scientist with over 25 years’ experience in a variety of spheres of biodiversity conservation, environmental management, impact assessment, development and sustainability. She has worked on projects in over 25 countries.

**Fabien Quétier**
Biotope Lead Consultant and Co-Chair of the IUCN IMEC Group. As senior consultant and technical lead on ‘No Net Loss’ and ‘Net Gain’ solutions at Biotope, Fabien advises lenders, corporations, NGOs and governments on their biodiversity policies and the application of the mitigation hierarchy to plans, programs and projects.