PEDRR SHOUTOUT: The Nature Conservancy at the Understanding Risk Forum

As part of the 3rd Understanding Risk Forum, recently held in London, UK, the Nature Conservancy organized a session on “The role of ecosystems in reducing risk – advances and opportunities in risk assessment and risk management”. The session presented recent advances in quantifying and modelling the risk reduction potential of coastal ecosystems with respect to coastal hazards, as well as tools utilized to integrate ecosystem information in risk assessment and risk management planning and decision making. Two of the key speakers were from well-known engineering companies, Deltares and IH Cantabria, which highlighted the importance of coastal ecosystems for DRR.

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Mangroves provide critical protection against coastal hazards. This video highlights the effort by governments, NGO’s and local communities to restore these vulnerable ecosystems.

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Serbia Floods, 2014

This report presents the post-disaster needs assessment (PDNA) conducted after the floods and landslides that occurred in Serbia at the end of May 2014. It considers the repair, reconstruction, expansion and improvement of flood control works, including the integration of natural solutions like reforestation, and presents the environment as a cross-cutting issue. UNEP contributed to this PDNA. Source: EU, World Bank, 2014 Read More

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