

Symposium on Science and Stewardship to Protect and Sustain Wilderness Values: 11th World Wilderness Congress



Call for Abstracts & Proposals:

March 19-26, 2020 - Jaipur, India

Response Requested by **August 16, 2019**

Please submit your abstracts and proposals for this Symposium at <https://wild11.org/call-for-abstracts/>.

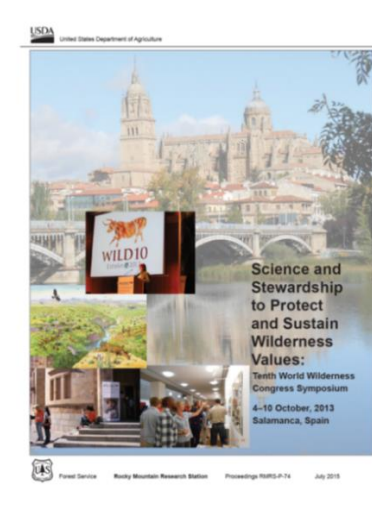
We now invite specific abstracts for science or stewardship presentations, posters, proposals for panels to be convened, or interest in sponsoring or coordinating roundtable discussions on specific topics. We also encourage young professionals. Thank you to people who have already volunteered to organize or lead sessions!

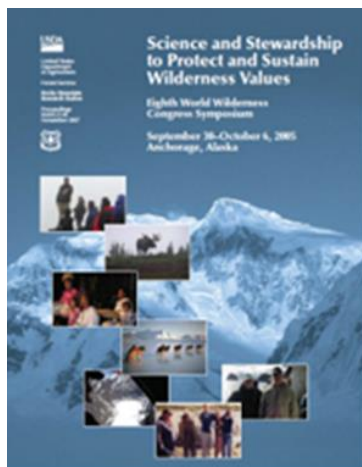
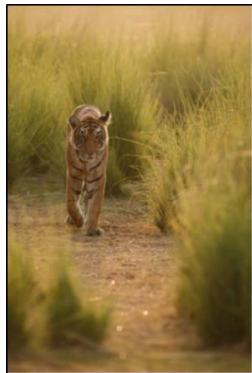
The symposium will be structured to enhance international and intercultural communication and will facilitate one-to-one dialogue. Presentations on Science and Management relevant to wilderness stewardship – papers grounded in data or theory, field experience and/or case studies of policy approaches and ideas – are particularly encouraged.

WILD11's central theme is “**Nature-based Solutions For Life, Livelihoods, and Love,**” with emphasis on strengthening international commitments; advancing nature-based solutions for wilderness, climate, and communities; and sharing scientific knowledge about Nature Needs Half/Global Deal for Nature initiative (<https://wild11.org/>). Topics discussed in the 11th World Wilderness Congress will explore two broad questions at the heart of international decision-making and planning around wilderness: how much wild nature do we need to survive and how do we achieve it? Some broad topics anticipated to contribute to Congress objectives include advancing our knowledge and cooperation related to the following **sub-themes** and **examples**:

Visions for Wilderness:

- Nature Needs Half/Global Deal for Nature
- Primary Forests of the World
- World Heritage & Wilderness





Protecting Wildness & Naturalness:

- Wilderness and Big Cats: economics, conservation goals, collaboration
- Arid grasslands: biodiversity, revival, resilience
- Protecting and Restoring Wild & Scenic Rivers
- Protecting High Latitude and High Altitude Wilderness
- Deep ocean and Coastline Protection

Human Engagement with Wilderness:

- Wilderness as a Cultural Landscape: indigenous meanings, evolving meanings, traditional governance
- Recreation, Forest-bathing, Therapy, Primitive and Unconfined Experiences
- Tourism and Conservation: defining priorities
- Nature-based education: storytelling and urban communities

Wilderness Inventory & Monitoring:

- Wilderness definitions, attributes and mapping
- Wilderness and Ecological Integrity: inventory, connectivity & monitoring from global to local
- The Relationship Between Long Term Ecological Research and Protected Areas

Wilderness Designation & Stewardship:

- Implementing IUCN Category 1b Guidelines (Wilderness) in Asia
- Rewilding: restoration of free-willed ecosystems
- Connectivity Conservation Under Climate Change Uncertainties
- Wildlife Crime: demand reduction
- Climate and Land-Use Change: disturbance, restoration, education
- The Role of Fire in Wilderness Conservation

Wilderness & Society:

- Conservation Campaigns and Movement Building
- Social Benefits to Vulnerable Youth
- Conservation Photography for Wilderness Protection
- Journalism/Social Media as a Conservation Tool
- Travel & Tourism Philanthropy

All abstracts and presentations are expected to be in English. **By August 16, 2019:** Please submit abstracts at <https://wild11.org/call-for-abstracts/>.

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Thank You!

