

**International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
World Conservation Congress – *Hawai'i* 2016**



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Background:

IUCN and the National Host Committee's *Green Team* followed through on ambitious goals for making the Congress as sustainable of an event as possible. The goal was to walk the talk for conservation, set an example for other events of its size and leave a lasting legacy of sustainability in Hawai'i. The Congress [earned ISO 20121 sustainable event certification](#) and was the largest conference ever to earn the highest level of Hawai'i Green Business certification.

- ✚ 100% of carbon emissions mitigated (Read about the [carbon mitigation project](#) in Cordillera Azul National Park in Peru)
- ✚ 100% recyclable exhibitions, and pavilions reused by local schools or composted by local farms
- ✚ 62% of all food (and 90% of vegetarian options) sourced locally
- ✚ 72% of official Congress hotels certified by the Hawai'i Green Business Program
- ✚ 50% of waste recycled or composted
- ✚ 0% of food service containers and utensils made from single-use plastic

"We are doing this not only because it is the right thing to do for this Congress. We're doing it to develop a model that can be carried forward in Hawai'i and elsewhere."

"We want the initiatives we are putting in place to set a new standard for event sustainability and to continue to generate economic, social and environmental benefits for Hawai'i well beyond the Congress."

Alexandra Petersen, Congress Logistics Manager.

- ✚ Read the [IUCN My Green Congress Sustainability Policy](#) for more details on what IUCN and participants did to minimize the environmental impacts of the IUCN World Conservation Congress 2016
- ✚ See the [carbon mitigation report from Atmosfair](#) on carbon emissions and mitigation efforts from the IUCN Congress 2016



For more information on the event, visit: <http://iucnworldconservationcongress.org/>