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## **PEDRR news and events**

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### ***Book launch at the global platform***

PEDRR will launch a book (UNU Press) entitled *The Role of Ecosystems and Disaster Risk Reduction*, on 20 May, at 18 00 hrs, as part of the ISDR Global Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction meeting in Geneva, Switzerland. With contributions from scientists, researchers and practitioners, this book volume showcases case studies that feature the role of ecosystems and ecosystem-based approaches in disaster risk reduction, from around the world – Europe, Asia-Pacific, Africa, Latin America, Caribbean and North America. PEDRR will also be organizing a side event and a marketplace booth at the Global Platform. We invite you to come to our launch and participate in other PEDRR activities at the Global Platform! If you are interested in joining in person, you must be a registered participant to the Global Platform. You may access this link to register at the Global Platform: <http://www.preventionweb.net/globalplatform/2013/registration/>

## **Environment and DRR in the news**

### ***Restoring watersheds in Typhoon-hit region in the Philippines***

The Mindanao Nurturing Our Waters (MindaNOW) program is aiming to integrate all watershed and river basin management efforts in Mindanao as part of a flood mitigation strategy in the region. This initiative will involve working closely with local communities in forest restoration activities as part of the rebuilding efforts after Mega-Typhoon Pablo caused heavy damages in December 2012.

<http://www.minda.gov.ph/site/Mindanao/news-and-events/view/Pablo-hit-barangay-seeks-watershed-restoration>

### ***The Economics and of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB) for Water and Wetlands report launch***

On the occasion of [World Wetlands Day 2013](#), the Ramsar Convention Secretariat, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP), the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Wetlands International and the Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research (UFZ), together launched the report: [The Economics of](#)

*[Ecosystems and Biodiversity \(TEEB\) for Water and Wetlands](#)*. The TEEB for Water and Wetlands recognizes and captures the values of ecosystem services related to water and wetlands, including hazard mitigation and regulation. <http://www.teebweb.org/wetlands/>

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