

September 4
11am - 1pm
Room 315

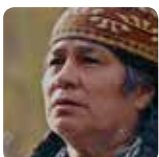


From Rhetoric to Reality: exploring laws, customary governance and no-go area policies for protection of sacred natural sites



With testimonies from:

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Facilitators:

Liz Hosken (UK/South Africa); Jonathan Liljeblad (Australia); Toby McLeod (USA); Fiona Wilton (UK/Uruguay).



Join Us!
workshop
#10217

From mountains to rivers, forest groves to coral reefs – sacred natural sites “connect the dots” between biodiversity conservation, ecosystem integrity, cultural heritage, climate mitigation, and sustainable use of land and sea.

Join our session (#10217, September 4, 11am-1pm, Room 315) to hear the views and testimonies of traditional custodians from the islands of Hawai`i, the mountains of Altai and Mongolia, the tropical forests of Ecuador and Benin, and the salmon rivers of the USA.

Along with national park authorities and conservation practitioners, we will be looking at effective tools for progress in restoring, protecting and legally recognizing indigenous sacred natural sites and territories. This workshop will look at:

- the importance of sacred natural sites for biocultural diversity and the health of the Earth;
- the need for limits to extractive and industrial activities;
- innovative steps to restore and safeguard sacred sites and lands, such as reviving customary governance, legal recognition, legislation and community declaration of no-go areas.

Time will be given to IUCN Motion 26, and the need for a strong policy stand and limits to extractive and industrial activities - for all protected and conserved areas, indigenous sacred natural sites and territories.



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Sacred Natural Sites - key events



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Cultural, Spiritual & Sacred Dimensions of Protected and Conserved Areas

September 2: 12:00-1:00 pm, Protected Planet Pavilion

This event showcases how people working in the field of conservation promote and integrate the cultural, spiritual and sacred significance of nature in their work. An overview of projects developed through initiatives such as the CSVPA, Sacred Natural Sites Initiative, Sacred Land Film Project and Delos Initiative.

Film Event: The Conservation Potential of Sacred Landscapes

September 3: 7:30-9:00 pm, Room 317A

Protected areas defined by indigenous people have values guiding conservation and sacred sites anchoring culture to place. Filmmaker Toby McLeod presents *Standing on Sacred Ground: Pilgrims and Tourists* and discussion with Altaian nature park founder Danil Mamyev and Winnemem Chief Caleen Sisk from California.

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Kanaloa Kaho`olawe: 40 Years of Aloha`Āina

September 4: 7:30-9:00 pm, Room 312

Celebrate the Hawaiian cultural awakening inspired by Kaho`olawe with chanting, stories and a film about the ecological and spiritual restoration of an island and people. Native Hawaiians present *40 Years of Aloha`Āina*, led by Craig Neff, Luana Busby-Neff, Protect Kaho`olawe`Ōhana.

Standing on Sacred Ground: Aloha`Āina around the World

September 5: 2:30-4:30 pm, Room B, Hawai`i-Pacific Pavilion

Sacred natural sites and their guardians protect biodiversity through various forms of aloha`āina - love for land. Short film clips feature challenges to sacred lands and ecosystems in Ecuador, Papua New Guinea, Russia, Mongolia, California and Hawai`i and highlight spiritual work of indigenous guardians to sustain reverence for ancestral lands and protect their natural resources.

Reception and Film Screening: Islands of Sanctuary

September 6: 7:00-9:30 pm, University of Hawai`i at Manoa, Art Auditorium

Introduction to Sept. 7 symposium, hosted by Kaliko Baker, Protect Kaho`olawe`Ōhana.

Lands, Seas & Skies - Conversations with Science, Tradition & the Sacred

September 7: 8:30 am - 6:30 pm University of Hawai`i at Manoa, Orvis Auditorium, Music Dept., 2411 Dole. St.

This all-day conversation between traditional knowledge holders, guardians of sacred lands, western scientists, academics and protected area managers will unfold through a series of discussions about specific places and issues. The goal of the symposium is growing collaboration, mutual understanding and better protection of biodiversity, indigenous land rights and sacred natural sites and territories.

RELATED EVENTS - for sacred natural sites and extractive industries

- Roundtable: Mining, Ethics & Spirituality - Sept. 2, 6-7pm, Business & Biodiversity Pavilion
- Extractives & Protected and Conserved Areas: impact and alternatives - Sept. 3, 8:30-10:30, Rm 318A
- World Heritage, Wilderness and Large Landscapes - Sept. 3, 5-6pm, Protected Planet Pavilion
- Dialogue with UN Special Rapporteur: Conservation & Rights of Indigenous Peoples - Sept. 4, 1-2:30pm, Rm 314
- Earth-Centered Law & Regulation for Safeguarding Nature - Sept. 4, 8:30-10:30, Rm 318A
- Conserving Nature & Resistance to Destructive Development in ICCAs - Sept. 4, 8:30-1pm, Rm 304A
- A Deep Dive on Gender & Climate Change: Women's Frontline Solutions - Sept. 5, 8:30-10:30, Rm 317B
- Cultural & Spiritual Significance of Nature in Protected Areas & WHS - Sept. 5, 8:30-10:30, Rm 315
- Water, Culture & Indigenous Connections - Sept. 5, 9:30-10:30 in the Water Pavilion