

# SACRED NATURAL SITES

## S35 - Sacred Lands - dynamic archetypes for changing times

Monday 21 May, from 14:30 – 16:00 – Botanical Institute, Montpellier

### Chairs:

**Robert Wild**, Joint Coordinator Sacred Natural Site Initiative [www.sacrednaturalsites.org](http://www.sacrednaturalsites.org), Chair IUCN Specialist Group on the Cultural and Spiritual Values of Protected Areas

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### Oral Presentations:

1. Sacred Lands - ancestral protected areas and dynamic archetypes - an introduction  
*Robert Wild*
2. Biological Status of White Cedar (*Dysoxylum malabaricum*) and Cultural Context of Sacred Groves of Karnataka, India  
*Alison Ormsby and Sascha Ismail*
3. Sacred Groves – dynamic archetypes for changing times: Lessons from the tribes of West Bengal  
*Ramsankar Basu*
4. Worshipping and Preservation: A Study of Some Coastal Sites. A Case Study, Senegal, West-Africa  
*Mame Demba Thiam*
5. The Symbolic Dimension Of Mountains And Caves Amongst The Palawan Of The Philippines: Some Reflections On The Impact Of Mining On These ‘Sacred’ Sites  
*Dario Novellino and Artiso Mandawa*
6. The Sacred Groves of Epirus, Greece: A Locally-Adapted Conservation System  
*Kalliopi Stara, Rigas Tsiakiris and John M. Halley*
7. Losing Sacred Ground, Mai Ka Piko Mai, A Ho‘i: Return to Kanaloa  
*Protect Kahoolawe 'ohana*
8. Sacred Natural Sites: Challenging ourselves to see the threats, even of our own good intentions  
*Liz Hosken*
9. Fighting the threats to Venda’s Sacred Sites  
*Mphatheleni Makaulule*
10. The urgent need to work with elders and custodians to protect Sacred Natural Sites – on their own terms  
*Gathuru Mburu*
11. Sacred Natural Sites Initiative - Influencing conservation policy through custodian guidance  
*Bas Verschuuren and Robert Wild*