



HAWAI'I CONSERVATION ALLIANCE

A Partnership Dedicated to Environmental Stewardship, Community Engagement, and Conservation Capacity

22nd Annual Hawai'i Conservation Conference Call for Proposals

“Navigating Change in the Pacific Islands”

July 15-17, 2014 Hawai'i Convention Center, Honolulu, Hawai'i

Session & Abstract Proposal Deadline: January 24, 2014

Revisions Deadline: April 1, 2014

Deadline for Presenters to Register: June 3, 2014

In honor of the United Nations International Year of Small Island Developing States, 2014 marks the 22nd Annual Hawai'i Conservation Conference (HCC) allowing us the opportunity to assemble the minds of island conservation in Hawai'i and other Pacific Islands. This year's theme **“Navigating Change in the Pacific Islands”** is intended to bridge the challenge of ridge-to-reef conservation while recognizing the broad connection of islands and oceans. This concept is built around the people, places, social, and cultural components that define conservation capacity while realizing that the norm is constantly shifting especially with climate change. Highlights include: thought-provoking keynote speakers, panels and forums, innovative networking and training opportunities, and more. Join us in celebrating the 22nd Annual HCC!

TRACKS

The HCC organizing committee is soliciting proposals for symposia, forums, workshops, trainings and individual oral or poster presentations under the following 4 tracks. Integrated approaches to research and management that involve community and/or cultural knowledge as a best practice are encouraged.

1. Biocultural Integration:

As we look forward to managing natural resources, cultural wisdom and community knowledge can be incorporated to build resiliency and sustain the components of the ecosystems. For example, traditional marine tenure in the Pacific Islands, or Native Hawaiians' well-defined ahupua'a framework provide for the holistic management of natural resources from the top of mountains out into the ocean. Sustaining and restoring these practices will benefit many communities in improving the condition of their watersheds through site-specific integrated stewardship, thus providing sustainable resources for maintaining communities for generations to come.

Guiding Questions:

- How can we respectfully gather and effectively share and apply cultural wisdom and community knowledge in building better management approaches?
- What are the priorities for gathering this information?

2. Effective Conservation and Restoration

Navigating change recognizes the need for a plan built on the best knowledge to implement effective conservation. This requires gathering and effectively sharing information with managers and the public. Hawai'i efforts have focused on statewide efforts with limited success. For greater success, global conservation efforts are shifting toward site-based ecosystem approaches. This approach needs to establish baseline conditions and a means to track changes. The Hawai'i Conservation Alliance Effective Conservation Project effort is building a shared database and conducting a needs assessment to continue to define data partners and data gaps while selecting and implementing this strategy. Examples from across the Pacific Islands and globally are welcome including research surrounding maintaining biodiversity.

Guiding Questions:

- What is the right next step in building effective watershed conservation and restoration in Hawai'i?
- What are the limiting gaps in our data?

3. Biosecurity and Invasive Species Management

Navigating change demands us to ensure biosecurity in the Pacific Islands. As travel and transport across air and sea continue to expand rapidly, so do the risks to biosecurity. Effective conservation requires effective biosecurity management that balances a viable economic future while protecting native ecosystem integrity and function. This needs to be managed by a well-defined protocol and implementation plan for terrestrial and aquatic systems to prevent the introduction of new species.

Guiding Questions:

- What are the new tools for detecting and preventing the introduction of invasive species?
- How can island communities' partner to minimize risks?

4. Building Capacity:

Navigating change in the Pacific Islands is all about investing in people. The most important change that needs to happen requires a paradigm shift in how "conservation" is defined. The definition of a conservationist must be more expansive and inclusive so that individuals can recognize themselves as well as their role and responsibility in sustaining, preserving and restoring our native ecosystems – and practicing biocultural conservation. This ranges from traditional cultural practitioners to farmers, fisherman and families as well as politicians and

decision makers in sharing knowledge about effective watershed management (mauka to makai) while also building programs to grow the specialized technical expertise needed that incorporates traditional and social values. This will require inclusive, locally-based educational K-12 and higher education opportunities that target these specialized career areas. This effort will need to include programs to mentor students, support advanced education and expose students to hands-on experience.

Guiding Questions:

- How do we more effectively build community and conservation capacity?
- How can we produce more locally grown natural resource managers?

SUBMISSION PROCESS

Session & Abstract Proposal Deadline: January 24, 2014

**ALL abstracts, including those that are part of a symposium or forum, are due by January 24, 2014.*

Revisions Deadline: April 1, 2014

**Authors must complete requests for abstract revisions by the deadline to be accepted.*

Deadline for Presenters to Register: June 3, 2014

**ALL presenters are required to register for the conference. Only presenters with accepted abstracts that are registered by June 3, 2014, will be included in the program book.*

Session proposals and abstracts must be submitted online. The submission form will be available December 1st 2013.

FORMAT DESCRIPTIONS

Available formats are:

- 1. Oral Presentation (10 min. or 20 min.)**
- 2. Poster Presentation**
- 3. Symposium**
- 4. Forum**
- 5. Workshop**
- 6. Training**

Oral and Poster Presentations: *Formal, individual presentations on various conservation topics will be scheduled in general sessions depending on the specific “Track” in which it was submitted and the thematic content. The abstract submission form requires the selection of preferred presentation format (oral or poster) and whether you are submitting your abstract as an individual or part of an organized symposium. In some cases, the review committee may suggest that you change your preferred format depending on the novelty, relationship to theme,*

available time in the program, and whether or not the content has been previously presented. All oral and poster presenters must be registered participants.

1. Oral presentation:

- a. 20-minute individual presentations (16-minute talk, 3 minutes Q&A, 1 minute for transition time)
- b. 10-minute individual presentations (7-minute talk, 2 minutes Q&A, and 1 minute for transition time).

All oral presentations will be scheduled in 2-hour blocks.

2. Poster presentation:

This is a visual presentation that showcases your work to conference attendees throughout the entire conference. Posters are particularly useful as a way to present quantitative research. More than one participant may author a poster, but at least one of the primary authors must be in attendance to discuss the poster at the Poster Reception July 16, 2014.

3. Symposium:

A formal moderated session with 5-6 presentations organized around a topic or theme; individual presentation time is limited to 20 minutes; moderator introduces presenters and conducts Q&A at end of session. Time limit: 2 hours per session. Abstracts for each presenter are required and due January 24, 2014, along with a complete session agenda. All presenters and moderators must be registered participants.

4. Forum:

A less formal, more interactive session. Can be a panel, roundtable session, or other structured format involving a variety of innovative facilitation methods. Moderator or facilitator guides presenters and audience through a variety of creative participatory techniques. Time limit: 2 hours per session, with a minimum of 30 minutes of audience participation. Abstracts for each presenter are not required unless requested by the forum organizer/chair. All presenters, facilitators and/or moderators must be registered participants.

HCC Workshops and Trainings:

Organizations and practitioners are welcome to conduct trainings or workshops before or following the conference. The host organization(s) is responsible for organizing and supporting all aspects of their training or workshop. The Hawai'i Conservation Alliance (HCA) can contribute minimal logistical support. Please contact us for details about this opportunity at coordinator@hawaiiconservation.org

5. Workshop:

An interactive, highly facilitated, “hands on” session that minimizes formal presentations and emphasizes the application of information and/or technology. Active audience participation and innovative facilitation methods are encouraged. To register, one cohesive workshop abstract is required that describes engagement technique used by the person(s) facilitating the workshop. Hawai‘i-based workshop facilitators must be registered participants.

6. Training:

This an opportunity for organizations to host capacity-building trainings and activities that focus on a specific skills transfer to conservation practitioners, teachers, etc. or a time to engage a specific audience in a particular topic related to our larger theme A description is required to explain the goals and target audience of the training. Hawai‘i-based training facilitators must be registered conference participants. Trainings may occur on the weekend before or after the conference.

For more information, please contact

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