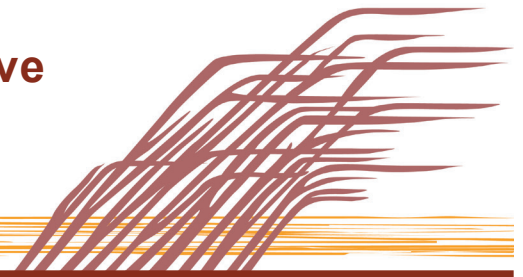


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TGCI Attending the World Conservation Congress in Jeju, Korea - September 2012

Bob Peart, the TGCI Project Coordinator, will be attending the WCC meeting as our official representative. It is important to have a presence at this important global conservation event in our continuing efforts to build awareness and support for the conservation of the world's indigenous temperate grasslands.

If you are attending the Jeju meeting please contact Bob (bobpeart@shaw.ca) to let him know. Perhaps if there are enough of our members in attendance an informal gathering can be arranged.

TGCI to be Showcased at the WCC

While in Jeju, Bob will be involved in a number of sessions focusing on protecting indigenous temperate grasslands:

- **Saturday September 8, 13:00-14:30**
Celebrating the Successes in Protecting Temperate Grasslands
Protected Area Pavilion #1199 Room B <http://portals.iucn.org/2012forum/?q=1199>
- **Saturday September 8, 14:30-16:30**
Dryland Biodiversity: Mobilizing the Union for Conservation Through Sustainable Land Management
Knowledge Café #0355 Room A Yeongju Hall B <http://portals.iucn.org/2012forum/?q=03550>
- **Sunday September 9, 13:00-14:30**
Conserving Drylands Biodiversity for Sustainable Land Management (book launch)
Protected Area Pavilion #1204 Room B <http://portals.iucn.org/2012forum/?q=1204>



Motion Being Presented at WCC Meeting in Jeju

In our continuing effort to retain global support from the IUCN for the conservation and protection of the world's indigenous temperate grasslands the TGCI is presenting a motion to the Members' Assembly. Sponsored by the Wildlife Conservation Society the motion requests that urgent and specific measures be adopted to protect a minimum of 10% of the world's indigenous temperate grasslands by 2014, and that a supportive funding mechanism be established. The motion is posted on the TGCI website.

Improving Adaptation to Climate Change Effects in Paramos of South America

The IUCN's South America office (IUCN-Sur) will shortly launch the project *Communities of the paramos: Strengthening capacities and coordination to adapt to the effects of climate change*. This project will be executed in Colombia, Ecuador and Peru between 2012 and 2014.

The concept note for this project emerged as a result of a workshop organized by the TGCI in Ecuador in August 2009. This was one of the many concept notes developed by the TGCI as a way to outline its global strategy in South America, North America, East Asia and Eurasia. (All these concept notes can be viewed on the TGCI website.)

Communities of the paramos will be funded by the Ministry of International Affairs of Finland. It will be coordinated at the regional level by IUCN-Sur, and executed at the national level by the following partner agencies: Fundación EcoCiencia in Ecuador; Fundación Tropenbos (associated with Instituto Von Humbolt) in Colombia; and Instituto de Montaña in Perú.

TGCI Temperate Grasslands to be Highlighted at the VII Southern Connection Congress Dunedin, New Zealand January 21-25, 2013



The Southern Connection Congress links scientists interested in the natural sciences across the Southern Hemisphere and elsewhere. At the congress a special symposium focusing on the conservation and sustainable management of indigenous temperate grasslands has been arranged by the TGCI. The goal is for the attendees at this symposium to further define a strategy for achieving these objectives, both within the Southern Hemisphere and globally. We encourage relevant contributions and participation.

For more information on the symposium:

<http://www.otago.ac.nz/V11-southern-connection/index.html>

or contact Dr. Alan Mark, alan.mark@otago.ac.nz

Abstracts and Papers Available From the 25th International Congress for Conservation Biology

At this December 2011 Congress a special workshop was held on temperate grasslands. A number of excellent research papers on the management and conservation of these grasslands were presented. To access the abstracts and presentations please copy and paste the following link into your browser:

<https://drive.google.com/#folders/0By1MyhgAiH6aXzNGSVZleVIRNTA>

(These documents are now on the newly established Google Drive for TGCI. First access will require requesting permission. Please do this from the link above or email Naomi Doak at nomes06@gmail.com to indicate your desire to access the files. In the future this Google Drive will also hold archives of other important TGCI documents and newsletters.)



FIRST ASIA PARK CONGRESS IN JAPAN SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2013

Plans are being made for a 'yet to be confirmed' 2013 congress that would focus on the governance of protected areas in the Asian region, with the goal of strengthening the management and administration of protected areas in relation to their surrounding communities. The TGCI is in the preliminary stages of planning an associated symposium on the transboundary steppe biome of the Daurian and Amur River basin. If you would like more information on this symposium, as our plans get more specific, please contact: Amanda Fine at afine@wcs.org or Scott Perkin at Scott.PERKIN@iucn.org.

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