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Immerse yourself in the sounds of nature through [Sounds of Your Park](#), a new audio experience of the planet's protected places.

IUCN's World Commission on Protected Areas, the George Wright Society, the US National Park Service, Parks Canada, and Colorado State University invite you to experience this new global collection of natural and cultural sounds from the planet's protected places.

With more than 30 protected areas already featured, this collaborative effort with #NatureForAll aims to inspire everyone to engage with our natural and cultural heritage, and foster meaningful connections with our parks and protected areas.

Catch a dawn chorus along the Limpopo River in the Mmabolela Conservancy in South Africa, spend a night in the bayou of Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve, Louisiana, U.S.A., or experience a Mayan ceremony at the Sian Ka'an Biosphere Reserve, Quintana Roo, Mexico.

Visit the [website](#) for more details.

Quiocho, Simon, Hicks join GWS governance team

Kalani Quiocho and Jimm Simon will begin terms on the GWS Board of

Directors starting January 1 as a result of this year's election process. Kalani and Jimm were the only candidates for the two available seats on the Board. As a result, the Board invoked a provision in the GWS By-Laws that allows candidates in uncontested elections to be declared elected by acclamation. Separately, the Board has named Akiebia Hicks as its new Graduate Student Representative.

Kalani works for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and serves as the Native Hawaiian Program Specialist for Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument, the largest protected area in the United States and the only mixed natural and cultural UNESCO World Heritage site in the country. He is currently a part-time PhD student in the Department of



Natural Resources and Environmental Management at UH Mānoa. As a young Native Hawaiian, Kalani was fascinated by people and places, and the unique relationships among them. He has since committed himself to marine conservation and the Indigenous contributions to local and global efforts.

Jimm is currently the Executive Director of a non-profit agency and a social enterprise business that supports adults who live with intellectual disabilities. Prior to this Jimm was a self-employed heritage tourism consultant for over 20 years working on over 150 different heritage and parks-related projects, across Western Canada and in the Arctic. He is also the former Chair, and an honorary life member, of both the Canadian Cancer Society and the Association of Manitoba Museums.



Akiebia is a second-year PhD student at Clemson University in the department of Parks and Recreation and Tourism Management. She completed her bachelor's at Georgia Southwestern State University. Akiebia has worked at Jimmy Carter National Historic Site and Little River Canyon National Preserve. Her PhD research is inspired by her experience as a minority staffer in the National Park Service, and she aims to assist managers of parks and other



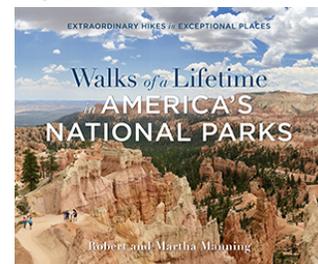
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Announcements & opportunities

GWS votes on dozens of World Conservation Congress motions. Every four years IUCN (the International Union for Conservation of Nature) holds the World Conservation Congress—the largest international meeting of its kind. Part of the congress is a Members’ Assembly, in which organizational members vote on dozens of policy motions proposed from all over the world. As an active IUCN member, GWS participates in the vote, which this year is taking place entirely virtually because of the pandemic. You can [read the motions here](#), and [see how the GWS voted here](#). A big thank-you goes to GWS President Dave Reynolds (who is a member of the IUCN National Committee for the USA) for taking charge of reviewing the motions and formulating our responses.

GWS members publish walking guide to US national parks. Long-time GWS members Robert Manning and Martha Manning recently published [Walks of a Lifetime in America’s National Parks](#). Walk the national parks and find out for yourself why they’re “America’s best idea” and why walking is the richest and most authentic way to experience and appreciate these iconic places. This book introduces all 62 units of the National Park System designated as national parks and offers first-hand descriptions of the very best trails. Richly illustrated with hundreds of color photographs, [Walks of a Lifetime](#) includes a wealth of practical advice on how to visit and hike the national parks and concludes with a plea to readers to evolve from national park visitors to national park stewards.



US Biosphere Reserve Network “Convening Our Community of Practice” virtual workshop. Join the US Biosphere Reserve Network (USBN) on Tuesday, November 10, 2020, at 1:00pm EST for [Convening Our Community of Practice](#), as we engage and inspire the USBN. The workshop will kick off with keynote addresses from conservation scientist and Senior Fellow at the United Nations Foundation, **Tom Lovejoy**, and **Sharon Farrell** of the California Landscape Stewardship Network and Vice President, Stewardship &

Conservation at Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy. Sharon and Tom will speak to the biosphere reserve context from their many years of collective experience in landscape conservation and collaborative stewardship programs.

Keynote conversations will be followed by a discussion hosted by the US Biosphere Network regarding the Network's direction and the mission, vision, and values of biosphere reserves, followed by panelists addressing important issues affecting biosphere reserves and society: *connecting community well-being to nature, engagement with indigenous peoples, and collaborative responses to climate change.*

The workshop is free and open to the public. Please register [here](#).

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