



# Natural Capital Symposium 2015

## Draft Agenda (February 5 version)

This meeting will gather people from around the world who are working to factor the true value of nature into human decision-making. A variety of workshops, talks, discussions, and other sessions will be held in three primary tracks each day of this three-day symposium. We hope to foster dialogue, encourage collaboration, and learn from one another as a community.

The **Training Track** will be a 3-day course in NatCap's approach and our primary software tool, InVEST, for those who have limited or no prior experience with our approach and tools. There will also be more advanced technical training sessions offered each day for experienced users, focusing on hands-on work with specific models, the latest updates and advancements with the software, and other topics.

The **Engagement and Pathways to Impact Track**, experts from around the world will share experiences in using InVEST and related tools and approaches to drive change in policy and practice. We will compare theories of change with actual experience of change in contrasting sites, sectors and decision contexts. In sessions on Integrating Natural Capital and Resilience, we will discuss recent advances, emerging trends, and key challenges. NatCap strives to advance the science behind ecosystem services, and to apply new ways to bring our approach to governments, corporations, and other organizations across the globe. Sharing lessons and opportunities among members of the broader practitioner community is a great way to do that.

The **Learning Exchange** will offer a variety of opportunities to work in small focus groups with NatCappers as well as practitioners from other organizations, including model-specific small-group workshops, poster sessions, focused discussion groups, panel discussions, and more. We know that we have a lot to learn from others working in this space, and we hope to foster a lively exchange of knowledge, information, and understanding. This will be a great opportunity to seek out new collaborations with NatCap and many other organizations and individuals who will also be in attendance.

We will be frequently updating this agenda with more detailed information in the coming weeks. Please see the following pages for the tentative schedule of events. In the meantime, please contact [Henry Borrebach](#) with any questions.

	Training (Tools)	Engagement (Approach)	Learning Exchange		
8:00 AM	Registration				
8:30 AM	Welcome and NatCap Intro				
9:00 AM					
9:30 AM					
10:00 AM	Keynote Speakers/Panel Discussion Topic: Urban as example of leading edge **Point person: Bonnie				
10:30 AM					
11:00 AM	Preview of afternoon and remaining two days				
11:30 AM	How Do We Talk About Our Work? -- gearing materials to leaders of our use case institutions; non-technical, non-public				
12:00 PM					
12:30 PM	LUNCH				
1:00 PM					
1:30 PM	Finding Data & Global Data Sources (TECH)	***Tradeoff! Game sessions // or play multiple games, Best Coast Belize, Tradeoff!, and PIWI	Uncertainty Analysis		
2:00 PM					
2:30 PM					
3:00 PM	Break				
3:30 PM	Data (advanced)	What Does Using Ecosystem Service Valuations in Decisions Really Look Like?	Sandbox		
4:00 PM					
4:30 PM					
5:00 PM	Day One Recap & Announcements				
5:30 PM					
6:00 PM	Poster Session **Point: Will (w/ assist from Ben)				
6:30 PM					
7:00 PM					

	Training (Tools)	Pathways to Impact	Learning Exchange
8:30 AM	Announcements & Overview		
9:00 AM	InVEST Model In-Depth Workshops: Sediment Retention (hydro), Coastal Vulnerability (coastal), Recreation (cross cutting)	Forest Landscape Restoration and Ecosystem Service Modeling (IUCN)	Poster review panels
9:30 AM			
10:00 AM			
10:30 AM	Break		
11:00 AM	In-Depth Workshops contd	Conservation and Development Interventions	InVEST LeX
11:30 AM			
12:00 PM			
12:30 PM	LUNCH		
1:00 PM	Scenario tools: RIOS (FW/terr), Scenario Generator (terr/coast), HRA (cross cutting/marine)	Experiences of Change in Development Planning (CSIR)	Communications Sandbox
1:30 PM			
2:00 PM			
2:30 PM	Scenario Tools contd	Generating Action in Business with the Natural Capital Coalition and Protocol	
3:00 PM			
3:30 PM			
4:00 PM	Day Two Recap and Announcements		
4:30 PM			
5:00 PM	Happy Hour // Social Event		
5:30 PM			
6:00 PM			
6:30 PM			
7:00 PM			

Training (Tools) One	Room	Engagement (Decision Context) - Room Two	Learning Exchange (Capacity Building) Room Three
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8:30 AM	Announcements & Overview		
9:00 AM	Hands on a) RIOS b) Belize	Coastal Defense & Resilience	Scenario tools help + FWAT Sandbox
9:30 AM			
10:00 AM	Break		
10:30 AM	Hands-on continued	Infrastructure / Permitting	Marine Sandbox
11:00 AM			
11:30 AM	LUNCH		
12:00 PM			
12:30 PM			
1:00 PM	Hands on a) OPAL b) Coastal Resilience	Water Funds Monitoring & Evaluation	InVEST LeX
1:30 PM			
2:00 PM	Break		
2:30 PM	Hands-on continued	Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning	RIOS Sandbox
3:00 PM			
3:30 PM	Symposium Recap and Farewells		
4:00 PM			
4:30 PM			
5:00 PM			
5:30 PM			