



Oceania Regional
Conservation Forum
Suva, Fiji
16 – 19 September 2024

Unite for Nature: Building a Resilient Oceania for Nature and People



LOGISTICS NOTE

*Dear Participant
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We're excited to invite you to the **IUCN OCEANIA REGIONAL CONSERVATION FORUM** which will be held from **16-19 September, 2024 in Suva Fiji.**

Below, you'll find general information about the conference including essential arrangements, to assist you in your preparations for attending the event. If you have any questions or need further assistance, feel free to reach out to the IUCN Oceania team using the contact information provided below.

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1. WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES

At the Oceania Regional Conservation Forum, you will:

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- **Discuss and Debate Conservation Challenges:** Engage with experts and peers to address the pressing conservation issues specific to your region.
- **Shape the Future of Conservation:** Learn about IUCN's programme of work for 2025-2029/30 and contribute to its development.
- **Prepare for the IUCN World Conservation Congress 2025:** Get ready for the world's largest conservation event, taking place in Abu Dhabi in October 2025.

Held every four years, the IUCN Regional Conservation Forum (RCF) is one of the leading platforms for sharing knowledge, building partnerships, and connecting key stakeholders in nature and biodiversity conservation from different regions.

2. IUCN

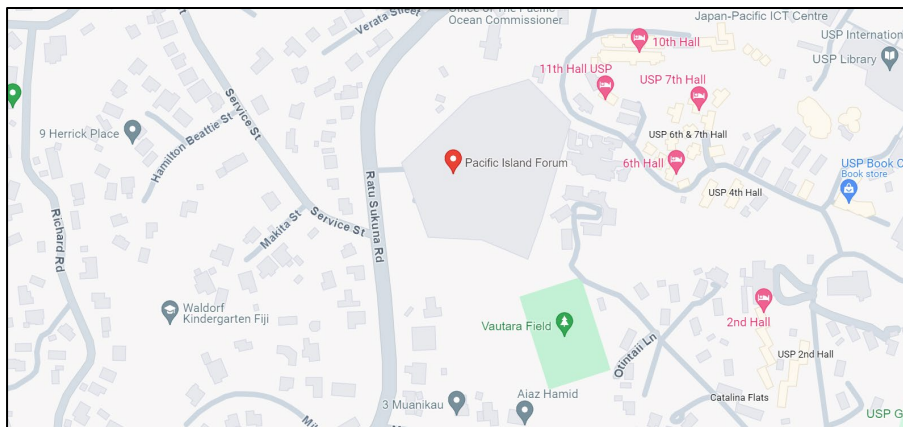
The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) is a unique membership Union comprised of both government and civil society organizations. Leveraging the collective experience, resources, and global reach of its more than 1,400 Member organizations and the expertise of approximately 16,000 professionals, the IUCN serves as the preeminent authority on the state of the natural world and the necessary measures for its protection. Notably, the IUCN's Oceania region encompasses Australia, New Zealand, and the 24 countries and territories of the Pacific Islands, including Melanesia, Micronesia, and Polynesia.

The region stretches almost 12,000km from East to West and 6,000km from North to South, with a combined Exclusive Economic Zone of close to 40 million square km. In contrast, the total land area is just over 8.5 million square km, with the larger islands of Australia (7 million square km), Papua New Guinea (463,000 square km) and New Zealand (268,000 square km) accounting for approximately 93% of this total land area.

3. CONFERENCE LOCATION AND MEETING VENUE

The conference will be held in Suva, Fiji. Suva is Fiji's capital and largest city is located on Viti Levu's south-eastern coast. A tropical metropolis, Suva offers a mix of historical sites, museums, parks, and local markets along with a vibrant nightlife.

The meeting venue is at the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat Campus at Ratu Sukuna Road.



4. Meeting Dates, Time and Detailed Agenda

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The detailed agenda will include sessions on regional conservation challenges, presentations on IUCN's programme of work for 2025-2029/30, and preparations for the IUCN World Conservation Congress 2025. A full agenda will be shared closer to the event date.

TIME: Fiji is GMT + 12 hours.

The pre-conference workshops and meetings will be on the 16 September, 2024.

The official opening and high-level panel discussion will be on the 17 September.

The Plenary and consultative dialogue forum will be on 18-19 of September.

5. Format of the Conference & Participation

The conference will feature plenary sessions, panel discussions, and interactive workshops. Participants will engage in discussions, debates, and collaborative activities aimed at addressing conservation challenges in their regions.

6. Side Events and Networking Opportunity

Several side events will be organized to provide additional learning and networking opportunities. These events will cover a range of topics and allow participants to connect with peers and experts from various fields.

All side events will come with audio-visual and IT support and are lunch inclusive. To host a side event and book a room please contact Maria-Goreti.Muavesi@iucn.org. The deadline for booking side events are **31 July, 2024**.

7. Accommodation

The IUCN Oceania Regional Office (ORO) will block book rooms for funded participants (IUCN Members) at selected hotels which will be communicated to members directly. Other participants are responsible for their own accommodation. A list of recommended hotels with special rates for conference attendees will be provided. Early booking is advised.

8. Meals and Catering

Meals and refreshments will be provided during the conference. This includes lunch and coffee breaks. Special dietary requirements should be communicated during registration.

9. Registration and Conference Badge

Participants must register online prior to the event. Upon arrival at the meeting venue participants will need to collect their conference badge from a dedicated room before being able to access the conference facility. The Secretariat opening hours are 8.00 am – 5.00 pm from 16 – 19 September at the meeting venue at Ground Floor, near Room A.

10. Language & Translation

The conference will be conducted in English only and no translations service will be available.

11. Media and Communication

The event will be covered by various media outlets. Participants may be photographed or recorded. Official updates and important information will be shared through designated communication channels. Participants will be requested to sign a waiver for the photographs being taken during the conference to be used in communication materials.

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12. In session documents

All documents and materials needed for the sessions will be provided digitally. Participants are encouraged to bring their own devices to access these documents.

13. Sponsorship & Allowance

Limited sponsorship and allowances are available for eligible participants. Further information on this can be provided by contacting IUCN Oceania Office.

14. Climate

Suva has a tropical climate. Temperatures during the conference are expected to be warm and humid. Participants are advised to dress comfortably and bring appropriate sun protection.

15. Currency

The local currency is the Fijian Dollar (FJD). Major credit cards are widely accepted, and ATMs are available throughout the city. Taxi's only take cash payment. Foreign currencies can be changed at both international and local banks or at the hotel.

Please note that foreign currencies are not accepted for payment in Fiji.

16. Emergency

In case of an emergency, dial 911 for police, fire, or medical assistance. Emergency contact information will also be available at the venue.

17. Electricity and voltage

The voltage in Fiji is 240V, which is higher than in some countries such as the United States (120V). This means that travellers from countries with a lower voltage may need to use a voltage converter in addition to a travel adapter.



18. Visa Requirements

All persons entering Fiji must be in possession of a valid passport or Travel Document establishing the identity of the holder. The participant may be refused entry on a passport that is due to expire within six months of your departure date. **IUCN Secretariat will not be responsible in securing your visa** however a visa support letter to facilitate your application will be made available upon request.

Visa exempt countries: [Visa exempted countries – Fiji Immigration Department](#)

<https://immigration.gov.fj/visa-exempted-countries/>

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