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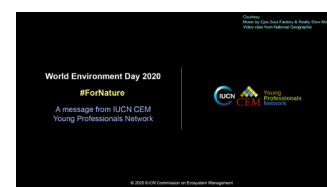
Virtual meeting of IUCN CEM Young Professionals Network, June 2020

CEM's Young Professional Network hosted two virtual meetings, to suit different time zones, for its members to introduce the members about the Commission and possible engagements for the YPs on the CEM activities. The meetings discuss the prospects for YPN way forward. The suggestions from the sessions were perceived for improving the engagements in CEM YPN.



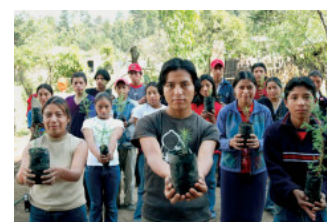
#ForNature: A video message on World Environment Day

A small gesture from Young Professionals for nature. Message from the YP members of the IUCN Commission on Ecosystem Management on the World Environment Day 2020. You can find the recording [here](#).



Discovering the IUCN world

During 20–24 April, the YPN of Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean promoted a contest “Discovering the IUCN World.” This initiative had the objective of generating greater interaction with those following the page, clearing doubts, and providing accurate information about what IUCN is. Also, about the structure of CEM, its priority areas, and the importance of the World Conservation Congress. This initiative had the support of the IUCN Regional Office for Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean (ORMACC), the IUCN Mexican committee, and the CEM South America region. With the premise of sharing the work done by the YPN and CEM, this dynamic included the publication of 5 infographics that were posted daily in the official Facebook pages of the above-mentioned offices and representations. The last day, a trivia with three questions was published to be answered by followers of those pages. The result of this contest includes two winners who were announced in social media.



Questions and Answers Session about Bats and COVID-19

On the initiative of the CEM Young Professional Network members of Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean, a webinar called “All you want to know about bats and COVID-19” was hosted on April 9 2020. [Read more](#).



Two-day National Workshop on Conservation and Management of Urban Wetland

With an initiative from CEM YPN member Sonia Kumari, Gujarat Ecology Society (GES), has conducted a “Two-day national workshop on conservation and management of urban wetland (WCMW-2020)” [3–4 March 2020] with support from IUCN Commission on Ecosystem Management, at Vadodara, Gujarat, India. The event aimed to sensitise the local and young researchers, stakeholders, about the importance of biodiversity and ecosystem management along with strengthening their ability to form policies through capacity building, one of the prime aims of IUCN CEM. [Read more.](#)



Nature-based Solutions in Peru: Challenges and opportunities for the cities of the country

With an initiative from CEM YPN member Mr Diego Alonso Portugal Del Pino, who is also the Co-Lead of CEM Nature-based Solutions Thematic Group, Ficus Peru, Latinka (NGO in Germany), and gaii-linc (NGO in Germany) with the support of IUCN CEM, organised a seminar on NbS in Peru. The seminar tries to find and encourage the use of Nature-based Solutions in Peru. Among the panellists and speakers, there was the presence of the Ministry of Environment of Peru, the Metropolitan Municipality of Lima as representatives of public entities, and also representatives of the academic sector (Universidad Científica del Sur and Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú), representatives of international organisations such as FAO, WWF and IUCN CEM, and also representatives of local NGOs. [Read more.](#)



Event recordings:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YkgLdobC1Bo&t=232s>;

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mnz1Q6QKt_4&t=510s;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=03YKsp7yUVc&t=26s>;

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General Articles

[17 Facts About Trees Everyone Should Know](#)

[What is Agroforestry? A Nature-based Solution to Climate Change](#)

[10 Dead and Critical Factors Behind Why We Need Native Species in Agroforestry](#)

[Agroforestry: A Carbon Sequestration Solution to Climate Change](#)

[Agroforestry: The Biotic Importance of Using Native Species](#)

[The Rise of Populism and the Fall of Climate Action](#)

YOUNG VOICES *for* ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT

IUCN CEM YPN have an active blog, a platform where young professionals of CEM share their views on an individual subject. The blog can be accessed [here](#).



[Contribute to the Young Voices for Ecosystem Management Blog.](#)

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS FORUM

To increase the proactive and meaningful participation of emerging young leaders and professionals in the priority areas of ecosystem management, we provide an opportunity for young professionals in the form of an online forum. Here you can seek advice on both conservation and sustainable development relevant issues, and their development as professionals and access the experience of our broad membership to provide their expertise and build capacity, capability and confidence in the YPs. Assess the forum [here](#).



IUCN WORLD CONSERVATION CONGRESS

Humanity's relationship with the natural world is more important than ever. At the IUCN Congress, experts showcase the latest conservation science, policy and best practice. IUCN's government, civil society and indigenous peoples' Member organisations vote to set priorities for nature conservation and sustainable development actions for the decades ahead.



IUCN and France have postponed the IUCN World Conservation Congress 2020 to 7–15 January 2021. Registration for the IUCN World Conservation Congress is now open [here](#).

To receive IUCN Congress updates, [subscribe here](#).

EVENTS

[Youth and Oceans Conference](#), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Postponed to 10–13 July 2020

[2nd World Environmental Law Congress](#) Postponed to September 28–October 2 2020

[International Conference on Human-Wildlife Conflict and Coexistence](#), Oxford, UK, Postponed to September 2020.

[IUCN World Conservation Congress 2020](#), Marseille, France. Postponed to 7–15 January 2021

World Heritage Committee meeting postponed (awaiting confirmation of new date). [Read IUCN's advice to the World Heritage Committee following the COVID-19 pandemic.](#)

NEWS

[IUCN News pages](#)

OPPORTUNITIES

[Work @ IUCN](#)

IPBES: [Contribute to the External review of the draft scoping report for the IPBES nexus assessment](#) Deadline for online contributions: July 31 2020

[BIOPAMA Rapid Response Grants](#). Designed to respond to risks and difficulties induced by the COVID-19 crisis in African, Caribbean and Pacific countries. Deadline: December 31 2020.

[IUCN SOS - Rapid Action Grants](#) are now available for projects in South Africa and Madagascar.

[Conservation Scholarships](#)

ONLINE LEARNING AND WEBINARS

Free training course on RLE: [access the free online course](#)
IUCN: [Questions and answers: COVID-19 and nature conservation](#)
[Amazonia 2.0 project News](#) – May 2020 (English)
[IUCN WCEL Law and Environment Lectures](#)
[IUCN CEM Ecosystem Restoration Webinars](#)
IUCN SSC Conservation Planning Specialist Group: [A guide to facilitating virtual workshops](#)
[UNESCO Forum: Imagining the World to Come – Women’s Voices.](#)
[Videos - First series.](#) [More information on the UNESCO Forum.](#)

SURVEY INVITATION

All Young Professionals are invited to fill this questionnaire on the linkage between human health, biodiversity and restoration and rewilding. This is part of a new CEM initiative called Ignite. You can read more on this at <https://theecologist.org/2020/jul/03/rewilding-human-health>.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/758MYPR>



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[IUCN Commission on Ecosystem Management](#)
[IUCN CEM Young Professionals Network](#)
[Young Voices for Ecosystem Management Blog](#)
[Young Professionals Forum](#)
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