

## TNC Science Council Update September 19, 2006

**Meet the TNC Science Council!** Science Council members will attend the 2006 Science in Conservation Practice Conference in Tucson, Arizona (Nov. 27-30). A special “meet the TNC Science Council” event will be held at the Arizona Sonoran Desert Museum on Wednesday evening (Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>). Contact Tosha Comendant ([tcomendant@tnc.org](mailto:tcomendant@tnc.org)) with questions about the conference.

**New Science Council member.** Gretchen Daily, Stanford Professor and ecosystem services pioneer, has accepted a position on the TNC Board of Directors and the Science Council.  
<http://cesp.stanford.edu/people/gretchendaily/>

**2015 goal science.** Science Council members are working with Jon Hoekstra and the 2015 goal Habitat Assessment Teams to help with further data analysis and publishing results.

**Return on investment analyses.** Steve Polasky and Bill Murdoch are working with Jon Hoekstra and the Science Office on incorporating Return on Investment (ROI) analyses into priority setting. They are also exploring the potential for collaborating on a test case of ROI in South America.

**Experimental design.** Fran James is analyzing TNC scientific papers and highlighting examples of the use of experimental design principles to inform adaptive management. She will present her findings at the November Science conference.

**2015 goal 3-year implementation plans.** The TNC measures team is planning to enlist the help of Council members in ensuring implementation strategies for TNC's 2015 goal are measurable.

**Victor Shelford Science award.** The Science Council has established a yearly award to honor a TNC employee or volunteer (past or present) for significant scientific contributions to conservation. Nominations were due September 30, 2006 and the award winner will be announced at the November TNC Science in Conservation Practice Conference.

These updates will be sent out twice yearly, with additional updates as necessary.  
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