

ANNOUNCEMENTS



BIODIVERSITY ASIA 2012: SCIENCE, POLICY AND GOVERNANCE

7–10 AUGUST 2012, BANGALORE, INDIA

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THE 2ND ASIA REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE SOCIETY FOR CONSERVATION BIOLOGY - ASIA SECTION

Registrations and abstract submissions open!

Biodiversity Asia 2012 is an international conference that aims to highlight the urgency of biodiversity conservation in Asia and showcase the advances made in research and conservation of Asia's rich biodiversity. It is being organised ahead of the 11th Conference of the Parties (CoP) of the UN Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) to be held in India in October 2012. Biodiversity Asia 2012 will bring together researchers, policy makers, students, teachers, practitioners, NGOs and others working towards the conservation of Asia's biodiversity. The conference will include important updates on conservation research in Asia in lectures, plenary sessions, symposia and poster sessions by leading scientists and students. It will also contribute to capacity-building in the region by including practical workshops and short-courses for students and practitioners.

Our goal is to have every country in Asia represented, and to showcase the advances made in research and conservation of Asia's rich biodiversity. The conference, in addition to organising cutting-edge symposiums, will feature skill-building workshops for students. In addition, we plan to have public talks and exhibitions to take the message of conservation to the wider public.

The conference is being co-organised by the Society for Conservation Biology-Asia Section, (SCB-Asia), Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE), Indian Institute of Science (IISc), and several other institutions with the Secretariat housed at ATREE, Bangalore, India.

Venue: JN Tata Auditorium, Indian Institute of Science Campus, Bangalore, Karnataka, India

Conference themes:

1. Conservation governance
2. Conservation biology
3. Conservation management
4. Biodiversity and people

International advisory committee:

Co-Chair: Dr. Kamaljit S. Bawa
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Registration opens: March 15, 2012

Deadline for abstract submission: June 1, 2012

Registration closes: June 1, 2012

Register at: http://scbasia2012.org/registration_and_fees

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