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HAWAII SHORE & BEACH PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION



The *Hawaii Shore & Beach Preservation Association (HSBPA)* is an organization of private sector, academic, government professionals, students, and local community members dedicated to the preservation and restoration of Hawaii's beaches and coastal environments.

THE LATEST HSBPA NEWS

Check out HSBPA at the IUCN World Conservation Congress on September 2, 2016!

Story by: Ruby Pap

The HSBPA workshop subcommittee has been busy lately! Late last year we found out that the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) selected our "Living Shorelines on Tropical Islands" workshop proposal for the World Conservation Congress (WCC) in Honolulu. We consider this quite an honor since IUCN received over 1,500 proposals and only 202 were selected! The WCC is a global event held once every four years, and this year is the first time it will be held in the United States.

We are hoping members can attend this dynamic workshop and help spread the word. It is an excellent opportunity to showcase our efforts to preserve beaches and shorelines in Hawai'i, and to collaborate with like-minded organizations from across the globe.

So, you may be thinking, just what are "living shorelines"? To answer, living shorelines integrate habitat

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change through the incorporation of natural elements. Often perceived as a healthy alternative to traditional shoreline hardening, these techniques serve to preserve shore and beach resources and protect vulnerable coastal communities. While used effectively in mainland coastal areas, living shorelines in Hawai'i in other tropical island settings may look and function differently. They include things like coral reef and mangrove restoration, dune and beach replenishment, and even restoration of traditional fish ponds.

Workshop participants (that's you!) will roll up their sleeves and work with living shoreline models from a variety of tropical settings, and brainstorm decision making guidelines that will help launch tropical living shorelines concepts into the mainstream planning vernacular.

This is not your typical PowerPoint session! We have partnered with both local and global organizations to put together a dynamic program that involves rotating through different stations that highlight case studies and working with actual shoreline models to brainstorm solutions. Our partners include The Nature Conservancy, Environmental Defense Fund, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program and School of Architecture, Systems Approach to Geomorphic Engineering (SAGE), and the Hawai'i Division of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

See you there!

Quick Info:

What: "Living Shorelines on Tropical Islands: Creating and maintaining healthy coastal systems and improving community resilience in the face of climate change"

When: September 2, 2016 from 2:30 -4:30 pm

Where: Honolulu Convention Center, Room 316C

Rate: IUCN WCC Kama'āina day pass \$75; two days \$150. This will get you into all the sessions, not just ours!
<http://iucnworldconservationcongress.org/participer/inscription/registration-fees-and-categories>

For more information on the IUCN WCC, see
<http://iucnworldconservationcongress.org/>

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