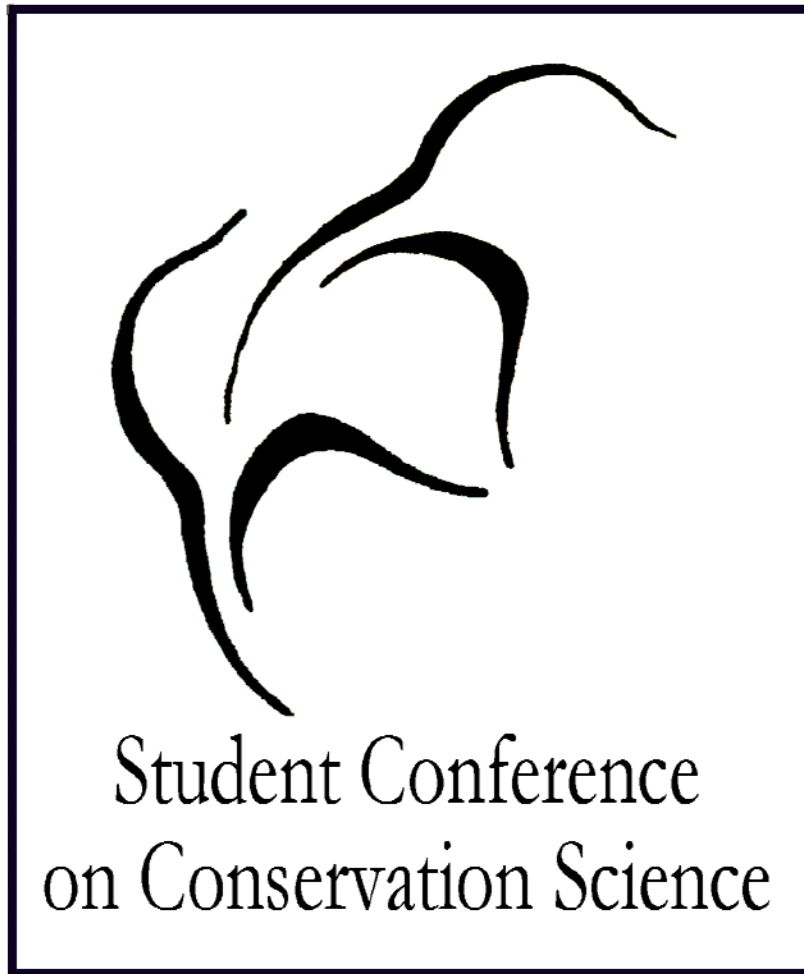


Conference Report



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Student Conference on Conservation Science

Report on the Tenth Conference, 24 - 26 March 2009

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The tenth conference in the series was held in the Department of Zoology, University of Cambridge and was attended by over 300 people including 210 postgraduate students working in conservation science. Student delegates attended from the following 69 countries:

Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Botswana, Brazil, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala*, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland*, India, Indonesia, Iran, Ireland, Israel*, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, Moldova*, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Rwanda, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Tanzania, Thailand, Trinidad & Tobago, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom, USA, Venezuela, Vietnam, Zimbabwe.

The four countries marked with asterisks were represented by student delegates for the first time in 2009. Over the entire conference series, 106 countries have now been represented by over 1600 student delegates.

The full programme of the conference is provided later in the report. It included 30 talks and 98 posters contributed by research students and four plenary lectures by distinguished senior scientists and conservation practitioners. The conference was opened by Professor Malcolm Burrows (Department of Zoology, University of Cambridge). The plenary lectures were given by Professor Kingsley Dixon (Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority, Western Australia), Professor Claire Kremen (University of California at Berkeley, USA), Michael McCarthy (The Independent newspaper, UK) and Professor Callum Roberts (University of York, UK).

To celebrate our tenth anniversary, ten delegates from previous conferences in the series returned to chair student sessions and to give a presentation on the lessons they had learned on forging careers in conservation. They were Mija Andriamarivololona (Madagascar), Jonathan Baillie (Canada), Shonil Bhagwat (India), Mar Cabeza (Spain), Wendy Foden (South Africa), Julia Jones (UK), Aaron Lobo (India), Mark Otieno (Kenya), Ana Rodrigues (Portugal) and Bob Smith (UK).

A special feature of the conference is the role played by conservation practitioners. Overall, the conference was visited by 87 staff or representatives from 28 conservation agencies, institutes and NGOs. There was a poster session *Who's who in conservation?* at which many conservation agencies, institutes and NGOs displayed posters and provided staff to describe their work and answer queries. The following organisations contributed to the conference in this and other ways:

A Rocha International, American Association for the Advancement of Science, BirdLife International, BP Conservation Leadership Programme, British Antarctic Survey, British Trust for Ornithology, Cambridge Centre for Landscape and People, Cambridge Conservation Forum, Cambridge Conservation Initiative, Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Biological Records Centre, Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, Conservation Evidence, Conservation International, Earthwatch, ERASMUS, Fauna and Flora International, Frontier, Institute of Zoology, IUCN, Natural England, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, TRAFFIC, Tropical Biology Association, UNEP-World Conservation Monitoring Centre, Wildlife Vets International, World Bank, WWF-US, Zoological Society of London.

More than 20 scientists from various departments of the University of Cambridge, the universities of Bangor, East Anglia, Helsinki, Kent, Reading and Oxford and from CNRS Montpellier participated in the conference.

We continued the two Conference workshop sessions and offered nine 90-minute workshops, five of which were held twice (Table 1). We invited experts on some of the practical skills important to graduate students to present workshops with a “how to...” focus.

Table 1. Workshops presented at the tenth Student Conference on Conservation Science

Workshop title	Leader	Affiliation
Practical conservation genetics	Bill Amos	Department of Zoology, University of Cambridge
Planning a conservation research programme	William J. Sutherland	Department of Zoology, University of Cambridge
Use of evidence-based conservation	William J. Sutherland, Rob Pople, David Showler, Rebecca Smith	Department of Zoology, University of Cambridge
Raising funds for your conservation project	Rosie Trevelyan	Tropical Biology Association
An introduction to systematic conservation planning	Bob Smith	Durrell Institute of Conservation and Ecology, University of Kent, Canterbury, UK
How to write a scientific paper, or how to avoid Snoopy's problem...	Martin Fisher	Editor of Oryx, Fauna & Flora International, Cambridge
Communicating your science: beyond peer-reviewed papers	John Hopkins	Natural England
Economics as a tool for conservation? Really?	Brendan Fisher	Centre for Social and Economic Research on the Global Environment University of East Anglia, Norwich, UK
Making conservation relevant: communicating with policy-makers	Jonathan Baillie	Zoological Society of London, UK

Analysis of feedback from student delegates

We received 89 feedback forms, though some people did not answer every question. In Table 2 we present the percentage of respondents giving various answers to each question. The great majority of delegates rated the conference as good or excellent and were happy with the conference events and scheduling. Comparison was made with responses to the same questions in previous years for 2000 (83 responses), 2001 (62), 2002 (72), 2003 (71), 2004 (76), 2005 (91) and 2006 (106), 2007 (95) and 2008 (82). Results are shown for all years, except where a new question was asked or an event was not held in all years. Fluctuations in the ratings over time have been rather small for most questions, but the 2009 conference ranked among those with the most favourable feedback (Table 3).

Table 2. Percentages of 89 feedback form respondents who gave various answers to the questions on the form.

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
How did you rate the conference overall?	78	21	1	0
How did you rate the plenary talks?	58	34	8	0
How did you rate who's who in conservation?	23	48	21	8
How did you rate the workshops?	48	43	7	2

	Too many/much?	About right?	Too few/little?
What did you think about the number of student talks?	10	90	0
What did you think about the time available to discuss student talks?	0	82	18
What did you think about the time available for student posters?	2	72	26

	Strongly agree	Agree	Can't decide	No
Would you like to see another conference run along similar lines next year?	74	23	3	0

	Meeting new colleagues	Encountering new ideas in conservation	Meeting practitioners
What did you find useful about the conference?	81	75	56

Table 3. Comparison of ratings of the conference by delegates in 2000 - 2009. Responses were scored from zero (e.g. "Poor" or "No") to 3 (e.g. "Excellent" or "Strongly agree"). The total for all respondents was calculated and expressed as a percentage of the maximum total if all respondents had expressed their approval at the highest possible level. The table shows these percentages for all years, except for events that were not held in all years or questions not on the feedback form in all years.

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
How did you rate the conference overall?	83	88	82	87	92	79	88	87	89	92
What did you think about the number of student talks?	68	85	83	89	87	87	89	83	91	90
Did you find the time allocated to discussion after the student talks adequate?	82	69	76	82	81	88	78	87	89	82
Did you find the time allocated to student posters adequate?			86	78	77	72	76	66	78	72
How did you rate the plenary talks?	79	82	86	88	86	79	84	84	84	84
How did you rate the workshops?	51	58	49	70	77	73	79	80	76	79
How did you rate who's who in conservation?		65	61	63	61	64	58	61	61	62
Would you like to see another conference run along similar lines next year?	91	91	88	92	93	86	91	90	93	90

Prizes

Members of the Conference Advisory Committee selected the best three talks and the best three posters. The prizes consisted of journal subscriptions donated by the Society for Conservation Biology and Elsevier and books donated by Conservation International, Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press and Wiley-Blackwell. Prizewinners are listed in Table 4.

A prize for best report by a participant in the Miriam Rothschild Internship Scheme has been donated by Oryx - The International Journal of Conservation, Fauna & Flora International and Cambridge University Press and will be awarded when the internships are concluded.

Table 4. Prize winners for student talks and posters at SCCS 2009.

Category	Winner	Subject
Best talk	Divya Karnad (India)	Lighting the way to reducing disorientation of turtle hatchlings in India
Second best talk	Murray Collins (UK)	The implementation of REDD: lessons from Nantu
Third best talk	Baruani Mshale (Tanzania)	Lessons from local people: community-based conservation in Tanzania
Best poster	Sarah Foster (Canada)	Is tropical shrimp trawling a big problem for small fishes?
Second best poster	Maria Checa (Ecuador)	Devastation and poverty in the west Ecuador hot spot of biodiversity: how can butterflies help?
Third best poster	Ana Nuno (Portugal)	Who's afraid of the big bad wolf?

Conference Bursaries, Grants and Internships

The travel and subsistence costs of ten student delegates from Ethiopia, Ghana, India (4), Madagascar (2), Mexico and Peru were wholly covered by conference bursaries. Four other delegates from Brazil, Eritrea, Sierra Leone and Tanzania were assisted by grants. All the supported delegates presented talks or posters at the Conference. In addition, 16 conference delegates were supported by the Miriam Rothschild Travel Bursary Programme and the Whitmore Fund to attend the conference and also to spend up to a month working on conservation-related projects with universities, non-governmental organisations and agencies in the UK. These interns came from Argentina, Botswana, Chile, China, India (4), Indonesia, Iran, Kenya, Madagascar, Serbia, the United Republic of Tanzania, Thailand and Vietnam.

Eleventh Student Conference on Conservation Science

The next conference in the series will be held in the Department of Zoology, University of Cambridge, 23 – 25 March 2010. The plenary speakers will be Professor Ruth DeFries (University of Colombia), Tony Juniper (Prince of Wales' Rainforest Project), Professor Ullas Karanth (Wildlife Conservation Society, India), and Professor

Ken Norris (University of Reading). Updates on the programme will be posted on the conference website <http://www.sccs-cam.org/>.

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Cambridge University Press, Conservation International, Elsevier Science, The Society for Conservation Biology, Oxford University Press and Wiley-Blackwell provided the prizes for student talks and posters and Fauna & Flora International and Cambridge University Press have provided a prize for the best final report by a recipient of a Miriam Rothschild internship.

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Programme

Student Conference on Conservation Science 24 -26 March 2009

PROGRAMME

Tuesday 24 March 2009

- 09.30 - 09.45 **Welcome** Professor Malcolm Burrows FRS (Zoology Department)
- 09.45 - 10.00 **Introduction to the conference**
- 10.00 - 11.00 **Plenary: The importance of history in marine conservation and management**
Professor Callum Roberts (University of York, UK)
- 11.00 - 11.30 Coffee (Elementary Lab)
- 11.30 – 12.50 **Student talks: Session 1** **Marine conservation challenges**
Chair: Aaron Lobo (India)
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| Fishery declines: an historical perspective | Ruth Thurstan (UK) |
| Impacts of coral decline for Caribbean reef architecture | Lorenzo Alvarez-Filip (México) |
| Ecosystem-based management in the Red Sea | Dawit Tesfamichael (Eritrea) |
| Why consumers alone can't save our fish | Jennifer Jacquet (USA) |
- 12.50 - 14.00 Lunch (Elementary Lab)
- 14.00 - 15.30 **Workshops: Session 1**
- 15.30 - 16.00 Tea (Elementary Lab)
- 16.00 – 17.20 **Student talks: Session 2** **Emerging threats**
Chair: Wendy Foden (South Africa)
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| Sustainability and consumer preferences in the Cambodian wild meat trade | Benjamin Lee (Singapore) |
| Impacts of resettlement on wildlife in northern Ethiopia | Gebremikael Mulubrhan (Ethiopia) |
| Impacts of extreme climatic events in aquatic ecosystems | Ronaldo Sousa (Portugal) |
| Decline in Manx shearwater breeding success | Samuel Riou (France) |
- 18.00 – 19.30 **Who's who in conservation?** (with pizza, in Elementary Lab)
Introduction **Dr Mike Rands (Cambridge Conservation Initiative)**
- 19.30 – 21.00 **Wine reception in Zoology Museum, sponsored by Science**
Introduction to plenary (Babbage Lecture Theatre) Dr Mark Avery (RSPB)
Plenary: Say goodbye to the cuckoo
Michael McCarthy (The Independent)

Wednesday 25 March 2009

- 09.00 - 10.00 **Plenary: Conservation planning, science and the real world: some examples**
Professor Claire Kremen (University of California at Berkeley, USA)
 Chair: Professor Ken Norris (Reading, UK)
- 10.00 - 11.00 **Student talks: Session 3** **The future of farming and conservation**
 Chair: Jonathan Baillie (Canada)
 Farming and wildlife conservation in India Malvika Onial (India)
 Farming and tropical forest biodiversity Ben Phalan (Ireland)
 Carbon storage in agricultural landscapes Amy Wade (UK)
- 11.00 - 11.30 Coffee (and posters to be set up by contributors in Elementary Lab)
- 11.30 - 12.30 **Student talks: Session 4** **Habitat loss and land-use change**
 Chair: Mija Andriamarivololona (Madagascar)
 Habitat fragmentation reduces survival in a tropical bird Viviana Ruiz-Gutierrez (Costa Rica)
 Hedgerow networks - disappearance and conservation Kristina Molnarova (Czech Rep.)
 Land cover in Atlantic Forest reserves Andre Cunha (Brazil)
- 12.30 - 13.10 **10th anniversary surprise**
- 13.10 - 14.25 **Lunch and posters** (Elementary Lab)
 14.25 **Conference photograph** (meet on lawn in front of the whale)
- 14.40 - 16.00 **Student talks: Session 5** **Insights from Africa**
 Chair: Mark Otieno (Kenya)
 Carnivore conservation in Ghana Cole Burton (USA)
 Population declines in Africa's protected areas Ian Craigie (UK)
 Lessons from local people: community-based conservation in Tanzania Baruani Mshale (Tanzania)
- 16.00 - 16.30 Tea (Elementary Lab)
- 16.30 - 17.10 **Student talks: Session 6** **Towards Payments for Ecosystem Services**
 Chair: Ana Rodrigues (Portugal)
 Measuring conservation success in Nantu Nature Reserve, Indonesia Ewan Macdonald (UK)
 The implementation of REDD: lessons from Nantu Murray Collins (UK)
- 17.10 - 18.45 **Posters with wine and food** (Elementary Lab)
- 18.45 - 20.15 **Workshops: Session 2**
- 20.30 - 23.30 **Party** (St Catharine's College JCR)

Thursday 26 March 2009

- 09.00 - 10.00 **Plenary: The age of extinction in a biodiversity hotspot**
Professor Kingsley Dixon (Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority, WA, Australia)
Chair: Shonil Bhagwat (India)
- 10.00 – 11.00 **Student talks: Session 7** **Small and extinct populations**
Chair: Mar Cabeza (Spain)
- Genetics of a recovering island endemic - the Mauritius parakeet Claire Raisin (UK)
Empirical support for demographic Allee effects Stephen Gregory (France)
Unnoticed mollusc extinctions Claire Régnier (France)
- 11.00 - 11.30 Coffee (Elementary Lab)
- 11.30 – 12.50 **Student talks: Session 8** **Aquatic conservation**
Chair: Julia Jones (UK)
- Lighting the way to reducing disorientation of turtle hatchlings in India Divya Karnad (India)
Coexistence of river dolphins and fishermen Nachiket Kelkar (India)
Governance of Chinese Marine Protected Areas Wanfei Qiu (China)
Fishing for scraps in an uncertain sea Aaron Lobo (India)
- 12.50 - 14.00 **Lunch and posters** (Elementary Lab)
- 14.00 - 15.20 **Student talks: Session 9** **Area-based interventions**
Chair: Bob Smith (UK)
- The impact of war on conservation in Sierra Leone Abu Conteh (Sierra Leone)
Black grouse and plantation forestry in Scotland Jenny Owen (UK)
Managing wet grasslands for breeding waders Sarah Eglington (UK)
Identifying sites for conserving golden mantella frogs in Madagascar Roma Randrianavelona
(Madagascar)
- 15.20 – 15.50 Tea (Elementary Lab)
- 15.50 - 16.10 **Prizes**
- 16.10 **Closing remarks**

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Impacts of coral decline for Caribbean reef architecture

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Population declines in Africa's protected areas

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Lighting the way to reducing disorientation of turtle hatchlings in India

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Lessons from local people: community-based conservation in Tanzania

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Black grouse and plantation forestry in Scotland

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Decline in Manx shearwater breeding success

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Challenge of quantifying biodiversity in countries of species rich – Malaysia and Thailand

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Important Bird Areas outperform Protected Areas at capturing the ranges of globally threatened species

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Social-Ecological Inventory and Ecosystems Services of Traditional Rural Biotopes in SW Coastal Finland

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Woody species patch types affect herbaceous species richness and composition

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Reintroducing the beaver to Serbia: encouragement for Scotland?

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Distribution patterns and movements of bats during different time-periods in relation to habitat quality and land-use systems

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From Earth Observations to Ethnography: Investigating the Relationship between Land Tenure and Amazonian Wildfires.

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The Margarita monkey: a critically-endangered capuchin in a fragmented habitat on Isla de Margarita, Venezuela.

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Does habitat degradation lead to more frequent (crop raiding) conflict between local people and sloth bear?

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