Annual Hawai‘i Conservation Conference

ABSTRACT FORMAT DESCRIPTIONS

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. The review committee may suggest that you change your proposed 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. Individual Oral Presentation:
Oral presentations are limited to 15-minute individual presentations (12-minute talk, 2 minutes Q&A, and 1 minute for moderator introductions and transition). Oral presentations will be scheduled in thematic 1-2 hour long sessions. If your abstract is accepted but cannot be accommodated as an oral presentation, we may offer you the opportunity to present as an Electronic Poster Presentation.

2. Electronic Poster Presentation:
The Electronic Poster Presentation showcases your work visually to attendees through a presentation session. Each electronic poster presenter will be asked to build their poster through our online poster platform. Each electronic poster will be assigned a 30 minute presentation block. We will utilize 42 inch sized television monitors to showcase the posters.

3. Symposium:
Symposiums are formal moderated sessions containing 4-8 individual oral presentations organized around a topic or theme. Each individual presentation time is limited to 15 minutes (12-minute talk, 2 minutes Q&A, and 1 minute for moderator introductions and transition). Symposiums can be between 1 and 2 hours long. The symposium organizer is required to first submit a symposium description and session agenda. Each presenter is required to submit an individual oral presentation abstract linked to the symposium by the deadline. All presenters and moderators must be registered participants.

4. Forum:
Forums may include panel presentation, roundtable sessions, or another structured presentation format that utilized innovative facilitation methods. It is meant to be a less formal, more interactive session guided by a moderator or facilitator that engages with presenters and the audience through a variety of participatory techniques. Forums may be scheduled in a 1 to 2 hour time block, and should allow for participation at least 25% of the time. Forum submissions require true audience participation that consists of more than a question and answer session. When submitting their abstract, we request that the Forum organizer describe how audience interaction will be integrated into the presentation format. Abstracts for each presenter are not required unless requested by the forum organizer/chair. All presenters, facilitators and/or moderators must be registered participants.
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. Workshop facilitators must be registered participants. Conference workshops can be 1 to 2 hours; for an extended off-site workshop, see section below on “Affiliated / Off-site Workshops and Trainings”.

6. Training:
Organizations have the opportunity to host capacity-building trainings and activities that focus on skill transfer to conservation practitioners, teachers, etc. or a time to engage a specific audience in a particular topic related to the conference theme. A description that explains training goals and target audience is required. Training facilitators must be registered conference participants. Conference trainings can be 1 to 2 hours; for an extended off-site workshop, see section below on “Affiliated / Off-site Workshops and Trainings”.

Affiliated / Off-site Workshops and Trainings: Organizations and practitioners are welcome to conduct trainings or workshops off-site, either during, before, and after the conference. The host organization(s) is responsible for organizing all aspects of their training or workshop. The HCA can assist with listing your workshop or training with conference marketing materials as an affiliated event. Please contact us for details about this opportunity.

For more information, please contact HCC Abstract Manager, 808-944-7417, conference@hawaiiconservation.org