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**Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction 2016 New Delhi, India  
02-05 November 2016**

**Concept Note for Pre-conference events on 01-02 November 2016  
The Park Hotel, New Delhi**

<b>Event title</b>	<b>Ecosystem-based Disaster Risk Reduction for Sustainable Development – The Role of Biodiversity – RELIEF KIT ASIA</b>
<b>Event code</b>	PC-20
<b>Date and Time</b>	Tuesday, 1st November, 09.00-18.00 & Wednesday, 2nd November, 09.00-16.30
<b>Venue/ Room no.</b>	The Park Hotel, New Delhi
<b>Theme/ topic to be addressed</b>	Mainstreaming biodiversity conservation and ecosystem based approaches into disaster risk reduction frameworks and measures
<b>Organizers</b>	<b>Lead:</b> IUCN Asia Regional Office Collaborators: UNISDR Contact Details* (lead): Anshuman Saikia, Regional Programme Support Coordinator, IUCN Asia, <a href="mailto:Anshuman.saikia@iucn.org">Anshuman.saikia@iucn.org</a> , +6626624029-31 extension 105

<p><b>Session Objectives</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhance understanding of the role of biodiversity and ecosystems services in disaster risk reduction</li> <li>• Develop capacities for designing and implementing nature-based solutions to disaster risk reduction</li> <li>• Raise awareness of ecosystems as no-regret solutions for immediate disaster risks and longer term climate change impacts</li> <li>• Establish networking and communications amongst stakeholders from the disaster management, climate change,</li> </ul>
<p><b>Background and context</b> <i>(rationale of the event)</i></p>	<p>The workshop is being organised by IUCN with the support of the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR), under the auspices of the RELIEF-Kit project (Resilience through Investing in Ecosystems - Knowledge, Innovation and Transformation of risk management).</p> <p>This workshop is part of the RELIEF Kit project which is a three-year initiative (2015-2018) funded by the Japan Biodiversity Fund under the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity. The objective is to document linkages between biodiversity and disaster risk reduction and recovery and to develop guidance for policy makers, practitioners and other relevant stakeholders.</p>

Session format and programme	<b>DRAFT AGENDA</b>		
	<b>Schedule</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Presenter/s</b>
	<b>Day 1 – 1 November 2016</b>		
	SESSION I: INTRODUCTIONS AND SETTING THE CONTEXT		
	09:00-09:10	Welcome Remarks by IUCN	Dr TP Singh, Deputy Regional Director, Programme, IUCN Asia
	09:10-09:30	Introduction of participants	Self-introduction
	09:30-09:45	Workshop objectives	Dr Scott Perkin, Head, Natural Resources Group, IUCN Asia
	SESSION II: IMPLEMENTATION OF ECO-DRR		
	09:45-10:15	Implementing Ecosystem-based Disaster Risk Reduction – a cross sectoral approach for biodiversity, people, development and climate change	Anshuman Saikia, Regional Programme Support Coordinator, IUCN Asia
	10:15-10:45	Showcasing the Sendai earthquake example as a case study on Eco-DRR	Naoya Furuta, Coordinator, IUCN Japan, Liaison Office
	<i>11:00-11:15</i>	<i>Tea/Coffee Break</i>	
	11:15-11:45	Existing tools and processes for integrating Eco-DRR development frameworks	Naoya Furuta, Coordinator, IUCN Japan, Liaison Office
	11:45-13:00	Q&A	
	<i>13:00-14:00</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	
	SESSION III: ROLE OF BIODIVERSITY IN REDUCING RISKS TO DISASTERS		
14:00-14:30	Presentation on the Status of Biodiversity in Asia	Dr Scott Perkin, Head, Natural Resources Group, IUCN Asia	

15:00-15:45	Presentation on the Asia Relief Kit Assessment draft report including case studies on integration of biodiversity conservation	Anshuman Saikia, Regional Programme Support Coordinator, IUCN Asia
15:45-16:00	<i>Tea/Coffee Break</i>	
16:00-17:30	Working group discussions on integrating biodiversity conservation into DRR policies and planning frameworks	
17:30-17:45	Wrap-up of the day's discussions and plans for Day 2	Naoya Furuta, Coordinator, IUCN Japan, Liaison Office
17:20-18:00	Q&A	Facilitated Q&A session
<b>DAY 2 – 2 November 2016</b>		
09:00-09:30	Presentation on identified opportunities for integrating biodiversity conservation and DRR in Relief Kit Assessment Report	Anshuman Saikia, Regional Programme Support Coordinator, IUCN Asia
09:30-11:00	Report back from working groups	
11:00-11:15	<i>Tea/Coffee Break</i>	
11:15-12:00	Q&A	Facilitated Q&A session
12:00-13:00	<i>Lunch</i>	

SESSION IV: ACTION PLAN FOR ECO-DRR INCLUDING INTEGRATING BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION			
	13:00-14:30	Working group discussions on identifying actions for integrating Eco-DRR into development frameworks	Facilitated working group discussions
	14:30-15:30	Report back from group discussions	
	15:30-15:45	<i>Tea/Coffee Break</i>	
	15:45-16:15	Q&A on next steps and continuing to network	Facilitated Q&A session
	16:15-16:30	Wrap-up and closing of workshop	Scott Perkin, Head, Natural Resources Group, IUCN Asia
<b>Intended main outcome and Key messages</b>	<p>The purpose of the workshop is to discuss the findings of the draft assessment report and also to identify actions for integrating biodiversity conservation into DRR policy frameworks and planning processes across Asia.</p> <p>The key messages that are likely to emerge would emphasise the importance of integrating biodiversity conservation and ecosystem based approaches in addressing disaster risk reduction in the region.</p>		
<b>Technical Equipment</b>	N/A as the event will be held in a different venue from the pre-conference events venue		