



SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT:

ACES 2011

CONFLICTS IN CONSERVATION: STRATEGIES FOR COPING WITH A CHANGING WORLD

INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE AND POLICY CONFERENCE, ABERDEEN, SCOTLAND, AUGUST 22ND-24TH 2011

Dear Colleagues,

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS AND REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR ACES 2011.

Join us in Aberdeen for scientific exploration, discussion, and discovery with social and natural scientists, policy makers and artists from all over the world. Hear cutting-edge lectures by leading Political Ecologist Bill Adams, renowned social anthropologist Tim Ingolds, prominent evolutionary psychologist Mark van Vught, the economists Nick Hanley, Gareth Edward-Jones, mediation expert Roger Sidaway and a variety of distinguished Conservation Biologists including Bill Sutherland, Rocky Gutiérrez, Steve Redpath, and Jeremy Wilson, to see all our other exciting key speakers [click here](#).

ACES 2011 is much more than a regular conference. On the agenda are plenary sessions, core and short paper sessions, poster sessions, panel and working group sessions, a policy forum, a debate on fisheries, a conservation conflict inspired art exhibition and musical performances.

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To submit abstract – [click here](#)

CONFERENCE THEMES:

At ACES 2011 we want to get to the heart of how to understand and deal with conflicts in conservation, to do this we need to:

- *Critically reflect upon the dominant theories and current approaches to conservation conflicts
- * Explore contrasting perspectives about how to understand and manage conservation conflict from different disciplines within the academic community and from the policy and practitioner community
- *Compare case studies from around the world where different approaches have been used in different contexts
- * Synthesise lessons learned and develop a new integrated approach to understanding and managing conflict

The conference will focus on five themes. When submitting your abstract please indicate which theme you would like your talk to be included in. If your proposed presentation does not fit within our themes, please email us directly.

1. Understanding Conflicts

- Insights from different disciplines, including: Ecology, Sociology, Anthropology, Psychology, Political Science, Economics, Law, Philosophy, Peace Studies, Ethics & environmental History
- cross-disciplinary perspectives
- Socio-ecological drivers of conflict
- Vulnerability and conflict

2. Case studies in species conflicts

These case studies will highlight a range of conflicts over particular species, identifying the background to the conflict, the main players, the human and natural science dimensions and alternative options for managing the conflict. An indicative list includes: i) conflicts between pastoralism and snow leopard conservation in the Himalayas, ii) the conflict between fishing and turtle conservation in the Caribbean and Mediterranean, iii) conflicts between upland management for red grouse and conservation of hen harriers in the UK, and iv) species reintroductions.

3. Case studies in protected area conflicts

These case studies will highlight a range of conflicts associated with protected areas, identifying the background to the conflict, the main players, the human and natural science dimensions and alternative options for managing the conflict.. An indicative list includes: i) conflicts around wildlife conservation in the Serengeti National Park, Tanzania; ii) participatory buffer zone management in the forests of the Knuckles Conservation Area, Sri Lanka; and iii) challenges of establishing a marine protected area network in Scotland.

4. Case studies in land use / ecosystem services conflicts

These case studies will highlight conflicts between different forms of land use or between the management of different ecosystem services. They will identify the background to the conflict, the main players, the human and natural science dimensions and alternative options for managing the conflict. An indicative list includes: i) effects of agricultural intensification on farmland bird diversity in Europe; ii) conflicts between forestry and conservation of Spotted Owls in North America; iii) conflicts between biofuels, windfarms and biodiversity in degraded drylands and UK uplands iv) re-wilding.

5. Approaches to managing conflict

- Practical challenges
- Policy and legislative approaches to solving conflict
- Managing for conflicts, risks and uncertainty
- The role of mediation
- Participatory, co-management, adaptive management approaches, managing for complexity
- Adaptive governance and multiple scale challenges

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION:

Submission of abstracts for oral and poster presentations will be open from October 22nd to January 16th [[click here...](#)]. Abstracts must be submitted in English with a maximum word count of 500. Authors will be notified about the outcome of the review process early February 2011. Further information about the submission will be provided on the conference website (www.aces-2011.org) and in the third announcement, to be sent out in November.

REGISTRATION:

Early Bird is open from October 22 – Feb 18th 2011 [[click here...](#)]

Background information:

DATES:

Conflict in Conservation and Art: August 20th – 21st and throughout the conference.
Science & Policy Conference: August 22nd – 24th

VENUE:

The conference will be held at Aberdeen Arts Centre, a local social enterprise, giving back to the community.

ORGANISERS:

ACES 2011 is organised by ACES in collaboration with RELU, the British Ecological Society, the University of Aberdeen and the Macaulay Land Use Research Institute.
Local Organisers: Aberdeen Centre for Environmental Sustainability, at the University of Aberdeen and Macaulay Land Use Research Institute.

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