



The Center for Tropical Ecology and Conservation
announces the annual fall symposium:

**WILD SOLUTIONS: OVERCOMING HUMAN-WILDLIFE
CONFLICT ISSUES**

Saturday, October 24th, 2009

Keene, New Hampshire

As the global population increases, and humans need more and more land to survive, wild animal populations are faced with shrinking and fragmented habitats. This is causing an ever increasing number of conflicts between humans and wildlife as their interactions become more frequent. Wildlife are often seen simply as a nuisance or competition for resources which may already be scarce. These conflicts can be detrimental to wild animal populations, particularly threatened and endangered species. In order to prevent further declines in wildlife populations, scientists, educators and local communities must work together to try to solve the various human-wildlife conflict issues.

The purpose of this symposium is to bring together researchers, educators, students and advocates from New England and the Tropics to discuss contemporary applied research and form collaborative relationships. Participants will have the opportunity to interact with other professionals in the field and share ideas on how to encourage a global conservation ethic.

Call for Abstracts:

The Center for Tropical Ecology and Conservation (CTEC) at Antioch University is currently accepting proposals for oral and poster presentations, and panel topics that address the following goals:

- To give researchers and educators the opportunity to discuss current human-wildlife conflict issues in the Tropics and form collaborative relationships.
- To explore current research and recommendations about human-wildlife conflict interventions including: improving current techniques for intervention,

finding financially sustainable practices, transference of scientific findings to policy, decreasing human-wildlife competition for natural resources.

- To discuss the role of scientists as educators in local communities where human-wildlife conflict is a problem.
- To discuss ideas of how to promote a community-based conservation ethic focusing on sustainable natural resource use and wildlife tolerance.

Submission Guidelines:

For each submission (multiple submissions considered) please include:

1. The symposium goal you wish to address
2. A 100-300 word or less abstract outlining presentation goals
3. Complete contact information: name, address, phone number, email, affiliation(s)
4. Proposed format of your presentation (panel topic*, poster or oral presentation) along with two to three potential discussion questions related to your submission

*If you wish to propose a panel topic please include a list of potential participants in the panel.

About CTEC:

[The Center for Tropical Ecology and Conservation \(CTEC\)](#) is a non-profit organization in the Environmental Studies Department at [Antioch University New England](#) which promotes the sustainable and just use of tropical ecosystems by training conservation leaders, conducting conservation research with partner organizations, and serving as an educational resource for the New England region.

All submissions should be sent electronically to the symposium coordinator:

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Subject: Submission 2009 Symposium

Deadline: August 3, 2009 (until spaces are full)