



Call for Papers

Tropical Forests Under a Changing Climate: Linking Impacts, Mitigation, and Adaptation

15th Annual Conference, February 11-13, 2010
International Society of Tropical Foresters, Yale Student Chapter

The future of tropical forests and global climate are inextricably linked. Recent studies demonstrate that intact tropical forests account for half of the total terrestrial sink for anthropogenic carbon dioxide emissions. At the same time, roughly one fifth of global carbon dioxide emissions comes from the conversion of tropical forest to other land uses. Many tropical forest ecosystems and the people that depend on them are especially vulnerable to rapid shifts in the climate regime. These potential effects range from changes in tropical weather patterns and ecological function to the modification of human communities and livelihoods.

In Spring 2010 (February 11-13), the Yale Chapter of the International Society of Tropical Foresters will bring together practitioners and researchers from government, academia, communities, and environmental and development organizations to explore the relationship between tropical forests and climate change. Following soon after the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen, this symposium will elaborate on the decisions that have consequences for tropical forests. The discussion will be driven by questions such as:

- How will climate change **impact** tropical forest biodiversity, ecology, ecosystem services, and the communities, cultures, and economies that rely on them?
- What tropical forest management practices could help **mitigate** the effects of climate change?
- Which strategies can governments, communities, and other organizations implement in order to **adapt** to the effects of climate change?

To apply: We encourage abstracts based on primary research, or personal or institutional experience. Selected participants will orally present full papers at the conference. We also welcome abstract submissions for a poster session to be held on February 12. Abstracts should be a maximum of 500 words with the following information:

- Name(s) of the author(s)
- Title and abstract of the paper to be presented
- Institution(s) or organization(s) of author(s)' affiliation(s)
- Address, telephone, fax and e-mail of the corresponding author

Please send abstracts by November 30, 2009, electronically or by mail to:

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Selected participants will present full papers at the conference, and/or will have the opportunity to engage the Yale community in a roundtable workshop on the issues raised. Invited speakers will have the option of submitting conference proceedings for publication in the Journal of Sustainable Forestry.

Who we are: The Yale Chapter of the International Society of Tropical Foresters participates in a range of social, educational, and professional activities that promote the sharing of experiences and knowledge related to resource management in tropical countries. Each year, ISTF organizes a two-day conference to discuss an emerging topic in the tropics. For more information please visit <http://www.yale.edu/istf>