



IUCN NATURE FIESTA

A SIDE EVENT OF THE 9TH PACIFIC ISLANDS CONFERENCE ON NATURE CONSERVATION AND PROTECTED AREAS

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The conference presents a unique opportunity for networking, forging and building partnerships and sharing lessons learnt. IUCN, though fairly new to this region, is already working in more than 10

Pacific Island countries and we continue to expand our reach as well as nature's agenda nationally, regionally as well as globally. We do not work in isolation but in partnership with many organizations, most of whom are also working in the Pacific. This side event is an occasion where you can learn about our work and aspirations for the Pacific. Think of it as the 'IUCN Oceania- one-stop-shop'.

IUCN OCEANIA AT A GLANCE

- A unique democratic union with 50 State and NGO member organizations based in 10 countries
- Over 40 staff in two countries
- Hundreds of partners in governments, NGOs and scientific, business and local communities
- More than 10 field projects and activities throughout the Pacific, combining the best available science with the traditional knowledge of local communities
- Advancing knowledge and engagements in climate change, environmental law, species conservation, sustainable development and management of water and wetlands, renewable energy and protected areas
- Publishes vital knowledge products such as the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™, the world's leading resource on the conservation status of plant and animal species
- Funded by governments, bilateral and multilateral agencies, and member organizations

What to expect:

- Presentations
- Displays
- Quizzes
- Dancing
- Kava and more

OUR CORE PRACTICE

- Creating and providing credible trusted knowledge
- Building local and global policy and action
- Convening partnerships for actions across governments and civil society
- Developing standards, influencing practise and building capacity

SOME OF OUR PROJECTS

- MACBIO – Marine and Coastal Biodiversity Management in Pacific Island Countries
- BIOPAMA – Biodiversity and Protected Areas Management Programme
- MESCAL – Mangrove Ecosystems for Climate Change Adaptation and Livelihoods
- EESLI – Energy, Ecosystems and Sustainable Livelihoods Initiative
- LCI – Low Carbon Islands
- MARSH – Mangrove Rehabilitation for Sustainably Managed Healthy Forests
- LEGGASI – Leadership, Green Growth and Sustainability Initiative
- Strengthening Coastal and Marine Resources Management in the Coral Triangle of the Pacific (Phase II)
- Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund for East Melanesian Islands

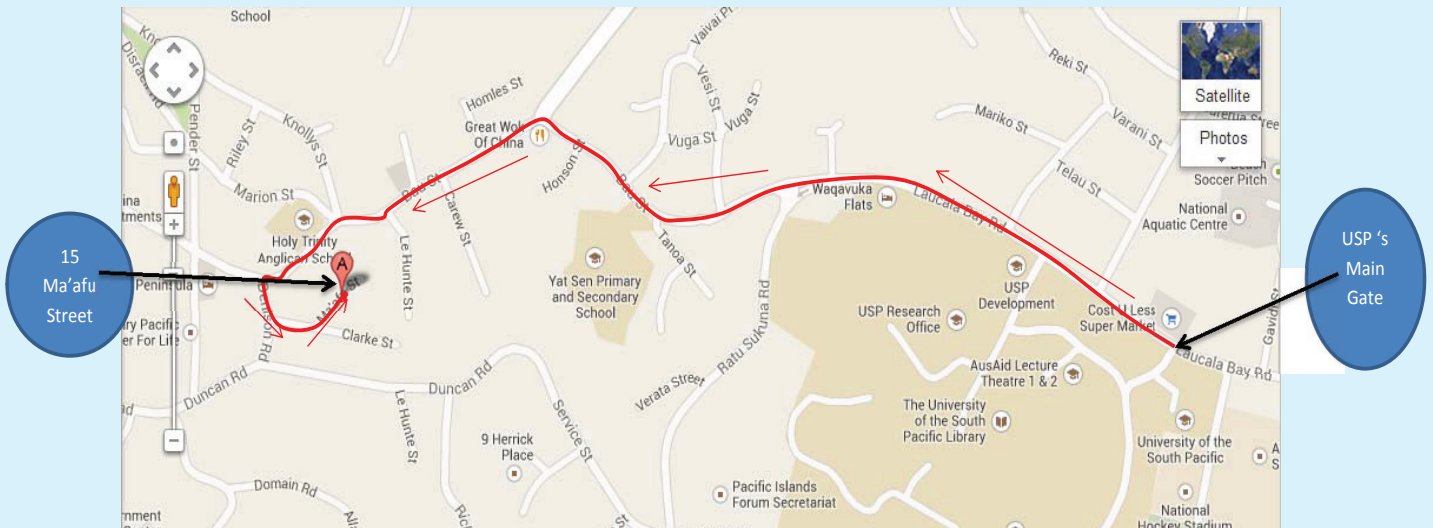
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REASONS TO ATTEND

1. If you too are working towards a just world that values and conserves nature, and you want us to know more about your work, then we look forward to welcoming you to our event.
2. Interact with our experts working in the Pacific in a range of environmental issues such as energy, protected areas, climate change, ecosystem restoration and evaluation, sustainable development and green growth.
3. Explore opportunities to get involved in our Pacific projects, regional initiatives and policies
4. Develop or build partnerships with IUCN to add value to your organization's activities

FINDING YOUR WAY TO THE EVENT:

The venue is 15 Ma'afu Street, the second office building for IUCN Oceania. See the map below for directions from the University of the South Pacific.



ABOUT THE CONFERENCE:

The 9th Pacific Islands Conference on Nature Conservation and Protected Areas takes place in Suva, Fiji from 2-6 December 2013. The conference has taken place every 4-5 years since 1975 and is the region's premier event for biodiversity conservation. The conference is open to all and is attended by government representatives, NGOs, development partners, international organizations and Pacific Island communities.

Nature conservation programmes in the Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs) are guided by this regional conservation conference. It is an opportunity to set a Pacific based and initiated agenda for Pacific conservation for the next five years. Each conference has generated an Action Strategy for Nature Conservation (Action Strategy) as a guiding framework for the next 4-5 years. Since the 8th Conference in 2007, many accomplishments have been achieved in the Pacific such as the Micronesian Challenge, the Phoenix Island Protected Area which is one of the largest marine protected areas in the world, the expansion of the Locally Marine Managed Areas, the political support and commitment from the Pacific Forum Leaders to the Pacific Oceanscape Framework, and many other key accomplishments that have been widely recognised.

The theme of this year's conference is ***Natural Solutions – Building Resilience for a Changing Pacific.***

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