



**8<sup>th</sup> IUCN Asia Regional Conservation Forum**  
**Reimagining Conservation in Asia: A Nature Positive Future**  
 Bangkok, Thailand  
 3-5 September 2024

**TECHNICAL SESSIONS**

**Day 2 (4 September 2024)**

| Time      | Session and Description                                                                                       | Agenda                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Session and Description                                                             | Agenda                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| 0900-1015 | <b>III-a. Nature 2030 Programme Areas: progress towards impact targets and continuing strategic relevance</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>III-b. Emerging Programme Priorities in Asia for 2026-29</b>                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|           | <b>Parallel session 1: Water and Wetlands (75 mins)</b><br><br>Room: Ballroom 1                               | Opening: <i>James Dalton</i> , IUCN Global Water & Wetlands Team Director<br><br>Water and Wetlands Programme in IUCN Asia - An overview: <i>Raphael Glemet</i> , IUCN Asia Senior Programme Officer (Water and Wetlands)<br><br>Panel discussion<br>Moderator: <i>Alejandro Iza</i> , IUCN Global Environmental Law Team Director <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ramsar and wetlands conservation - <i>Praon Udomprasert</i>, Director, The Wetland Convention (Ramsar) Subdivision, Department of Water Resources Thailand and IBRRI Chair;</li> </ul> | <b>Parallel session 2: Financing conservation (75 mins)</b><br><br>Room: Ballroom 2 | Opening: Dindo Campilan<br><br>Financing conversation- An overview: <i>Anshuman Saikia</i> , IUCN Regional Multilaterals Portfolio Manager<br><br>Panel discussion<br>Moderator: <i>Jake Brunner</i> , IUCN Sub-region Head Lower Mekong <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Challenges and opportunities for investing in biodiversity and NbS- <i>Hui Hui Zhou</i>, Environmental &amp; Social, Climate, Gender, Biodiversity Officer - Agence Française de Développement (AFD) Southeast Asia</li> <li>Use of IUCN Green List to certify conservation financing- <i>Victor Gustaaf Manoppo</i>, DG, Marine Spatial and Ocean Management, Ministry of</li> </ul> |

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|      |                                                                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Youth engagement in water diplomacy, <i>Brinda Kashyap</i>, member of IUCN Meghna Water Futures Programme</li> <li>Rivers, more than water – <i>Paul Sein Twa</i> Director of the Karen Environmental and Social Action Network (KESAN)</li> <li>The importance of cooperation on shared basins - <i>Malik Fida Abdullah Khan</i>, Executive Director, CEGIS and member of the National River Conservation Commission of Bangladesh</li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A<br/>Summary and wrap-up</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                        | <p>Marine Affairs and Fisheries (MMAF), Indonesia (TBC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community fisheries and sustainable financing in Cambodia- <i>Luy Reaksmey</i>, Executive Director, Culture and Environment Preservation Association (CEPA), Cambodia</li> <li>Tiger Conservation Coalition (TCC), a sustainable financing plan for tiger conservation- <i>Maya Bankova</i>, Director, Middle East &amp; Asia Hub, Panthera</li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A<br/>Summary and wrap-up</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|      | <p><b>Parallel session 3: Species actions (75 mins)</b></p> <p>Room: Ballroom 3</p> | <p>Opening: ‘We can make a difference’ - <i>Vivek Menon</i>, IUCN Councillor, Executive Director, Wildlife Trust of India</p> <p>Asia programme- An overview: <i>Alex McWilliam</i>, IUCN Asia Senior Programme Officer (Species and Biodiversity)</p> <p>Panel discussion<br/>Moderator: <i>Alex McWilliam</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Species champions – local engagement and leadership - <i>Hà Thăng Long</i>, Chairman, GreenViet, Viet Nam</li> <li>Networks and partnerships – enhancing conservation in synergy - <i>Hai Alex Zhang</i>, Secretary General, Eco Foundation Global, China</li> <li>Balancing priorities – a perspective from Nepal - <i>Bed Kumar Dhakal</i>, Deputy Director General,</li> </ul> | <p><b>Parallel session 4: Reimagining Asian cities (75 mins)</b></p> <p>Room: Riverside VI and VII</p> | <p>Opening: <i>Radhika Murti</i>, IUCN Centre for Societal Transformation (CST) Director</p> <p>Asia programme- An overview: <i>Satrio Adi Wicaksono</i>, IUCN Asia Senior Programme Officer (Forests and Grasslands)</p> <p>Panel discussion<br/>Moderator: <i>Satrio Adi Wicaksono</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NbS guidelines and tools for mainstreaming urban biodiversity- <i>Jennifer Rae Pierce</i>, Political Ecologist and Urban Biodiversity Planner, Urban Biodiversity Hub &amp; Lead, IUCN CEM Urban Ecosystems Specialist Group</li> <li>Regional challenges and opportunities, including in relation to capacity-building and financing, for mainstreaming biodiversity and implementing NbS- <i>Sanjeevani Singh</i>, Economic</li> </ul> |

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|                  |                                                                                   | <p>Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation, Nepal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asian Species Action Partnership (ASAP) – catalysing and accelerating action for the most threatened species - <i>Nerissa Chao</i>, Director, IUCN Species Survival Commission, Asian Species Action Partnership</li> <li>Global Species Action Plan (GSAP) – our guide to halt biodiversity loss - <i>Dao Nguyen</i>, IUCN Senior Programme Manager (Conservation Action)</li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A<br/>Summary and wrap-up</p> |                                                                                            | <p>Affairs Officer, Sustainable Urban Development, UNESCO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Urban-nature integration lessons, highlighting the role of data and technology- <i>Lim Liang Jim</i>, Group Director for Conservation and Senior Director for International Biodiversity Conservation, National Parks Board of Singapore</li> <li>Policy shifts and multistakeholder partnership to mainstream urban NbS -<i>Pronphrom N.S. Vikitsreth</i>, Adviser to the Governor of Bangkok (Environmental Affairs), Bangkok Metropolitan Administration</li> <li>Embedding urban NbS into provincial and national plans- <i>Jeeranuch Sakkhamduang</i>, Expert, Thailand Environment Institute</li> <li>Civil society's role in advocating for sustainable and liveable cities- <i>Sameer Hamid Dodhy</i>, Vice Chair, Shehri: Citizens for a Better Environment</li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A<br/>Summary and wrap-up</p> |
| <b>1015-1045</b> | <b>Networking break (30 mins)</b>                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>1045-1200</b> | <p><b>Parallel session 5: Healthy Lands (75 mins)</b></p> <p>Room: Ballroom 1</p> | <p>Opening: <i>Theresa Mundita Lim</i>, Executive Director, ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity</p> <p>Overview of the Asia programme: <i>Khalid Pasha</i>, IUCN Asia Coordinator (Protected and Conserved Areas)</p> <p>Presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework Goal A: Restoring Habitats, Rewilding and Scaling up effective governance</li> </ul>                                                                                                                          | <p><b>Parallel session 6: NbS for Climate Action (75 mins)</b></p> <p>Room: Ballroom 2</p> | <p>Opening: <i>Radhika Murti</i></p> <p>Overview: IUCN Asia's NbS for Climate Programme: <i>Raphael Glemet</i></p> <p>Panel discussion</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Kathryn Bimson</i>, IUCN Asia Programme Officer (Water, Wetlands and NbS)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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|      |                         | <p>and management for area-based conservation-<br/><i>Trevor Sandwith</i> – DIUCN Centre for Conservation Action (CCA) Director</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Role of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs) – Act30 and KM-GBF Target-3 - <i>James Hardcastle</i>, IUCN Protected and Conserved Areas (PCA) Head</li> <li>• Creating Pathways for Securing Healthy Ecosystems – IUCN Green List - <i>Siti Zuraidah Abidin</i>, Senior Manager, Terrestrial Conservation Programme and <i>Lavaniadevi Gopalakrishnan</i>, Senior Programme Officer, Protected Areas, WWF, Malaysia</li> <li>• Restoring and sustaining Asian forest landscapes for Biodiversity and Human well-being - <i>Sheila Wertz</i>, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations</li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A</p> <p>Panel discussion on One Health and Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework<br/>Moderator: <i>Dao Nguyen</i>,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Marie-Yon Struecker</i>, Biodiversity &amp; One Health Consultant, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)</li> <li>• <i>Kinley Choden</i>, Animal Health Officer, World Organisation for Animal Health</li> <li>• <i>Sudhir Misra</i>, Founder &amp; Managing Partner, TrustLegal</li> </ul> |                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opportunities to mainstream NbS for climate in the Hindu Kush Himalaya - <i>Srijana Joshi Rijal</i>, Ecosystem Specialist, ICIMOD</li> <li>• Strengthening local governance of NbS in forests and agriculture - Trees4All Initiative funded by Global EbA Fund - <i>David J Ganz</i>, Executive Director, RECOFTC</li> <li>• NbS for climate in China – <i>Luo Ming</i>, Deputy Director of the NbS Asia Hub, Ministry of Natural Resources China</li> <li>• Regional financing for NbS - the Nature Solutions Finance Hub, <i>Anouj Mehta</i>, Country Director, Asian Development Bank Thailand Resident Mission</li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A<br/>Summary and wrap-up</p> |

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|      |                                                                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>James Compton</i>, Thematic Lead, Wildlife Trade and One Health, TRAFFIC and Project Leader, USAID Wildlife TRAPS</li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A<br/>Summary and wrap-up</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|      | <b>Parallel session 7: Healthy Ocean (75 mins)</b><br><br>Room: Ballroom 3 | <p>Opening: <i>Maeve Nightingale</i>, IUCN Asia Senior Programme Officer (Coastal and Marine Ecosystems)</p> <p>Panel discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Achieving Regenerative Blue Economy in Asia - <i>Yingfeng Guo</i>, National Marine Hazard Mitigation Service (NMHMS) of the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) of China (TBC); <i>Frank Griffin</i>, Executive Director, The Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries, and Food Security (CTI-CFF); <i>Sakanan Plathong</i>, Lecturer, Prince of Songkhla University</li> <li>Achieving 30x30 in the Marine Realm - <i>Brigitta Maria Andrea Gunawan</i>, Young Explorer and ocean advocate and <i>Balaji Vedharajan</i>, Founder OMCAR Foundation</li> <li>Marine plastic pollution in Asia - <i>Ana Maria Kumarasamy</i>, Associate Programme Officer, Plastic Pollution and Marine Litter Secretariat of the Coordinating Body on the Seas of East Asia (COBSEA), UNEP</li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A<br/>Summary and wrap-up<br/>Closing- <i>Tim Badman</i>, IUCN World Heritage and Culture Team Director</p> | <b>Parallel session 8: Transforming agri-food systems (75 mins)</b><br><br>Room: Riverside VI and VII | <p>Opening: <i>Grethel Aguilar</i></p> <p>Overview of IUCN's work on agriculture and food systems- <i>Ludovic Larbodière</i>, IUCN Senior Expert for Agriculture and Environment</p> <p>Panel discussion<br/>Moderator: <i>Raquibul Amin</i>, IUCN Asia Head of Programme Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intersection of biodiversity and food security - <i>Syeda Rizwana Hasan</i>, Adviser, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bangladesh (TBC)</li> <li>Sustainability challenges and areas for shared collaboration - <i>Glenn Gregorio</i>, Center Director, Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA)</li> <li>Lessons shared by Members on sustainable agriculture approaches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Archana Jagdish Godbole</i>, Director, Applied Environmental Research Foundation, India (TBC)</li> <li><i>Vu Thi Bich Hop</i>, Executive Director, Centre for Sustainable Rural Development</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A<br/>Summary and wrap-up<br/>Closing- <i>Dindo Campilan</i></p> |

