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Human-nature interactions and conflict management in mountain environment

Overcoming barriers in dialogue and mutual understanding to promote biodiversity conservation, regional development and ecological connectivity

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The workshop wants to be an opportunity to share different local experiences and ongoing studies dealing with the different interactions between human society and wildlife species in a mountainous environment. The workshop wants to be an occasion to discuss potential concrete solutions to the different issues – therefore, an active participation of the workshop's attendants in the sessions is highly recommended and expected. The workshop wants to touch concrete problems of people and stimulate the reflection of the participants on the current and future impact of human society on the natural environment.

POSTER SUBMISSION

We invite professionals, researchers and students to submit a poster of their current research or best practices, in order to provide new and fresh ideas to face the current and new challenges deriving from the coexistence between humans and nature and to improve conflict management.

Posters can be submitted until the 15th of September at the following address: <https://goo.gl/forms/98U0cQTNPmLQxvDi1>

Including a short abstract of maximum 250 words, choosing one of the following sessions

1. Large Carnivores and human society

Prevention and compensation systems to avoid negative human-large carnivores' interactions. Best practices for coexistence and regional development (i.e., wildlife tourism).

2. Outdoor sport activities and wildlife disturbance

Interaction, impact and mitigation of mountain sport activities on wildlife presence and distribution. Chain effects of wildlife disturbance, potentials of new technologies for wildlife management (i.e., drones). Mitigation of impact of new technologies for tourism in mountain environment (i.e., e-MTB) and of sport activities (i.e., paragliding) on wildlife management.

3. Animal-vehicle collisions

Methodologies for *hotspots* Identification and mitigation. Prevention measures, information campaign, citizen science, development of *apps* and WebGIS.

4. Stakeholders' engagement

Different ways of engaging local stakeholders according to the needs, the locations and the history of the site. Strategies for creating mutual understanding and promote dialogue, overcoming interests and rivalries.

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