We are pleased to bring you the second Issue of the IUCN Commission on Ecosystem Management Young Professional Network Newsletter for 2020.

HIGHLIGHTS

**Maka Ump Dehe: Cloud Forest Ecosystem Management for the rescue of the Pantepec River and culture**

Mr Angel Daen Morales Garcia (CEM YPN member) as part of spreading conservation actions in Mexico, through his organisation ‘Biofutura’ (an IUCN member organisation) with various communities, civil organisations and local governments are carrying out the project “Maka Ump Dehe” which aims to regenerate ecosystems through the active inter-Community participatory action of the indigenous inhabitants. More details on this are available in IUCN CEM YPN Young Voices Blog and can be accessed here.

**Large-scale Reforestation Projects to hit California**

Mr Benoît Clément (CEM YPN member), a native Californian and ecologist, has taken on the position to spearhead a reforestation initiative by Land Life Company, an Amsterdam-based, multinational reforestation company.

**Improving Crop Residue Management across north-west India to combat deadly air pollution**

A study was commissioned by The Nature Conservancy (TNC) to map and assess the various policy actions and programmes on crop residue burning and its management in India, focusing specifically on *in situ* CRM. Ms Anushree Bhattacharjee (CEM YPN member), led the study and highlighted the past and existing interventions, identified lessons learnt, and made recommendations for designing TNC’s future strategies. More details on this are available in IUCN CEM YPN Young Voices Blog and can be accessed here.

**Nature-based Solutions – New Global Standards**

IUCN unveiled a Global Standard providing the first-ever set of benchmarks for nature-based solutions to global challenges. The new IUCN Global Standard will help governments, business and civil society ensure the effectiveness of nature-based solutions and maximise their potential to help address climate change, biodiversity loss and other societal challenges on a global scale. More details can be accessed here.
**NbS Standard Translation to Arabic**

In alignment with IUCN’s high-level virtual events to mainstream NbS and redefine human relation with nature and address societal challenges, an active member of CEM’s Young Professionals Network (YPN) Ms Enas Sarahneh –from Jordan– volunteered to translate to Arabic the IUCN Global Standard for Nature-based Solutions, and the Guidance for using the Global Standard. The initiative had the full support from Angela Andrade: IUCN CEM Global Chair, believing in the importance of integrating young professionals in the conservation efforts. The translation came into reality through the help of IUCN CEM West Asia Regional Chair; Mr Tamer Khafaga, and IUCN ROWA’s support, from the Regional Director; Dr Hnay El Shaer, and the Drylands, Livelihoods and Gender Programme Manager; Ms Laila Annouri, who reviewed the two documents to ensure the high translation standards.

**PUBLICATIONS**


**General Articles**

- Sustaining ecosystems in the post-2020 world
- Sustainability is a lifestyle
- Surviving the next pandemic

**YOUNG VOICES for ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT**

IUCN CEM YPN have an active blog, a platform where young professionals of CEM share their views on an individual subject. The blog can be accessed here.

Contribute to the Young Voices for Ecosystem Management Blog.

**YOUNG PROFESSIONALS FORUM**

To increase the proactive and meaningful participation of emerging young leaders and professionals in the priority areas of ecosystem management, we provide an opportunity for young professionals in the form of an online forum. Here you can seek advice on both conservation and sustainable development relevant issues, and their development as professionals and access the experience of our broad membership to provide their expertise and build capacity, capability and confidence in the YPs. Assess the forum here.
IUCN WORLD CONSERVATION CONGRESS

CONGRESS POSTPONED. New dates to be set as soon as possible. More information available here.

The IUCN Congress provides a platform for scientists, policy experts, business and government leaders and professionals from around the globe to come together to share their latest insights and forge new partnerships. IUCN Members work to define the global conservation agenda and collaborate with Congress participants to find solutions to the pressing environmental challenges our planet is facing.

IUCN Members: Electronic vote on motions. 7–21 October 2020. Click here for information on how to do so.

List of Motions proposing amendments to the IUCN Statutes - online consultation open until 18 November 2020
IUCN Motions process: timeline

For information and updates on the Congress, please visit the IUCN World Conservation Congress website or subscribe to the IUCN Congress Newsletter.

EVENTS

2nd World Environmental Law Congress Postponed until further notice
CBA14: 14th International Conference on Community-based Adaptation to Climate Change September 21–25, 2020
International Conference on Human-Wildlife Conflict and Coexistence, Oxford, UK, Conference postponed until further notice.
IUCN World Conservation Congress 2020, Marseille, France. Postponed - new dates to be set as soon as possible.
World Heritage Committee meeting postponed (awaiting confirmation of new date). Read IUCN's advice to the World Heritage Committee following the COVID-19 pandemic
UN-Biodiversity-Summit 30 September 2020. Latest information: click here

NEWS

IUCN News pages
IUCN's work on the Post-2020 global biodiversity framework
Updated Zero Draft of the - Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework

OPPORTUNITIES

Work @ IUCN
Request for proposals – Climate Change Policy Expert Deadline: 18 October 2020, 23:59 CET
Whitley Awards for Conservation 2021 Accepting Applications. More information in how to apply here; Deadline: 31 October 2020
New Opportunity for involvement with IPBES – First external review of the IPBES assessment of invasive alien species Deadline: Sunday, October 18, 2020
A 2020 'Citizen-Science' Assessment of the State of the World’s Wetlands All you need to know is follow the link: World Wetlands Survey Deadline: 31 October 2020
Searching for entrepreneurs for Nature-based Solutions (NbS), IUCN combines with the WEF in the NbS challenge for their Uplink Sprint. If you are one of those entrepreneurs, the WEF Uplink Sprint wants to know about you. Please apply:

IUCN SOS - Rapid Action Grants are now available for projects in South Africa and Madagascar.

Conservation Scholarships

CBD: AN AGENDA FOR ACTION - Sharm El-Sheikh to Kunming Action Agenda for Nature and People.

ONLINE LEARNING AND WEBINARS

Free open online course on FutureLearn – IUCN Red List of Ecosystems: The Global Standard for Assessing Risks to Ecosystems, introducing the IUCN Red List of Ecosystems and its successful use and policy impact through real-world case studies. IUCN and Deakin University.

IUCN: Questions and answers: COVID-19 and nature conservation

Amazonia 2.0 project News – May 2020 (English)

IUCN WCIL Law and Environment Lectures

IUCN CEM Ecosystem Restoration Webinars

IUCN SSC Conservation Planning Specialist Group: A guide to facilitating virtual workshops

IUCN-Papaco's MOOCs in the online training section. Next session runs form 14 September to 13 December. Register here (Registration open until 1 December)


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IMAGES

Image 1: The last refuge of River Otter in the Sierra Otomí-Tepehua in the state of Hidalgo © Angel Daen Morales Garcia.

Image 2: Burned California landscape Campfire Wildfire © Benoît Clément.


Image 5: IUCN CEM Young Professionals Network

Image 6: Young Voices for Ecosystem Management Blog © IUCN CEM YPN

Image 7: Young Professionals for Ecosystem Management Forum © IUCN CEM YPN

Image 8: IUCN World Conservation Congress 2020

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