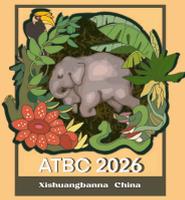


Education and outreach initiatives for tropical biodiversity: a collaborative hands-on session



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Session Description

This session provides a collaborative platform for participants to share, learn, and co-create initiatives that make tropical biodiversity accessible, understandable, and relevant to diverse audiences.

Participants with existing outreach projects, ranging from educational panels to interactive activities and featuring various living organisms, will present their experiences in concise and interactive 5-10 minute talks (4-6 expected).

Examples taken from multiple countries will demonstrate how outreach projects can be adapted to different cultural and ecological contexts and highlight the role of education and outreach in supporting conservation goals.

After these sessions, participants will engage in an interactive workshop (30-40 minutes) structured to allow mini-groups based on participants' preferred topics. In these groups, attendees can either conceptualize new educational activities or formats tailored to their own institutions, local communities, or research contexts, or explore ways to adapt and extend concepts presented earlier, creating potential new collaborations at both institutional and international levels. This participatory format ensures that participants who are new to outreach can contribute actively, while those with established projects gain potential collaborators, promoting international networking and cross-institutional partnerships.

Program Outline

Part 1: Mini-Presentations

45-60 minutes

4-6 short talks (5-10 minutes each), with active interactions, by participants with existing outreach projects on diverse taxa. Presentations will focus on lessons learned, successes, and challenges.

Part 2: Interactive Mini-Workshops

45 minutes

Group co-developing new outreach ideas or adapting and extending existing concepts, providing opportunities to brainstorm, plan, and identify potential collaborations.

Groups will include participants with and without prior outreach experience to ensure inclusive participation.

Restitutions and exchanges (15-20 minutes).

If you wish to attend, either as a presenter (upon application) or as a participant, please register using the following link:

REGISTRATIONS:

<https://forms.gle/PmQSkXvk8kMcJGwr7>

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