

Extended submission deadline!

Biodiversity & Ecosystem Services in Impact Assessment

Twenty years after the Convention on Biological Diversity was first drafted, the world continues to see unprecedented loss of species. The implications are largely unknown, but the European Commission estimates that by 2050, economic loss due to loss of ecosystem services will amount to 19 trillion USD.

Compounding the challenge are the silos in which the conservation community and the public and private sectors driving development operate. To better integrate conservation science into planning processes, science and practice need to come together to build capacity in the field of impact assessment.

The aim of this symposium is to bring together practitioners working at the cutting edge with both policy makers responsible for shaping IA frameworks and scientists committed to finding practical ways forward.

The timing could not be better! A growing number of biodiversity initiatives are aimed at creating communities of practice, ranging from cross-sector initiatives across industries to biodiversity working groups comprised of multilateral financial institutions and Equator Principles banks. The challenge is to better understand how to assess biodiversity values, identify dependence on—and impacts to—ecosystem services, design better mitigation strategies following the mitigation hierarchy, effectively monitor changes in biodiversity and ecosystem services over time, and implement adaptive management to manage uncertainties over the long term.

Symposium themes

- 🔗 Baselines and data collection
- 🔗 Biodiversity risk assessment
- 🔗 Biodiversity and extractives
- 🔗 Biodiversity and agriculture
- 🔗 Net positive impact
- 🔗 Forecasting and offset design
- 🔗 Monitoring and adaptive management
- 🔗 Identification and valuation of ecosystem services
- 🔗 Engaging communities on biodiversity and ecosystem services
- 🔗 GIS and landscape analysis
- 🔗 Planning and regional strategies



Format and speakers

In addition to plenary sessions, two to three concurrent sessions will run in five time slots over the course of two days. The sessions will include a mix of formats:

- 📄 **Presentations**
- 📄 **Panel discussions**
- 📄 **Workshops** (e.g., tool demonstrations, biodiversity planning in breakout groups, etc.).

Proposed symposium program

Thursday, 7 February

8.00.....	Registration opens
9.00-10.30	Plenary with keynote speakers
10.30-11.00	Coffee break
11.00-12.30.....	Concurrent sessions
12.30-13.30	Lunch
13.30-15.00	Concurrent sessions
15.00-15.30	Coffee break
15.00-16.30	Poster session
16.30-18.00.....	Concurrent sessions
19.30.....	Symposium Reception

Friday, 12 February

8.30.....	Registration opens
9.00-10.30	Concurrent sessions
10.30-11.00	Coffee break
11.00-12.30.....	Concurrent sessions
12.30-13.30	Lunch
13.30-15.00	Concurrent sessions
15.00-15.30	Coffee break
15.30-17.00	Concurrent sessions
17.00.....	Closing plenary

Only US\$249

Space is limited!
See www.iaia.org
for registration details.

Symposium planning committee

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Call for posters

Take the opportunity to present a poster within the symposium on your research or professional experience and engage with others on how it can be used to advance the field of impact assessment.

Submission instructions

1. In the subject line of an e-mail, write the presenting author's last name-biodiv abstract. (Example: **McDonald-biodiv abstract**).

Provide the following information in English in the body of the message. Do not send attachments.

2. Title of the poster.
3. Separately list the complete name of the author (and co-authors, if applicable) and contact information for each person as shown below. Please double-check this information for typos, as it will be published as provided.
 - a. Author's surname/family name
 - b. Author's first/given name
 - c. Organization
 - d. Country
 - e. E-mail address
4. Name of presenting author (identify one person only). All correspondence will be directed to this person.
5. Abstract. 300 words maximum. This information about your poster will be used by the program committee to assess your submission.
6. Summary statement. 30 words maximum. If your poster is accepted, this information will be included in the final program.
7. Send to green@iaia.org.

You may submit more than one poster abstract; however, only one abstract per e-mail, please.

Send only once. You will be notified when your submission has been successfully received and reviewed. Please allow 2-3 weeks, and/or no later than 21 December for acceptance status.

Deadlines (extended!)

15 December: Poster abstracts due.

21 December: Notification of acceptance status provided to author.

4 January: Presenting author's registration and fees due. After that time, submissions with the presenting author not registered will be dropped from consideration.

Human activity is putting such a strain on the natural functions of Earth that the ability of the planet's ecosystems to sustain future generations can no longer be taken for granted.

- Ahmed Djoghlaif
Convention on Biological Diversity

