

Great Opportunities



Society for Conservation Biology

From Zoo Outreach Organisation:

Dear Colleagues:

Recently we attended a conference of SCB for the first time, and found a very dynamic group. The atmosphere was crackling with conservation science and camaraderie. As the meeting went on we had an idea to start a Chapter of SCB in South Asia but decided instead to simply introduce our colleagues to SCB and get more SCB members in this region.

SCB has a very attractive concession for people living in regions like South Asia, where the value of currency is so different from some other parts of the world. Their membership fee for LCC's (low currency countries) is just US\$10.00 per year. Also, members of SCB get a web identity and password with which they get web access to 4 superb journals:

- **Conservation Biology** - Published by Wiley-Blackwell » On-line version of Conservation Biology.
- **Conservation Letters** - Published by Wiley-Blackwell » On-line version of Conservation Letters.
- **Conservation Magazine** - Published by SCB » On-line version of Conservation Magazine, and AFFILIATE PUBLICATIONS
- **Biological Conservation** - Published by Elsevier » On-line version of Biological Conservation.

This is such a windfall for many of us who can't afford the western prices for the print versions, and those even whose institutions can't afford to subscribe to them. There are other benefits via the website: SCB newsletter, announcements, news of meetings, student awards, projects, etc. We believe the South Asian conservation community can grow and develop much more with such tools. More description follows next column and on their website www.conbio.org.

If you don't have any way to pay in foreign currency, write to us and we will see if we can help by paying through out 501c3 in USA where SCB is based. We are not providing sponsorship as the fee, of \$10.00 or Rs. 500 is more than reasonable. Write to us if you need help. SCB via ZOO, Box 1683, Coimbatore 4, TN **or** zooreach@zooreach.org.

SCB doesn't share addresses; it is their policy, so please inform us if and when you join ...just so we will know. Also join the Asia Section by checking the appropriate box on the online form: <https://www.conbio.org/membership/Membership.cfm>.

We hope you can make use of this information for your career and your personal satisfaction.

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What is SCB? (from their website)

The Society for Conservation Biology (SCB) is an international professional organization dedicated to promoting the scientific study of the phenomena that affect the maintenance, loss, and restoration of biological diversity. The Society's membership comprises a wide range of people interested in the conservation and study of biological diversity: resource managers, educators, government and private conservation workers, and students make up the more than 10,000 members world-wide.

Membership Benefits

- Code of Ethics** - guidelines to exemplary behaviour.
- Annual Reports** - achieving goals/increasing impact.
- Board of Governors** - representing the membership
- Bylaws** - The rules and regulations of the Society.
- Strategic Plan** - Our current vision and goals.
- Audited Financials** - independent auditors report
- Contacting SCB** - Email, phone, address of the SCB.
- Member Login** - Online Journal Access, Directory, etc.
- History** - History of the society.

What is the mission of the Society?

To advance the science and practice of conserving the Earth's biological diversity.

What is the SCB Vision?

Our vision for the future takes a global perspective both in how we want the world to be and how we, as a Society want to be. In these visions we see:

- ♦ A world where people understand, value, and conserve the diversity of life on Earth.
- ♦ SCB as an effective, internationally respected organization of conservation professionals that is the leading voice for the study and conservation of the Earth's biodiversity.

What are the Organizational Values of SCB?

The natural diversity of organisms, ecological complexity, and evolutionary processes have value and are necessary to support all species including us: Human-caused extinctions and the degradation, destruction, or loss of functionality of natural ecosystems are undesirable;

Maintaining and restoring biodiversity is the responsibility of all people and governments;

The sciences, especially conservation sciences, perform a critical role in understanding how the natural world operates and how human societies

and actions can both positively and negatively affect the natural world; and

Science should inform policy and management decisions affecting biodiversity.

In service to the mission, vision, and values, we focus on these six goals:

Conservation Science: The scientific research and knowledge needed to understand and conserve biological diversity is identified, funded, completed, disseminated and applied to research, management and policy.

Conservation Management: Conservation practitioners and managers are provided the scientific information and recommendations needed to conserve biological diversity at all scales.

Policy: Policy decisions of major international conventions, governments, organizations, and founda-

tions, are effectively informed and improved by the highest quality scientific counsel, analysis, and recommendations so as to advance the conservation of biological diversity.

Education: Education, training, and capacity building programs are identified, strengthened, and developed to inform the public, education leaders, and support current and future generations of conservation scientists and practitioners.

Impact and reputation: The SCB is recognized as the world's leading authority in conservation science and its membership, publications and conferences deliver high quality, integrated and effective products.

Organizational Capacity: The SCB builds and maintains the organizational capacity necessary to operate our programs, provide products and services and run an effective organization.

Why join SCB? Top ten reasons !

Contribute to a global society devoted to conserving Earth's biodiversity.

Become a part of a growing professional community, enhancing my professional network and furthering my career.

Access world class conservation publications - Conservation Biology journal and the award-winning Conservation magazine.

Stay informed about the state of the art in conservation.

Support the Society's national and international policy work.

Access relevant career, research, and grant opportunities.

Promote and strengthen the discipline of conservation biology worldwide by mentoring rising stars in the field of conservation.

Associate with local chapter members to contribute to regional conservation initiatives.

Receive a standing invitation and discounts on admission to international annual meetings.

FOR THE FUN AND SATISFACTION OF DECLARING MYSELF, OFFICALLY, A "CONSERVATION BIOLOGIST".



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The Rapid Response Facility (RRF) and The Royal Society

The Rapid Response Facility (RRF), the emergency small grants programme jointly operated by Fauna & Flora International (FFI), UNESCO World Heritage Centre, and the United Nations Foundation, has just launched a new website at www.rapid-response.org.

The RRF is a unique small grant programme. With a target processing time for grant applications of just 8 working days, the RRF provides rapid support to enable conservation practitioners to tackle emergencies in some of the World's most important sites for biodiversity. To date it has supported 16 rapid interventions in 14 UNESCO designated natural World Heritage sites, responding to the conservation impacts of a range of emergencies such as natural disaster, armed conflict and sudden increases in illegal activity within these PAs.

For those interested in approaching the RRF for emergency funding, the new website provides details on application procedures, funding criteria, and case studies of past RRF grants. The RRF website also houses tools and guidance for practitioners dealing with emergency conservation response around the globe, including resources developed as part of FFI's exploration of the value of cross-sectoral partnerships in post-conflict and post-disaster situations. This work, funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), has generated tools and case studies designed to support both conservation and development practitioners maximise the efficacy of cross-sectoral partnerships, particularly in very challenging situations.

At the request of several RRF grantees, the new website also features an interactive forum where past and current grantees, potential applicants and other interested parties can pose questions and share experiences of conservation emergency. This forum represents an important step in the RRF's efforts to share knowledge across stakeholders, to improve the speed and efficacy of emergency conservation response.

About Fauna & Flora International (FFI)
(www.fauna-flora.org)



FFI protects threatened species and ecosystems worldwide, choosing solutions that are sustainable, based on sound science and take account of human needs. Operating in more than 40 countries worldwide – mainly in the developing world – FFI saves species from extinction and habitats from destruction, while improving the livelihoods of local people. Founded in 1903, FFI is the world's longest established international conservation body and a registered charity.

About UNESCO World Heritage Centre (<http://whc.unesco.org/>) Established in 1992, the World Heritage Centre is the focal point and coordinator within UNESCO for all matters related to World Heritage. Assuring the day-to-day management of the Convention, the Centre organizes the annual sessions of the World Heritage Committee, provides advice to States Parties in the preparation of site nominations and tentative lists, organizes international assistance from the World Heritage Fund upon request, and co-ordinates both the reporting on the condition of sites and the emergency action undertaken when a site is threatened. The Centre also organizes expert meetings, technical seminars and workshops, updates the World Heritage List and the List of World Heritage in Danger, database and website, develops teaching materials to raise awareness among young people of the need for heritage preservation, and keeps the public informed on World Heritage issues.

About UN Foundation (www.unfoundation.org) The United Nations Foundation is an advocate for the UN and a platform for connecting people, ideas, and capital to help the United Nations solve global problems. We build partnerships, grow constituencies, mobilize resources and advocate policy changes to support the UN's work for individual and global progress. The UN Foundation's work—focused on select global problems—is decreasing child mortality, improving disaster relief, protecting diverse cultures and environments, creating a clean energy future, empowering women and girls, and improving U.S.-UN relations.

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Biological Sciences

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The Royal Society's biology journals regularly publish content within the area of environmental science, with a particular emphasis on ecology and conservation. *Biology Letters* publishes concise, cutting-edge research articles and opinion pieces; *Proceedings B* publishes high-quality research articles and reviews; and *Philosophical Transactions B* publishes dedicated themed issues.

The *Biology Letters* special feature entitled Global change and biodiversity: future challenges, organised by Phoebe Barnard and Wilfried Thuiller is now **FREE to access** whilst *Proceedings B* has recently dedicated an entire issue to the Geographic range limits of species, organised by Kevin Gaston. Recent themed issues of *Philosophical Transactions B* include: Food-web assembly and collapse: mathematical models and implications for conservation, compiled and edited by A Dobson, S Allesina, K Lafferty and M Pascual Eco-evolutionary dynamics, compiled and edited by F Pelletier, D Garant and A Hendry.

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