**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.


**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](#)

**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.

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**Training Event**

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

Held from the 10th -11th 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.