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

#### **Job Vacancies**

#### **Administrative Officer P3**

Deadline: 17 March 2015

Source: UNEP-Operations Service Center

#### **Programme Officer P3**

Deadline: 19 February 2015
Source: UNEP-Finance Initiative

#### **Inter-Agency Intern**

Deadline: 31 January 2015

Source: FAO

# Programme Officer - Ecosystems Protecting Infrastructure

Deadline: 31 January 2015

Source: IUCN

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#### **Podcast**

## "Judy Oglethorpe: Fighting Environmental Change in Nepal Through Community Empowerment"



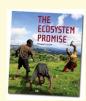
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The WWF's Hariyo Ban Programme help communities adapt to environmental change in highly resources-dependent Chitwan Annapurna and Terai Arc landscapes of Nepal. Through a 16-week training programme, the poorest community members are educated on climate change and sustainable landscapes to encourage them to better manage the environment. One challenge to be tackled is less predictable monsoons that can cause flooding or landslides when forests have been cleared for firewood.

Source: New Security Beat.

### **Featured publication**

#### The Ecosystem Promise



This book aims to give insights to the general public, entrepreneurs and policy makers about the emerging field of payment for ecosystem services and assigning financial value to nature. It is also a useful source of case studies on ecosystem restoration and disaster risk reduction. More information. Read table of contents.

**Author:** Meindert Brouwer **Source:** Wetlands International.

#### News

#### Copenhagen unveils first climate-change adapted neighborhood





Tåsinge Square in St. Kield. ©Tredje

**St. Kjeld, Copenhagen**, is the first neighborhood in the world to use vegetation and water to prepare for rising sea levels and increasing floods and storms. Having to choose between grey and green infrastructures, the city planners went for the green infrastructure option, which was considered to be more economical. They noticed a lot of asphalt with no function and replaced it with a hilly, grassy carpet interspersed with walking paths. In case of a climate hazard, the mini-parks will turn into water basins, the hills essentially functioning as the sides of a bowl. With a new pipe system, the squares will even be able to collect water from surrounding buildings' roofs. **Source:** Al Jazeera America. Read more.

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