

## TNC's activities at the World Conservation Congress, 2012

### *Climate Change*

- TNC hosted a workshop "**Mainstreaming Environmental Sustainability, Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change**" with partners where we discussed the role of ecosystems in disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation in the coastal zone- highlighting key findings from recent paper on reduction of wind and swell waves by mangroves. The paper can be downloaded from the link here: <http://www.wetlands.org/News/tabid/66/articleType/ArticleView/articleId/3054/Default.aspx>
- Together with the China Green Carbon Fund and the China Wildlife Conservation Association, TNC facilitated Knowledge Cafe on "**China Focus: Nature-based Solutions to Climate Change**" and observed a rich discussion among the participants on adaptation in China.
- Presented a participatory approach and tools for climate change adaptation in Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands with local partners at a poster session.

### *Ocean Solutions*

- With IUCN and other partners, facilitated a workshop "**Conserving and restoring coastal wetlands globally: Identifying opportunities and constraints**" and presented TNC case study on oyster reef restoration in US. There was also a powerful message from a Korean partner organization about the need to consider wetland conservation in the recent Green Growth movement.
- A recently launched publication: Spalding, M., 2012, Marine World Heritage: Toward a representative, balanced and credible World Heritage List.: World Heritage Centre, UNESCO was also presented at a different workshop.

### *Securing Water*

- Chaired session on "**Investing in Natural Infrastructure as an Element of Green Economies**" and presented on water funds as a case study on sustaining freshwater ecosystem services

### *Smart Infrastructure & Development*

- Facilitated a Knowledge Cafe on "**Mitigation Hierarchy Policy Implementation**" attended by 12 people from IADB, IFC, and World Bank, among others. Examples and challenges of integrating mitigation hierarchy into policy were presented by participants and potential solutions were discussed.

### *Indigenous and Communal Conservation*

- TNC co-sponsored a high level panel entitled "**Human Rights, Indigenous Peoples and a New Role for Conservation Organizations in Nature's Governance**" and also participated as workshop panelist on "**Promoting a New Conservation Ethic Based on Respect for Indigenous Peoples**".
- Facilitated and participated in Equator Initiative community dialogue workshop titled the: "**The Power of Local Action: Communities on the Frontline of Sustainable Development.**" TNC Solomon Islands staff on behalf of Locally Marine Managed Areas

network participated as a panellist and shared his experience in working with the communities on marine resource management.

#### *Valuing Nature*

- TNC worked closely with its partners on island conservation initiatives, including Micronesia Conservation Trust (MCT) and Global Island Leadership (GLISPA) to promote the integration of the value of nature into development agenda of island countries. At the “***Island Leadership on Global Challenges***” workshop that facilitated by TNC, participants shared experience of engaging with the Heads of State and public-private partnership. TNC also supported MCT in workshop presentation on the Micronesia Trust Fund and conservation trust funds (CTFs)<sup>1</sup>.
- TNC presented its Google Mapping Work at a conservation campus, “***From the ground to the cloud: Google mapping tools for conservation***” led by Google to show an example of working with a company to use new technology for conservation.

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<sup>1</sup><http://adaptasiapacific.org/sites/default/files/events/Micronesia%20CT%20Case%20Study%20report%20-%20final.pdf>