

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



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### Upcoming Event

#### **9th International Conference on Community-Based adaptation, Nairobi, Kenya**

Date: 24-30 April 2015

The 9th International Conference on Community-Based Adaptation will focus on 'Measuring and enhancing adaptation effectiveness'. The event will feature a plenary session on 'Evaluating Ecosystem-based Adaptation Effectiveness' and a training on Ecosystem-Based Adaptation.

All registrations before 25 January 2015 will benefit from the early-bird discounted rate.

[More information.](#)

[Registration.](#)

**Source:** International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED)

### Job Vacancy

#### **Consultant - Implementation of Sound Chemicals Management in SMEs**

Deadline: 26 January 2015

Source: UNEP

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### News

#### **The 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami: 10 Years later**



Overview of  
villages and forests  
at Keude Unga,  
Indonesia

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**Wetlands International** commemorates the 10 year anniversary of the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami, which claimed over 200,000 lives. In response to the enormous destruction, Wetlands International led a partnership to restore coastal ecosystems to protect coastal communities from coastal hazards. Between 2005 and 2008, 175 community-led ecosystem restoration projects were achieved, restoring 1,100 hectares of mangroves and coastal forests and protecting 2.5km of sand dunes and 100 hectares of damaged coral reef and sea grass beds. 91,000 tsunami affected people have benefited from these rehabilitated ecosystems. [Read more.](#)

**UNEP and the Government of Kerala, India**, also organized a South Asia regional event on Climate Change, Extreme Events & Environmental Resilience, sharing lessons from the Tsunami and regional experiences on enhancing resilience. Visit [PEDRR's Facebook](#) for more information.

### Scientific Corner

#### **"Multi-scale participatory indicator development approaches for climate change risk assessment in West Africa"**

This paper aims at challenging the classical top-down approach of indicator development for risk assessment in West Africa by using a multi-scale participatory process. It argues that more emphasis should be paid to local experts in risk assessment.

[Read full article.](#)

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**Source:** United Nations University, Institute for Environment and Human Security

### Call for Ideas

#### **Pilot/demonstration projects On Climate Action and Environment**

As part of the Horizon 2020 framework, the European Commission is opening calls for ideas for large-scale pilot/demonstration projects. A thematic focus is on nature-based solutions for tackling disaster and climate risks. [More information.](#)

**Source:** European Commission

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