

Call for Case Studies

Beyond the Obituaries: Success Stories in Ocean Conservation

Background:

The International Marine Conservation Congress will take place in Washington, DC May 20th through the 24th 2009. The Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History will kick-off the conference on a positive note with one-day public program entitled "**Beyond the Obituaries: Success Stories in Ocean Conservation.**" The event, organized by Nancy Knowlton and Jeremy Jackson, will highlight conservation efforts that are making a difference around the world, allow conservation professionals to learn from the success of others, and demonstrate to the public and policy makers that the situation is not hopeless. A reception and public talk by Dr. Daniel Pauly will follow.

Criteria:

We are looking for clear, tangible results. We are *not* looking for descriptions of public awareness campaigns (unless there are tangible behavior changes tied to them) or for accounts of legislative actions that have not yet played out in the real world. We aim to have a diversity of proposals in terms of goals, ecosystems, strategies, and geography.

What to Send:

Please send one- to two-page proposals clearly outlining the success story you would like to present. Explain why this case study is noteworthy and how "success" has been measured.

Include your name and contact information, your organization, and your role in the case study you are presenting (e.g. are you an academic who has studied the rebound of a certain organism's population, a resource manager who has implemented a local program, etc.).

Send proposals (**due December 15th 2008**) or questions to Christine Hoekenga: hoekengac@si.edu.

What to Expect:

You will be notified if your proposal has been selected by mid-January. If selected, you or someone from your project will be invited to present your success story in Washington next May.

For **more information** on the International Marine Conservation Congress, visit:

<http://www2.cedarcrest.edu/imcc/index.html?CFID=7290563&CFTOKEN=62098388>