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# Culture-Nature Journey Symposium

A Culture-Nature Journey: Beyond Borders in Asia and the Pacific

24-26<sup>th</sup> October, 2018

Dehradun and New Delhi, India

# Organisers:

- UNESCO Category 2 Centre on World Natural Heritage Management and Training for Asia and the Pacific Region at Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun (http://www.wii.gov.in/unesco category2 centre)
- International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS), India
- International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

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Last date to apply: 21 September, 2018

## **Background**

Focused on the theme 'A Culture-Nature Journey: In Asia Pacific Region beyond Borders', WII, in collaboration with ICOMOS India and IUCN will look at significant transboundary Culture- Nature linkages in the Asia Pacific region.

#### **About C2C at WII**

The UNESCO Category 2 Centre for World Natural Heritage Management and Training for Asia and the Pacific region is the world's first centre dealing with natural heritage and aims to build capacity of natural heritage professionals of over 50 nations of the Asia-Pacific region. The centre has been established at Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun in September 2015.

# **Objectives**

The symposium will offer an opportunity for sharing knowledge and lessons learned from national and international experiences on Shared Cultural Landscapes and Mixed Sites among countries in this region. The Symposium will continue to explore this theme initiated as part of the Culture Nature Plenary Session at World Conservation Congress , Hawaii, 2016 and ICOMOS GA, 2017. Sessions will focus on the understanding of Culture- Nature journey leading to more transnational initiatives for collective enhancement and protection of such shared areas. Primary subthemes for the sessions will be :

- ♦ Case Studies on Culture- Nature sustenance from South Asia
- ♦ Transboundary cultural landscapes and heritage routes
- ♦ Indian Ocean Cultural Landscapes, Monsoon and Trade Routes (as part of Pro-

### **Possible Outcomes**

- ♦ Documentation and way forward for nomination, conservation and management of cultural landscapes and heritage routes in South Asia
- ♦ Actionable outcomes for Transboundary Culture- Nature areas such as the Kailash Sacred Landscape and the Indian Ocean Cultural Landscape region

# **Program Schedule**

23 <sup>rd</sup> October, 2018 Curtain Raiser ( Training)  Venue: Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun	Training Programme on Dossier Preparation for Natural World Heritage, Mixed and Cultural Landscapes Nomination of World Heritage Sites  (This would be an intensive one day training course designed to address the challenges of dossier preparation under various categories. Resource persons will include subject experts from C2C-WII and ICOMOS-India. Limited seats are available. For details see registration form).
24 <sup>th</sup> October, 2018	Inaugural session
(Symposium)	◆ Key note address: ICOMOS, IUCN
	<ul> <li>Technical session I : Case Studies from Asia- pacific on linking culture-nature</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Technical session II: Kailash Sacred Landscape as a World Heritage Site</li> </ul>
Venue: Wildlife Institute	Technical session III : Heritage routes for linking
of India, Dehradun	the culture-nature journey / Indian Ocean Cultur- al Landscapes, Monsoon and Trade routes
	◆ Technical session IV: Intangible Cultural Heritage
25 <sup>th</sup> October, 2018	Site visit to understand nature-cultural linkages (in collaboration with RECH and INTACH- Dehradun)
Venue: Dehradun	
26 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Plenary & Way forward
Venue: New Delhi	