



PEDRR SHOUTOUT: Eco-DRR session held with PEDRR partners on 15 October at the Rio Conventions Pavilion, during the CBD CoP-12 meeting in Pyeongchang, South Korea

Held on 15th October, PEDRR partners IUCN, WWF, UNISDR and UNEP were all involved in the Rio Conventions Pavilion on Disaster Risk Reduction. The afternoon session, held with PEDRR partners in conjunction with the Ramsar Convention Secretariat and SCBD, focused on the role of ecosystem services in DRR and how ecosystem services can be mainstreamed into the DRR agenda.



Featured Publication

“The Importance of Mangroves to People – A Call to Action”

This new UN report highlights the potentially devastating effects of the ongoing destruction of mangrove forests. Mangroves play an important role in buffering against coastal hazards. As Mr. Steiner, UNEP’s Executive Director, stresses, this continued destruction “makes neither ecological nor economic sense”, with economic damages reaching up to US\$42 million annually.

Source: UN News Centre. [Read more.](#)



Job Vacancies

UNEP National Consultants (Jamaica & El Salvador) Urban EbA LAC Project

Application deadline: 19 October 2014

Contract: November 2014 – August 2015, 50 person days over max. 10 months.

For full Terms of Reference see PEDRR’s [Linked In.](#)

News

Sharm El Sheikh Declaration for Disaster Risk Reduction

Marking an end to the Second Arab Conference for Disaster Risk Reduction on 16th September 2014, the Sharm El Sheikh declaration identifies the significant role of Eco-DRR, recognizing that: “Ecosystems play an important role that can influence disaster risk reduction in many ways, including by strengthening livelihoods and basic needs”.

[Full declaration.](#)

Featured Video

“Burkina Faso’s poorest farmers leading the fight against climate change”



Using techniques of careful land preparation, water conservation and enriching the soil with natural nutrients, Burkina Faso’s farmers are helping the region confront climate change. Watch the video above or [read more.](#) Source: ODI

Scientific Corner

“Does mitigation save? Reviewing cost-benefit analyses of disaster risk reduction”

As the economic cost of disasters increases, pressure is also mounting to demonstrate the cost-efficiency of DRR measures. By comparing different cost-benefit analyses (CBA), Shreve and Kelman demonstrate the highly context-specific nature of DRR effectiveness and put forward minimum criteria to consider. The authors note the need for a better understanding of CBA for Eco-DRR, suggesting that big gains are feasible.

Authors: Shreve, C.M., and Kelman, I.

Source: International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction. [Read more](#)

“Whose conservation?”

Tracing the movement of conservation thinking from the 1960s to today, Mace argues that today’s conception of conservation is moving away from integrated management and “nature for people” towards “nature and people”, with perceptible consequences for conservation-related science. The paper highlights some of the unintended consequences of viewing humans and nature together and the complexity of this emerging paradigm.

Author: Mace, G.M.

Source: Science, Vol. 345. [Read more](#)

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