

Weekly news on ecosystems-based risk reduction and climate change adaptation



## **PEDRR SHOUTOUT: Eco-DRR at the IUCN World Parks Congress**



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WORLD PARKS CONGRESS  
SYDNEY 2014

Starting on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November and continuing until Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November, there are 12 sessions on Eco-DRR as part of the **Journey to Human Security** programme of the IUCN's World Parks Congress. The sessions explore a number of key Eco-DRR issues, such as "Capacity needs for Eco-DRR: what's available and what's needed?", "Can protected areas reduce risks?" and "Can green and grey infrastructure work together?".



### **Featured Publication**

#### **Mangroves for coastal defence – Guidelines for coastal managers and policymakers**

Drawing on hundreds of scientific papers with the help of the University of Cambridge, this guide book translates this knowledge base into a practical approach for coastal decision makers. [Full publication](#)



Source: The Nature Conservancy and Wetlands International

### **Job Vacancy**

#### **Director, Office for Operations, D2**

UNEP's Office for Operations (OFO) is the guardian of UNEP's corporate interest, supporting the organization with management tools, plans and capacity building, mitigating its exposure to risk.

**Duty Station:** Nairobi

**Deadline:** 9 January 2015

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### **News**

#### **"Businesses can save ecosystems and support economic development"**

Source: The Guardian. [Read more](#)

#### **"What does it mean to be climate resilient?"**

Source: Responding to Climate Change. [Read more](#)

### **Featured Event**

#### **BUILDING RESILIENCE Briefing on Ecosystem-based DRR in the post-2015 framework on disaster risk reduction**

Monday, 17 November

15:00 - 16:00

United Nations Palais,  
Building A, 3rd floor, Salle VII

This briefing will share experiences from around the world where eco-system based solutions are applied to reduce disaster risk. The event will also provide reflections on how ecosystem based disaster risk reduction is currently incorporated in the zero draft text for HFA2.

Please contact [pedrr.secretariat@gmail.com](mailto:pedrr.secretariat@gmail.com) for more information.

### **Scientific Corner**

#### **Impact of the 2010 Tsunami on an endangered insular soil-plant system**

*"Natural catastrophes could damage island biodiversity and ecosystems, and their effects could become devastating if combined with human disturbances".* This study looks at changes in endemic Cabbage trees and effects on the soil-plant system on the Robinson Crusoe Island (Chile) to determine post-tsunami ecosystem changes.

**Authors:** Hahn, I.J., Vergara, P.M., Baumeister, J., Soto, G.E., Römer, U. (2014)

Source: *Natural Hazards*. [Read more](#).

### **Training Event**

#### **Understanding and Strengthening the Role of Protected Areas for Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation**

Held from the 10<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> November in Sydney, Australia, this 2-day workshop looked at making the case for Eco-DRR (the "why"), identifying enabling and hindering factors (the "what") and looking at existing tools, process, stakeholders and gaps (the "how").

Source: Japan Biodiversity Fund, GEF, IUCN, UNISDR, CBD.

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