

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

Olatunji, E.T. and J.F. Charles. 2020. Change detection analysis of mangrove ecosystems in the Mesurado Wetland, Montserrado County, Liberia. *International Journal for Research in Environmental Studies* 7: 17–24. <https://doi.org/10.33500/ijres.2020.07.002>

Brown, L., Vasseur, L. 2020. An analysis of aquatic invasive species management in the Niagara region of Ontario, Canada: establishment of a database to improve knowledge sharing. *Management of Biological Invasions* 11(3): 588–606, <https://doi.org/10.3391/mbi.2020.11.3.16>

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:

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/09/oceans-coral-reefs-climate-change-pollution-overfishing/>
[BIOPAMA Rapid Response Grants](#). Designed to respond to risks and difficulties induced by the COVID-19 crisis in African, Caribbean and Pacific countries. Deadline: 31 December 2020.
[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 WCEL 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 from 14 September to 13 December. Register [here](#) (Registration open until 1 December)
[UNESCO Forum](#): Imagining the World to Come – Women's Voices. [Videos - First series](#). [More information on the UNESCO Forum](#).

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Websites

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