



PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

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Association of Tropical Biology and Conservation

ATBC2024

Achieving Inclusive Science for
Effective Conservation, Adaptation,
and Resilience in the Tropics

July 14-18, 2024

Kigali Conference and
Exhibition Village (KCEV)

Kigali, Rwanda



ASSOCIATION FOR
TROPICAL BIOLOGY
AND CONSERVATION

SATURDAY - JULY 13TH (PRE-CONFERENCE)

Time	University of Rwanda	
9:00 - 10:15	<p style="text-align: center;">Workshop: Writing for Publication in Peer-Review Journals: An Interactive and Collaborative Workshop (Day 1/ Part I) [WS 10]</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Workshop: Bridging Worlds- Using Illustration/Art as a Common Language for Inclusive Science in the Tropics (Part I) [WS 11]</p>
10:15	Tea Break	
10:30 - 12:00	<p style="text-align: center;">Workshop: Writing for Publication in Peer-Review Journals: An Interactive and Collaborative Workshop (Day 1/ Part II) [WS 10]</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Workshop: Bridging Worlds- Using Illustration/Art as a Common Language for Inclusive Science in the Tropics (Part II) [WS 11]</p>

SUNDAY- JULY 14TH, 2024

Time	University of Rwanda	Conference Venue (KCEV)	Norrskén House Kigali
9:00 - 10:15	<p style="text-align: center;">Workshop: Writing for Publication in Peer-Review Journals: An Interactive and Collaborative Workshop (Day 2/ Part I) [WS 10]</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Workshop: Introduction to Environmental Journalism for University and Journalism School Students (Part I) [WS-45]</p>	
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12:00 - 15:30		Registration desk open	
16:00 - 17:00			Opening Ceremony
17:00 - 18:15			Plenary Session: Keynote 1 - Ms. Beatrice Cyiza, Ministry of Environment, Rwanda
18:15 - 20:30			Welcome Cocktail (Hosted by the ATBC-Africa Chapter)

MONDAY- JULY 15TH, 2024

Time	Conference Venue (KCEV)					
	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 4	Room 5	Room 6
8:00	Workshop: Writing for Publication in Peer-Review Journals: An interactive and collaborative workshop (Day 3/ Part I) [WS-10]	Workshop: Opposite Ecological Forces: Exploring the Interplay of Floods and Fires in Tropical Wetlands [WS-31]	Workshop: Improving Collaboration with Local Partners: Finding Common Ground While Stepping Away from Helicopter Science [WS-14]	Workshop: Ready, Set, Publish: An Overview of the Paper Publication Process [WS-49]		
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9:30 - 9:45	Tea Break					
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12:00 - 13:15	Plenary Session: Keynote 2 - Dr. Göran Wallin, University of Gothenburg, Sweden & Honorary Fellows Award 2024					
13:15 - 14:45	Lunch Break					
14:45 - 17:00	Symposium: Warming Responses of Tropical Plants and Ecosystems [S-22]	Symposium: It's All About the Little Things – Insect Research Across the Tropics [S-18]	Symposium: Advancing Wildlife Monitoring and Conservation through Data-Driven Approaches: A Capacity Building Initiative in Africa [S-16]	Symposium: Using Long-Term Vegetation Plot Data to Inform Management and Conservation in Africa [S-35]	Oral Session: Sustainable Use of Tropical Resources [OS-1]	Oral Session: Advances in Tropical Biology Research Methodologies [OS-2]
17:00 - 17:30	Tea Break					
17:30 -19:15	Poster Session 1					

TUESDAY- JULY 16TH, 2024

Time	Conference Venue (KCEV)					
	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 4	Room 5	Room 6
9:00 - 10:30	Plenary Session: Keynote 3- Dr. Binbin Li, Duke Kunshan University, China & Short Video Contest Awards					
10:30 - 11:00	Tea & Coffee Break					
11:00 - 13:00	Symposium: Avian Responses to Land-Use Change in Tropical Forest Ecosystems [S-26]	Symposium: Integrating Locally-led Biodiversity Exploration for Effective Wetland Management: The Case of a Rwandan Ramsar Site [S-43]	Symposium: Over Fifty Years of Collaborative Research in Tropical Ecology and Conservation at Makerere University Biological [S-51]	Oral Session: Birds, Small Mammals and Invertebrate Ecology [OS-3]	Oral Session: Plant-Animal Interactions [OS-4]	Symposium: Innovative Remote Sensing Approaches to Understand Tropical Ecosystem Functioning and Structure [S-34]
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch Break					
14:00	Symposium: ATBC 60th Anniversary Symposium: Looking Back and Moving Forward [S-53]	Oral Session: Late breaking abstracts [OS-19]	Open-Format Session: Meet the Editorial Board (Integrative Conservation) [OFS-57]		Open-Format Session: PV Nature - Delivering impact for nature, climate and people through inclusive nature-based solutions [OFS-32]	Open-Format Session: Engage in a Scoping Study for a NASA Tropical Forest Terrestrial Ecology Campaign [OFS-4]
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16:00	Symposium: Socio-Ecological Resilience and Biodiversity [S-30]		Open-Format Session: Meet the Editor (Biotropica) [OFS-24]		Open-Format Session: Gathering International Perspectives on Environmental DNA (eDNA) Standardization for Biodiversity Assessment and Conservation Monitoring [OFS-7]	Open-Format Session: Cookstoves, charcoal and carbon markets in Africa [OFS-1]
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17:30 - 18:00	TEA BREAK					
18:00 - 19:30	Plenary Session: Panel 1- Changing the Narrative of Conservation stories in Africa					
19:30-20:30	ATBC Africa Chapter Meeting	ATBC Asia-Pacific Chapter Meeting	ATBC Neotropical Chapter Meeting			

TUESDAY- JULY 16TH, 2024

Time	College of Science and Technology, University of Rwanda, Nyarugenge Campus			
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14:00	<p style="text-align: center;">Workshop: Toward Inclusive Conservation: Incorporating Gender into Research and Practice [WS-9]</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Workshop: Social-Ecological Restoration Research in Rwanda: A Methodological Approach [WS-10]</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Workshop: Communicating Conservation Science [WS-11]</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Workshop: Introducing Bioacoustics as a Conservation Tool [WS-12]</p>
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WEDNESDAY- JULY 17TH, 2024

Time	Conference Venue (KCEV)					
	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 4	Room 5	Room 6
9:00 - 10:15	Plenary Session: Keynote 4 -Prof. Bagele Chilisa, University of Botswana, Botswana & Denslow and Ashton Best Biotropica Paper Award					
10:30 - 11:00	Tea & Coffee Break					
11:00 - 13:00	Symposium: Ecology, Threats, and Conservation Status of Tropical Peatlands- (Part I) [S-41]	Symposium: Resurveying Birds to Understand the Past and Plan for the Future [S-47]	Oral Session: Wildlife conservation and management- [OS-5]	Oral Session: Community engagement and indigenous knowledge in conservation [OS-6]	Oral Session: Human-wildlife coexistence [OS-7]	Symposium: Conservation and Ornithological efforts in West Africa [S-44]
13:00 - 14:30	Lunch Break					
14:30	Symposium: Ecology, Threats, and Conservation Status of Tropical Peatlands- (Part II) [S-41]	Oral Session: Biodiversity and ecosystem services- (Part I) [OS-8]	Oral Session: Species Resilience and Adaptations to Climate Change [OS-10]	Oral Session: Plant Responses to Variable Stressors [OS-13]	Oral Session: Tropical Ecosystem Management and Restoration [OS-12]	Open-Format Session: Decolonizing Tropical Conservation Science Curricula in African Universities [OFS-56]
14:45		Oral Session: Advances in tropical biology research methodologies [OS-9]				
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17:15 - 17:45	Tea & Coffee Break					
17:45 - 19:30	Poster Session 2					
19:30 - 20:30	ATBC DEI Open Mic Session					

THURSDAY- JULY 18TH, 2024

Time	Conference Venue (KCEV)					
	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 4	Room 5	Room 6
9:00 - 10:30	Plenary Session: Keynote 5- Tuyeni Mwampamba, ATBC President & Navjot Sodhi Conservation Research Award					
10:30 - 11:00	Tea & Coffee Break					
11:00 - 13:15	Symposium: Liana Ecology Unveiled: Exploring Multifaceted Roles in Tropical Forest Ecosystems [S-27]	Oral Session: Late breaking abstracts [OS-20]	Symposium: Diverse Biotic Interactions Across the Global Tropics [S-28]	Oral Session: Carnivore Ecology [OS-15]	Oral Session: Conservation Policy and Practice [OS-16]	Oral Session: Late breaking abstracts [OS-17]
13:15 - 14:30	Lunch Break					
14:30 - 16:00	Symposium: Local Action, Global Impact: Community-based Grauer's Gorilla Conservation in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo [S-40]	Symposium: Linking Tree Phenology with Changes in African Forest Ecosystem Functionalities: Setting Standards and Fostering Long-Term [S-25]	Symposium: Innovative Model for Biodiversity Conservation and Community Empowerment: Lessons Learned from UNESCO Designated Biosphere Reserve [S-2]	Oral Session: Late breaking abstracts [OS-18]	Symposium: Fragmented, Hunted Fragile Ecosystems: Exploration of Habitat Degradation and its Devastating Impacts on Orphan Tropical [S-36]	Symposium: Community-based solutions for the conservation and future of the Tropics [S-37]
16:00 - 16:30	Tea & Coffee Break	Tea & Coffee Break				
16:30 - 18:00	Plenary Session: Panel 2: The Future of the Field of Tropical Biology and Conservation					
18:00 - 19:30						
19:30-00:00	Closing Ceremony Gentry, Bacardi and New Phytologist Awards Dinner & Dance					