

News

Mangrove experts urge restoration, regeneration of organic coasts

When Ulva Takke, owner of a scuba diving business heard that a foreign owned firm planned to set up an iron ore mine on the tiny island of Bangka, she joined forces with other residents in a protest that went all the way to Indonesia's Supreme Court. Although the community won its appeal against the mining project, news reports indicate that the company is still preparing to begin work, a move that could put pristine habitats at risk, including lowland tropical rainforests, mangroves, freshwater sago swamp and coral reefs. These coastal ecosystems are also considered as natural barriers that protect coastal areas from erosion and inland areas from high waves.

Takke was among the 100 delegates debating solutions to the threats faced by Indonesia's mangrove forests at the Restoring Coastal Livelihoods Conference hosted by Indonesia's Mangrove Action Project and the Sustainable Wetlands Adaptation and Mitigation Program.

To read more, click [here](#)
Source: Center for International Forestry Research



Combined with low-oxygenated, water-logged soils, mangrove ecosystems have the potential to offset emissions that cause global warming, says Daniel Murdivarso, CIFOR scientist.

Featured Publications

The barriers to environmental sustainability in post-disaster settings: a case study of transitional shelter implementation in Haiti

Disaster recovery operations that do not account for environmental sustainability (ES) risk exacerbating the impact of the disaster and hindering long-term recovery efforts. Yet aid agencies do not always consider ES. This research is a case study of the recovery that followed the 2010 earthquake in Haiti. Using procurement of concrete and timber as proxies for broader post-disaster operations, the research examined perceptions of ES by aid agencies, attempts at and barriers to incorporating it into programming.



Source: Joseph Ashmore

To read more, click [here](#) Source: Disasters, Wiley Online Library

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Upcoming Events

Analysis and Management of Changing Risks for Natural Hazards

This conference will focus on:
1) natural hazard process understanding and innovative methodologies for quantitative hazard and risk forecasts;
2) the integration of engineering, ecological, socio-economic and human sciences in risk management and prevention planning in practice.

Organizer: Changes Network
Date: 18-19 November 2014
Location: Padua, Italy



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Senior Programme Management Officer

Candidate is expected have in depth knowledge about climate change adaptation strategies and practices. Strong analytical skills and ability to conduct comprehensive legal research on a range of issues, including those of a unique and/or complex nature.

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