



The Future of Biodiversity: What should be saved, why and how?

**Monday, May 17, 2010
7:30 - 9:00 pm**

Buehler Alumni Center, AGR Room
University of California, Davis

Plant and animal species are going extinct at alarming rates and climate change is expected to hasten this trend. The world's growing human population is encroaching on natural habitats and over-exploiting the planet's rich biological resources. In response, conservation organizations are asking, "what is the best way to protect species, habitats and the functioning ecosystems upon which humanity depends?" These groups have developed a variety of approaches to preserve biodiversity, maintain healthy ecosystems and encourage sustainable environmental practices.

In a rare joint appearance, science directors of The Nature Conservancy, Conservation International, Wildlife Conservation Society and World Wildlife Fund will share their sometimes divergent perspectives on successful strategies to achieve a common goal: maximizing our capacity to protect critical biological resources.

This evening program is a capstone of a day-long national discussion, hosted by the John Muir Institute of the Environment, on the role of graduate education in training 21st century conservation leaders. A diverse group of government agency science directors - including the US Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, US Forest Service, US Geological Survey - university professors, and students will convene with the science leaders of the leading conservation organizations above to discuss effective strategies in conservation education.

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Details, including list of confirmed panelists and moderators: <http://gecp.ucdavis.edu/future>

Blog + Live Webcast: <http://gecp.ucdavis.edu/>

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Panelists

Dr. Peter Kareiva

Director of Science, The Nature Conservancy

Dr. Miguel Morales

Science & Knowledge Division, Conservation International

Dr. Kent Redford

VP for Conservation Strategy, Wildlife Conservation Society

Dr. Taylor Ricketts

Director of the Science Program, World Wildlife Fund

Moderated by:

Dr. Andrew Revkin

Journalist, Pace University

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