



## 6<sup>th</sup> Biodiversity Conference Nigeria Chapter of Society for Conservation Biology (NSCB)

6 to 12 May 2018 | University of Uyo, Nigeria | [www.nscbconf2018.wordpress.com](http://www.nscbconf2018.wordpress.com)



### PREAMBLE

Nigeria occupies a unique geographic position in Africa with one of the richest biodiversity in the continent. Its diversity of natural ecosystems ranges from semi-arid savanna to mountain forests, rich seasonal floodplain environments, rainforests, vast freshwater swamp forests and diverse coastal vegetation.

The Niger Delta region of the country contains the largest tract of mangrove in Africa. The country is also known as a global hotspot for primate species such as the white-throated monkey (*Cercopithecus erythrogaster*), Sclater's guenon (*C. sclateri*), the Niger Delta red colobus (*Procolobus pennantii epieni*), and the most endangered gorilla subspecies on earth, the Cross River gorilla (*Gorilla gorilla diehli*). There are also four bird species, the Anambra waxbill (*Estrilda poliopareia*), the Ibadan malimbe, (*Malimbus ibadanensis*), the Jos Plateau indigo-bird (*Vidua maryae*) and the Rock Fire-Finch (*Lagonostica sanguinodorsalis*).

Despite the potential, the country is still faced with various challenges with respect to biodiversity conservation. With increasing population and pressure on available natural resources, the country has lost significant percentage of its biodiversity. To worsen the matter, there has been a general institutional weakness and lack of technical capacity to effectively tackle the nation's environmental issues, including threat to biological diversity.

The 2018 Conference of Nigeria Chapter of Society for Conservation Biology (NSCB) tagged

“UYO 2018” is specially planned to engage students, young and practicing conservation professionals to discuss and deliberate on potential and challenges of conservation in Nigeria. The conference is aimed at identifying practical steps in tackling conservation challenges in the country. It is believed that the conference will come up with practical strategies that can foster development of conservation in Nigeria thereby contributing to national development.

### CONFERENCE THEME

**Biodiversity Conservation and National Development: Potential and Challenges**

### CONFERENCE SUB-THEMES

- 1) Conservation of terrestrial and aquatic diversity for national development
- 2) Ecotourism and contributions to national development
- 3) Climate change mitigation in national development
- 4) Conservation of fragile and threatened species
- 5) Protected landscapes in national development
- 6) Public-private partnership for biodiversity conservation
- 7) Trade of ivory as challenge in wildlife conservation
- 8) Human and wild animal conflict
- 9) Interconnection of green energy and biodiversity conservation
- 10) Conservation and policy interface

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### **(a) Paper Submissions**

End of Full paper submission -15 Feb 2018  
Notification of accepted - 28 Feb 2018  
Submission of corrected papers - 15 Mar 2018

#### **(b) Pre-Conference training: (7 May 2018)**

1. Use of electronic devices in conservation research
2. Understanding snakes in a changing environment
3. Working with endangered species: roles of enforcement agencies
4. Careers and opportunities in conservation biology

### FIELD TRIPS

- (1) Uyo City tour
- (2) National Museum of Colonial History
- (3) Ibeno Beach

### REGISTRATION FEES

- Student (Undergrad & MSc Only) – **N5,000.00**
- Nigerian Participants – **N15,000**
- International Participants (a field trip inclusive) - **\$200** (Two hundred US Dollars)

**For more details on Registration, Paper Submission, Accommodation, Partnership:**

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