

2ND ANNOUNCEMENT-

"Wetlands 2017" XI International Symposium on Wetland Management.

November 6-10, 2017

26 years of experience, knowledge and project exchange for the preservation of wetland areas.



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Dear Colleague:

The Matanzas province Territorial Division of the Ministry for Science, Technology and the Environment, as well as the National Center for Protected Areas (CNAP) invites all those specialists interested, to participate in its 11th International Symposium on wetland handling "Wetland 2017" to be held on November 6-10 at Ciénaga de Zapata wetland areas, Cuba.

This gathering, now already turned into a systematic regional initiative, will cover topics of great interest for the preservation of these important and vulnerable landscapes. In a fluid and sincere exchange environment, provided by the Ciénaga de Zapata Swamp surroundings (the largest wetland area in the whole Caribbean insular region, now declared as Ramsar Site and Biosphere Reserve) will provide for the ideal setting so as to foster the exchange of knowledge among all

participants, which will contribute to the improvement of the design and implementation of activities related to the handling and rehabilitation of these landscapes, as well as for devising strategies aimed at the mitigation and adaptation to climate change.

This year, the event will be honored with the participation of outstanding scientific personalities within the referred area, both from the Cuban and the international scene, who will contribute to the promotion of approaches, results and experiences, thus supporting the objectives of the symposium and covering the expectations of those attending.

The Organizing Committee

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Certificate Design and Printing

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Accreditation.

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CITMA-Matanzas.

Meetings

MSc. Reynaldo Santana. Ciénaga de Zapata

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Event Schedule

Dr. Dariel de León García

Unit of Science, Technology and Innovation.

CITMA Matanzas

Coordination of cultural activities

MSc Leyaní Caballero Tihert. Ciénaga de
Zapata Division. CSAM-Citma.

Topics to be covered during the event

- Management, handling and implementation of wetland-related projects.
- Environmental goods and services. Economic assessment.
- Ecosystem, landscape and biodiversity handling, conservation and rehabilitation at wetland areas.
- Governance in maritime coastland ecosystems.
- GIS Application and Tele-detection application in wetland research and handling.
- Research lines and strategies for facing climate change.
- Education, human resources upgrading and information.
- Local development and community work.
- Exchange networks-design, implementation and impact

A number of Master Lectures will be developed, related to the central topics of the event. All distinguished lecturers are related as follows:

-Dr. Rudolf S. de Groot, Environmental Systems Analysis Group, Wageningen University, Netherlands.

-MsC. María Rivera. Secretary of the Ramsar Convention. Switzerland.

- Dr © ElierTabilioValdivieso, Neotropical Center for Swampland-related Training, Chile.

-Dr. Juan PadinBibiloni, Rector, Universidad Metropolitana, Puerto Rico.

-Dr. José Mateo Rodríguez, President of the Cuba Geographical Society.

The event will develop in **workshops**, which will cover the following topics:

-Research activities, ecosystem handling, natural and productive landscapes in wetland areas, led by the Cuban Geographical Society and the *Conectando Paisajes (Connecting Landscapes)* Project. Institute of Ecology and Systematics of the Environmental Agency, Ministry of Science, Technology and the Environment, Cuba.

-Ecosystem goods and services. Methods for its economic assessment. Experiences obtained. Led by the Director for the Environment of the Ministry for Science, Technology and the Environment of the Republic of Cuba.

-Climate change and wetland areas. Adaptation programs. Institute of Meteorology and the Environmental Agency, National Program for Climatic Change from the Ministry of Science, Technology and the Environment of the Republic of Cuba.

-Handling of hydraulic resources in hydrographic sources. Impact of the implementation of international cooperation on the handling of hydric resources and on the adaptation to climatic change. Led by the Direction of Hydrographic Sources from the National Institute of Hydrographic Sources, Cuba.

Work in Comissions:

-Handling and restoration of wetland ecosystems. Experiences on the implementation of projects on wetland ecosystem handling. Led by the project: "Manglar Vivo" (Swampland Alive) from the Environmental Agency, Ministry of Science, Technology and the Environment, Cuba.

-Experiences from the implementation of the project: "Environmental foundations for Food Sustainability in Local Communities". Led by the Institute of Tropical Geography from the Environmental Agency, Ministry for Science, Technology and the Environment of the Republic of Cuba.

-"Coastal pit layers. Hidden treasures in the Caribbean sea". Led by the University of Greifswald, Michael Soccow Foundation in partnership between the Greifswald Center, Germany and the Neotropical Center for Wetland Training, Chile.

-Governance of marine-coastal ecosystems. Led by the Costatenas Group, University of Matanzas, Cuba.

-Wetlands, environmental governance and local development. Led by the Center for Local Development. Ministry for Science, Technology and the Environment, Cuba.

-Tele-detection use and sensing, sensors and GIS Application in wetland handling. Contribution of international cooperation projects to information management for decision-making. Led by the Institute of Tropical Geography, Cuba.

-Implementation of research/management or rehabilitation projects in wetland areas. Led by the Direction of Research Programs and Projects from the Environmental Agency, Ministry for Science, Technology and the Environment, Republic of Cuba.

Work presentation modalities:

Posters: 0.90 m wide x 1 m long (height)

Oral presentations:

Authors will send their paper abstract with the maximum extension of a page. It should include:

Title of the work, full names of the authors, institutions and country. The abstract should be sent in digital format or other magnetic support (CD or DVD) in Microsoft format. It should be sent by e-mail. The paper presented will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee of the symposium which will determine its pertinence and will provide for its publication in the Symposium Memories.

Deadline for receiving abstracts: October 9, 2017.

Inscription fee:

Paper presenters (delegates): 200.00 CUC.

Accompanying visitors: 75. 00 CUC.

The inscription fee as well as the rest of the expenses incurred in Cuba will be paid in Cuban Convertible Currency (CUC). Visitors will be able to access this type of currency by changing their original convertibles into CUC, either at the airport currency exchange office, or at bank agencies or local Currency Exchange Offices throughout the country. Convertible currencies for regular exchange into CUC are the following: Canadian dollars, Euros, British Pounds and Swiss Francs. The exchange for US dollars will be taxed according to the established rate by the Cuban financial legislation.

Accommodation will be covered by contacting Cubanacán Travel Agency.

Work languages:

Spanish, English and Portuguese

Contacting Address:

Send your inscription request, presentation abstract and full-length papers to:

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Tourist Offers

Cubanacán Travel Agency, official tourist provider for the 10th edition of the International Symposium on Wetland Treatment, to be held from 3/6 November, 2017 at Hotel Playa Girón, Ciénaga de Zapata, Matanzas is pleased to inform you about the additional services and offers we will be willing to provide for your comfort during your stay in Cuba, specially aimed at the before-congress and after-congress periods.

ACCOMODATION IN HAVANA AND PLAYA GIRON

Hotel in Havana	Single room (one person)	Double room (two people)	Triple room (Three people)
Hotel Vedado (3*)	65.00	45.00	40.00

These prices are expressed in Cuban Convertible Pesos (CUC), they are referred to one person (pax) per night, and they include:

- Accommodation at Hotel Vedado, Havana, on a Room and Breakfast plan (CP Plan).
- Attendance at Jose Marti International Airport upon your arrival in Cuba.

	Single room (one person)	Double room (two people)	Triple room (three people)
Hotel Playa Girón (3*)	55.00	45.00	35.00

These prices are expressed in Convertible Cuban Pesos (CUC), they are referred to one person per night (pax) and they include:

- Accommodation at Hotel Playa Girón, Ciénaga de Zapata Swamp region, on a Room, Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner, plus all beverages included Plan (AI Plan).
- Attendance at Hotel Playa Girón, Ciénaga de Zapata.

Exclusive Transportation Plan:

Exclusive Taxi transportation from Havana to Playa Girón.....
185.00 CUC

These prices are expressed in Cuban Convertible (CUC),, and they are referred to exclusive transportation in available private automobiles with a maximum capacity of three people.

Exclusive Taxi transportation from Playa Girón to Havana City.....
185.00 CUC

These prices are expressed in Cuban Convertible (CUC), and they are referred to exclusive transportation in available private automobiles with a maximum capacity of three people.

Exclusive Van transportation from Havana to Playa Girón.....215.00 CUC

These prices are expressed in Cuban Convertible (CUC), and they are referred to exclusive transportation in available private automobiles with a maximum capacity of 5 people.

Exclusive Van transportation from Playa Girón to Havana
City.....215.00 CUC

These prices are expressed in Cuban Convertible (CUC), and they are referred to exclusive transportation in available private automobiles with a maximum capacity of 5 people.

Collective transportation in an air-conditioned bus with the assistance of a specialized tourist guide on November 2, at 14:00hrs (2:00 p.m.) from Hotel Vedado in Havana City to Hotel Playa Girón..... 25.00 CUC

Collective transportation in an air-conditioned bus with the assistance of a specialized tourist guide on November 2, at 14:00hrs (2:00 p.m.) from Hotel Playa Girón to Havana City..... 25.00 CUC

For your reservation request, please, provide us with the following information:

Full names

Selected offer with type of room (double, 2 pax; single, 1 pax)

Date of arrival in Cuba

Arrival flight number

Date of departure from Cuba

Departure flight number

All the above-related offers are valid from November 3 to 6, 2017, and they may be subjected to change without previous notification from Cubanacán Commercial or the Commercial Office of Tourism in Cuba.

For further information or reservation request, please contact:

Lic. Oscar Lopez Betancourt

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Inscription Form:

Full names:

Profession:

Institution:

Work presentation title:

(Theme in which you will make your presentation- Please, mark with an X from the options given bellow**

Workshops:

___ Research activities, ecosystem handling, natural and productive wetland landscapes.

___ Ecosystem goods and services. Methods for economic assessment. Experiences obtained.

___ Climate change and wetland areas. Adaptation programs.

___ Hydraulic resource handling in hydrographic sources. Impact of the Implementation of International Cooperation Projects on the handling of hydric resources and on the adaptation to climate change.

Work tables:

___ Handling and restoration of Wetland ecosystem. Experiences from Project implementation.

___ Experiences from the implementation of the project: "Environmental Foundations for Local Food Production sustainability in Wetland-Related Municipalities.

___ "Coastal pit sources: Hidden treasures in the Caribbean Sea".

___ Governance in coastal-maritime ecosystems.

___ Wetland areas, Environmental governance and local development.

___ Tele-detection use; sensing; sensors and integral management systems in wetland areas research and handling.

___ Contribution of International Cooperation Projects to information gathering and management for decision-making.

Implementation of wetland research & management or rehabilitation projects.

Oral presentation request for aids and means: _____

Posters request for aids and means: : _____

**** Attention/Compulsory Field, if you don't fill in the above requested information, the organizing committee would be forced to neglect your presentation request.**

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Days Session	November 6	November 7	November 8	November 9	November 10
Morning		9:00 Inauguration	9:00 Master Lecture.	9:00 Master Lecture.	9:00 Master Lecture.
		9:15 Master Lecture by Dr. Rudolf S. de Groot. Environmental Systems Analysis Group, Wageningen University. The Netherlands.	9:45 Workshop on Research and handling of ecosystems as well as of natural and productive landscapes.	9:45 Climate Change and Wetland areas: Adaptation Programs.	9:45 Workshop on Handling of Hydraulic Resources on Hydrographic Sources. Impact of International Cooperation Programs on the Handling of Hydric Resources as well as on Adaptation to Climate Change.
		10:00 Workshop on Environmental Goods and Services.	Work in commissions: Wetland areas, Environmental Governance and Local	9:30 Work in Commissions: Implementation of research/management or rehabilitation	12:00 Closing Session.

			Development.	programs in wetland areas.	
Lunch Time 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.					
Afternoon	3.00 p.m. Arrival	2.45 p.m. Continuation of the Workshop on Environmental Goods and Services.	2:45 p.m. "Coastal pit sources, Hidden Treasures of the Caribbean Sea".	2:45 p.m. Continuation of the Workshop.	3: Departure
		2:45 Use of Tele-detection, Sensoring, sensors and Integral Management Systems In the wetland research and handling. Contribution of international cooperation projects in information gathering and management for decision-making.	2:45 Work in commissions: Experiences in the implementation of the project: "Environmental foundations for Local Food Production Sustainability in Wetland/related municipalities."	2:45 Work in Commissions: Governance in coastal/maritime ecosystems.	
	Inscriptions and accreditation	4:45 p.m. Poster session.	4:45 p.m. Poster session.	4:45 p.m. Poster session	
Night		Cultural Activity.	9:00 Video Projections	Farewell Cocktail Party	

Note: The program might be modified in accordance with the final works accepted by the Scientific Committee.