



## Security and Climate Change

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### CEC Chair's Corner



Dear CEC members,

Days away from the start of the climate change talks in Copenhagen, this newsletter brings more news about the actions that CEC members are taking to raise awareness and bring about change. Our first story defines climate change as a 'threat multiplier' for instability in some of the most volatile regions of the world. Impacts on water, food, health and weather could lead to mass immigration, lack of control over borders and potential armed conflict. Several CEC members are engaged in the project Climate Change and the Military. This newsletter also features several videos that are communicating other aspects of climate change, such as the role of oceans or the need for citizen participation. I would also like to point towards our next item on the international agenda, the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity. David Ainsworth of the CBD Secretariat directs CEC members to the IYB Communications Guidelines.

About a week ago, I reported to the IUCN Council on the events of 2009. The activities highlighted in my [presentation](#) will be recounted in greater detail in our December newsletter. I look forward to hearing from CEC members about your experiences surrounding the Copenhagen conference, as well as your plans for 2010. Send your news to [cecnews@iucn.org](mailto:cecnews@iucn.org).

With regards,  
Keith Wheeler, Chair  
IUCN Commission on Education and Communication

### Climate Change and the Military



#### CEC Action on Climate Change and the Military

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### Gaming Exercise on Climate Change and Humanitarian Disaster Relief

CEC members recently participated in a gaming exercise about the challenges nations may face in the future given a scenario of increased climate impacts and scarce resources. [Full story >>](#)



### Climate Change Seen as Threat to U.S. Security

The changing global climate will pose profound strategic challenges to the United States in coming decades, raising the prospect of military intervention to deal with the effects of violent storms, drought, mass migration and pandemics, military and intelligence analysts say. This article from [The New York Times](#) is shared with CEC members by Keith Wheeler, CEC Chair. [Full story >>](#)

## CEC Member News — Climate Change



### Oceans and Climate Change: View this 6-minute video

This film explains in 6 minutes how the oceans are affected and play a major role in climate change, with a focus on alien species in the Mediterranean. CEC members went aboard the vessel used by the Changing Oceans Expedition while docked in Barcelona last October. Shared with CEC by the Antinea team. [Full story >>](#)



### New Video: Climate Change and the Earth Charter

CEC member Mirian Vilela, Executive Director of the Earth Charter, invites you to take a look at her organization's new video. It was produced for the You Tube/ CNN competition "Raise your voice for the Earth Charter." [Full story >>](#)

## Biodiversity



### **Communication Guidelines for the International Year of Biodiversity**

Communication guidelines from the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity invite all partners of the CBD to communicate strong messages that inspire action. Full story >>

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## Earth Summit 2012: Sustainable Development – The Peace of the Future

A new website aims to kick-start discussion about an Earth Summit in 2012, twenty years on from the Rio Earth Summit in 1992. [Full story >>](#)