



*Belize Wildlife  
Conservation Network  
Communication & Collaboration  
for Conservation*

## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

### 6<sup>th</sup> Annual NRM Symposium 2012

March 22-23, 2012

University of Belize

The submission of abstracts for oral presentations and/or posters is invited for presentation at the 6<sup>th</sup> annual NRM Symposium organized by the Belize MSBC Chapter, Belize Wildlife Conservation Network (BWCN), and the University of Belize. The Symposium will be held on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> 2012 at the UB IT Auditorium, Belmopan Campus. The main purpose of the symposium is to bring together researchers, managers, students, government agencies, and NGOs engaged in natural resource management in Belize, to share in their findings and evaluate the status of resource management in the country.

Presentations will be held under the theme: **Conservation through Cooperation: Practical Approaches for the Management of Natural Resources in Belize**

Abstracts for posters can be on any topic related to natural resource management in Belize, or cooperative conservation efforts. An abstract should be submitted in accordance with the instructions below. Final selections will be made by the symposium committee.

#### Abstract Submission

Abstracts are to be submitted electronically via e-mail to [smbc.belize@gmail.com](mailto:smbc.belize@gmail.com). Abstract texts can be sent as email attachments, as Microsoft Word documents. When sending an abstract as an attachment, the author should name the file with last name and first initial (e.g., cawich\_c.doc). Include all co-authors in the CC line of the email message. Receipt of submissions will be acknowledged electronically.

**FINAL DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION:  
25 FEBRUARY 2012**

#### Format

The abstract must be written in English and should be structured with the following format:

1. the author(s) contact information (name, affiliation, postal address, phone number and email)
2. paper title of 15-20 words
3. an abstract of no more than 300 words
4. the text should be in Arial 10 pt; no page numbers
5. margins should be: left/right 2cm, top/bottom 2.5cm

For further information on the symposium contact [smbc.belize@gmail.com](mailto:smbc.belize@gmail.com) or the Environmental Research Institute, University of Belize at 822-2701.

## Guidelines for Oral Presentations

The official language for presentation is English. Each speaker will be allotted 15 minutes for an oral presentation and 5 minutes for discussion. All speakers are kindly requested to strictly observe the allotted presentation time.

## Guidelines for Poster Presentations

The official language for presentation is English. There will be a set discussion time for the poster presentations, which will be identified in the symposium program.

Posters should be prepared with the title of the presentation, author's name(s) and affiliation(s) in accordance with the panel format. Recommended poster size is: 90cm Width) x 210cm (Height). A Poster Presentation time will be allotted for posters and announced in the symposium program. Poster presenters should stand by their posters to explain and discuss their posters during the Discussion Time on the presentation day.



## Photography Competition and Display:

- The theme of the photo competition is *Society and Nature*.
- Photos submitted must depict people positively interacting with nature, such as through natural resources, research, environmental education, and ecotourism.
- The subject matter must be regional, i.e., photos taken in or depicting Mesoamerica.
- Photos will be judged based on their composition, originality, artistic and/or scientific merit
- Photo must be send electronically to [smbc.belize@gmail.com](mailto:smbc.belize@gmail.com), with the photographer's surname, first initial, and photo number (e.g. GalvezR\_01.jpg)
- Photo must be printed no larger than 8.5 x 11 inch, for displaying in the MSBC Belize Chapter Symposium.
- A 50 word paragraph should be submitted describing what the photo is depicting.
- Each participant can submit a maximum of 2 photos
- The deadline for photo submission is **February 17, 2012**
- The MSBC reserves the right to use all submitted photos for the purposes of publication (website use, brochures, posters etc) and promotion, in ways are that in line with the vision and regulations of the Society. The photographer's name will be cited in every instance the photo is utilized.