

Call for contributions (Abstract deadline: 27 April 2012)

International Conference on Managing Protected Areas under Climate Change (IMPACT)

24 - 26 September 2012, Dresden, Germany

Conference Scope: IMPACT sets out to meet the growing need for sharing knowledge and experiences in the field of biodiversity conservation and climate change. Taking a transdisciplinary perspective, the aim of the conference is to bring together researchers, conservation managers and decision-makers in the field of nature conservation. It provides a platform for dialogue to develop a better understanding of the complex impacts of climate change on biodiversity on local level and the means to adapt management in protected areas accordingly. We anticipate 150 international participants to enjoy two days of technical sessions, workshops, poster exhibits and social activities, and one day of excursions.

IMPACT will present good practice examples and share experience of putting adaptation strategies into action. Furthermore, IMPACT will improve the integration of research outputs into conservation projects as well as the identification of unsolved problems and further research needs. It will efficiently help conservation managers today to make decisions about climate impacts of the future.

Further information on the conference is available at www.habit-change.eu/impact

Abstract submission: You are invited to submit an abstract for an oral presentation or a poster of up to 400 words **before 27 April 2012** through the conference website (<http://www.habit-change.eu/index.php?id=206>). Abstracts must be related to the conference topics, written in English, and report methods and results regarding the following topics:

- Assessing sensitivity
- Modelling of climate-induced impacts
- Management practices
- Monitoring of climate-induced impacts
- Awareness rising, communication and stakeholder involvement
- Managing the unknown / Decision Support
- Legal aspects and policy recommendations
- Climate change impacts on species and invasive species

Publication: All accepted abstracts will be included in the conference proceedings that will be handed out with the conference materials. We kindly ask the authors of accepted abstracts to allow us to present their contribution at the conference website, too.

Important Dates:

- Abstracts Deadline – 27 April 2012
- Notice of Abstract Acceptance (by e-mail) – 29 June 2012
- Early Bird Registration Deadline – 31 July 2012
- Full Fee Registration Deadline – 07 September 2012