

13th Congress of the International Society of Ethnobiology Indigenous Forum



Monday May 21 - 2:30 – 6:00 PM

Participatory research, dissemination and advocacy: the view from the Indigenous Forum

(Global Diversity Foundation)

At this year's International Congress for Ethnobiology, the theme for the pre-congress workshop is "Conservation by Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities: Advances in Participatory Action Research, Dissemination and Advocacy"; it will bring together indigenous and local community representatives that are engaged in participatory action research, dissemination and advocacy efforts that enhance the governance and management of Indigenous and Community Conserved Areas.

In conjunction with the pre-congress workshop, the Indigenous Forum at the 2012 ISE Congress will also carry the theme "Participatory research, dissemination and advocacy". Global Diversity Foundation will make links between the workshop activities and the Indigenous Forum by opening the workshop's discussion to the broader public at 2012 ISE Congress through a dedicated and inaugural Indigenous Forum session. Here, a conversation on the broad theme of communication will be launched by a presentation that sums up the discussions held during the pre-congress workshop. Participants that were not at the workshop will be asked to contribute their views, comments and experiences on the topic, and a panel of indigenous and local community members from the workshop will be asked to respond.

One of the aims is to generate an on-going conversation about participatory research, communication and dissemination and advocacy throughout 2012 ISE Congress. This discussion will be encouraged by setting up thematic panels for participants to add their comments, thoughts, and experiences and innovative contributions or ideas to throughout the Congress. It is hoped that in this way participants will maintain an awareness of issues surrounding communication throughout the congress, creating space for broader conversations, idea-sharing and networking to emerge and carry on beyond the congress.

Chair: Gary Martin, Global Diversity Foundation

Tuesday May 22 – 9:00 AM – 5:30 PM

Sacred Sites and their custodians: restoring culture and strengthening voices

(Sacred Natural Sites Initiative, The Gaia Foundation, Sacred Land Film Project)

This day of the Indigenous Forum will provide space for dialogue with indigenous custodians and others involved in protecting sacred natural sites. Discussions will build on three main themes of revitalizing culture, strengthening custodian voices, and the role of non-custodian supporters, as well as other issues participants raise during the day. Additionally, the day will allow for development of the Sacred lands contribution to the ISE Montpellier statement. The day will consist of film screenings, group work and plenary discussions.

In addition, we will be taking 2-3min video interviews on perspectives on sacred sites held throughout the day for those interested in taking part. This is a project under development called "Sacred Natural Sites - *IN Perspective*" (<http://vimeo.com/42118999>).

Chair: Robert Wild, Chair of the IUCN Specialist Group on the Cultural and Spiritual Values of Protected Areas

Programme:

9:00 -10:30	Introduction to the day: Robert Wild, Chair of the IUCN Specialist Group on the Cultural and Spiritual Values of Protected Areas. (7 minutes) Opening blessings: Mphatheleni Makaulule, Venda, South Africa (8 minutes) Launch of BPG 16 SNS Guidelines: French language version - 15 mins (3mins/person) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Robert Wild: Chair and Introductions
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mphathelenei Makaulule, Venda Custodian, S.A - sharing Venda use of the guidelines • Ken Wilson, Executive Director The Christensen Fund • Jean-Marc Sinnassamy, GEF Regional Program Manager, Natural Resources Team • Assistant Professor Mame Demba Thiam, Senegal (to be confirmed) <p>Standing on Sacred Ground: A. Film Introduction - 6mins B. Altai, Russia - 8 mins followed by a presentation Danyl Mamvev (10mins) C. Ethiopia - 8 mins followed by a presentation Million Belay (10 mins)</p> <p>Guidelines for Group work</p>
10:30 - 11:00	Break
11:00 - 12:30	<p>Group work</p> Group A. Revitalization of Culture Group B. Strengthening Custodian Voices Group C. Role of Support Groups Group D. Statements and Principles (formulation group)
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 15:30	D. Hawaii - 8 mins, Presentation Hawaii (10min) N.B. Hawaii attendance Philippines mining - 16mins - Custodian presentation - Dario Novellino (10mins) <p>Group work: Continued (30mins)</p>
15:30 - 16:00	Break
16:00 - 17:210	<p>Plenary - Reporting Back</p> Group A. Revitalisation of Culture Group B. Strengthening Custodian Voices Group C. Role of Support Groups Group D. Statements and Principles (formulation group) Presentation of S35 workshop outputs (reporters)
17:20-17:30	Closing blessings: Mphathelenei Makaulule, or Danil Mamyev, Altai Republic (8 min)

Ideas for discussion and dialogue:

- **Building on outputs of S35** - policy dialogue and recommendations - 5 groups
- **Cultural revitalization** - a necessary first step
 - Strategies and methods for cultural revitalization (internal and external support)
- **Raising Custodian voices**
 - Methods - film, principles, statements, policy events, legal provisions
 - National and international legal recognition of sacred sites custodial definitions
 - Strategies to support strengthening of custodian voices
 - National and international policy and legal recognition of sacred sites custodian definitions
- **Role of Non-custodian supporters**
 - Sacred sites and science (ethnobiology),
 - Protected areas - supportive government agencies
 - Globalization threats (mining etc)

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- Policies, legal provision, field support etc.

Reporting:

- **Inputs to the Montpellier statement:**
 - Pre-development of text
 - Building on IUCN Resolution and other statements
 - Building on Guardian principles
 - Capturing the essence of the discussions and developing a statement and element to put forward to contribute to ISE statement
 - Provisional text presented at the end of the day.
- **E-Learning Module: Preliminary Identification of items that may go into a e-learning module (dry run for WCC)**
 - Reporters responsible for identifying elements for an e-learning module
- **Sacred Natural Sites - *IN Perspective* project:** In addition we will be taking 2-3min video interviews on perspectives on sacred sites held throughout the day and throughout the forum for those interested in taking part. This is a project under development. See: <http://vimeo.com/42118999>

Thursday 24 May - 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Using Biocultural Community Protocols to implement UNDRIPs and MEAs at local level for Sustainable Development

(ISE Global Coalition for Biocultural Diversity)

The Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit-Sharing (ABS) requires countries to “endeavour to support” the development of community protocols for ABS by indigenous and local communities. This informal dialogue on community protocols will bring together experts from MEA Secretariats and government, ISE Congress participants and the ISE Indigenous Forum. It will explore the role of community protocols in implementing the Nagoya Protocol in the context of the Biodiversity Convention, and in the agriculture sector under the FAO. It will also explore the role of community protocols in implementing indigenous peoples’ rights and sustainable development. It aims to improve understanding and dialogue amongst the different actors concerned, and to identify ways in which support for community protocols can be strengthened as a way to revitalise the implementation of MEAs at local level.

Agenda – Morning: Informal stakeholder dialogue

0900: Workshop introduction and objectives

0905- 1035: What is the role of community protocols in implementing the Nagoya Protocol and other MEAs? How can support for community protocols be strengthened?

Chair: Alejandro Argumedo, ANDES (Peru) & Director, Global Coalition for Biocultural Diversity

Panel Presentations (10-15 min each):

- The Nagoya Protocol and the role of Community Protocols in ABS (Viviana Figueroa, Associate Program Officer, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity) (Spanish translation)
- The role of community protocols in implementing the FAO Treaty on PGRFA and Farmers’ Rights (Shakeel Bhatti, Secretary, FAO Treaty) [TBC]
- Biocultural community protocols for ABS in Africa: Defining a process to strengthen support (Pierre du Plessis, Africa Group).

1100 – 1230: Implementing community protocols in practice and making the links with UNDRIPs

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Chair: Maui Solomon, Hokotehi Moriori Trust & Chair of the ISE Council of Elders.

- How the humble kumara (sweet potato) gave birth to the largest and most complex legal claim by Maori people to their cultural, intellectual, heritage and relationship rights (Maui Solomon, 5-10 mins)
- The Potato Park's Biocultural Protocol: How it implements the Nagoya Protocol at local level (Alejandro Argumedo) (10 mins)
- Community protocols, customary laws, MEAs and UNDRIPs: Making the links and identifying key challenges to be addressed (Brendan Tobin, 15 mins)

1150-1220: Discussion: Addressing the challenges in practice

Resources: IIED, Natural Justice (5 mins)

Workshop Summary: Conclusions and way forward (5 mins)

Agenda – Afternoon: Capacity building session for the Indigenous Forum

1330 – 1530: What are BCPs and why are they useful?

Introduction (5 mins each)

- Why written protocols are needed (Harry Jonas, Natural Justice)
- Diverse forms, methods and approaches to reinforce a diversity of local biocultural systems and situations (Alejandro Argumedo, ANDES)
- Why develop a BCP? Different aims/uses (Krystyna Swiderska, IIED)
- Questions/discussion: 15 mins

Examples:

- Using BCPs to interlink different treaties relevant to the needs of the community, and strengthen community governance. The experience of the Potato Park, Peru (Alejandro Argumedo, ANDES, Peru) (10-15 mins)
- Using BCPs to address external threats/challenges. The experience of livestock keepers (Ilse Koehler-Rollefson, LIFE Network) (10-15 mins)

Questions, Discussion and short video from Sabah: 30 mins

1600 – 1700: How to develop and use BCPs? Practical issues and guidance (5-10 mins each)

- BCP core principles; methodologies & toolkits (Holly Shrumm, Natural Justice)
- Methodology for identifying customary laws to develop the Potato Park BCP (Alejandro Argumedo)
- How to get legal recognition of customary laws and BCPs (Brendan Tobin)
- How to use BCPs achieving impacts. Lessons from PLA 65 (Krystyna Swiderska)

Friday 25 May – 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Indigenous Resource Management – customary practice and contemporary management

(Hokotehi Moriori Trust)

Exploring the Past to Build a Better Future: This session proposes to draw together projects and people working in indigenous contexts to record, protect, and manage heritage landscapes, elder collective memories and customary resources. Session papers and presentations will be based on case studies that

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highlight examples of where the ethical use of customary management practices and/or values has resulted in beneficial outcomes for indigenous communities.

The session aims to focus on the experience from community case studies where the use of traditional knowledge or customary practices is being used to bring about beneficial outcomes for contemporary resource management problems, with a particularly focus on intergenerational teaching and learning. Many case studies are concerned with problems associated with cultural dispossession and lack of engagement or connection from youth and are actively exploring ways to revive traditional knowledge and practices by reconnecting younger people to their heritage.

The six presenters will give 20 minute presentations with 10 minutes follow up question time (3 hours total). We should allow for a break/stretch time after three presentations and a summary wrap up section. If possible, a collection of 'tools' or solutions from the 6 case studies could be brought together to feed back to the wider Congress.

	Name	Proposal
1	Maui Solomon	The Moriori experience: a case study example of preserving, reviving and promoting Moriori identity, culture, language and heritage for present and future generations, using digital technologies to record their cultural landscapes, elder stories, traditional practices and other <u>taonga</u>
2	Datu Mantangkilan Cumatang (Amay) (with Benny Cumatang translating)	Preservation of sacred mountain landscapes and the practice of forest conservation in Northern Mindanao using traditional ecological knowledge. Amay will also describe how the application of traditional values (Batasan) and customary law to inspire younger generations to care for sacred landscapes.
3	Mphatheleni Makaulule	A case study from that rural Limpopo province of the community movement of women elders (Dzomo la Mupo) to revitalise traditional knowledge on seed saving, planting and harvesting, and to help register and protect sacred forests through asserting customary practices.
4	Daniel Salau Rogei	A case study on the SIMOO and the upholding of cultural rights and practices of the Maasai, focussing on the SEUSEU biodiversity education programme
5	Gabrielle Legault	A case study on the Metis people in Canada – focussing on Metis culture and identity in response to cultural dispossession and Gabrielle’s research on traditional harvest practices in the Flathead Valley and the engagement of youth in traditional land use practices.
6	Joaquin Carrizosa	A case study of indigenous territorial autonomy and local organisation, food security, medicinal plants and local knowledge. This presentation will focus on Joaquin’s Posey field work – looking at local responses to environmental problems caused by pressure from political unease, illegal drug industries, violence, and restrictions of indigenous access to land.