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Community Work

- Continued to support the development of the Ulu Papar BCP in Sabah, Malaysia [<link>](#)
- Continued to assist the Alto San Juan community in Choco, Colombia, to develop a BCP [<link>](#)
- Facilitated workshops with over 120 members of the Bushbuckridge Traditional Healers' Association to discuss a potential carbon offset programme, solicit feedback on draft biodiversity guidelines, and discuss the terms of a non-disclosure agreement the association was considering with a company seeking to use their TK to develop cosmetics [<link>](#)
- Continued to support the development of a BCP in Lamu, Kenya [<link>](#)
- Explored legal literacy and engagement with national and international legal frameworks with youth environmental activists in Sri Lanka [<link>](#)
- Launched Asia Regional Initiative on Biocultural Community Protocols at an inception meeting in Sri Lanka [<link>](#)
- Launched African Bio-cultural Community Protocol Initiative at an inception meeting in !Khwatla, South Africa [<link>](#)
- Continued to support local organization LPPS to address the Raika pastoralists' exclusion from the Kumbalgarh Forest Sanctuary in Rajasthan, India [<link>](#)
- Co-organized a series of pilots with UEFT and GIZ to test the application of biocultural community protocols in the context of biotrade
 - Supported the Asociación Forestal Indígena de Madre de Dios (AFIMAD) in Peruvian Amazon to use elements of the BCP process to consolidate community sentiment to guide AFIMAD's relationship supplying brazil nuts to UEFT founding member Candela [<link>](#)
 - Supported the Associação de Produtores Rurais de Nazarezinho do Meruú in Brazil to use elements of the BCP process to guide its supply of acai to UEFT member Beraca [<link>](#)
 - Supported community members in a conserved area near Vohimana, Madagascar, to use elements of the BCP process to guide their supply of natural ingredients to UEFT member Aroma Forest [<link>](#)
- Co-hosted informal regional dialogue on BCPs in Latin America, held in Lima, Peru [<link>](#)
- Presented at workshop on BCPs and livestock keepers' rights in Nairobi, Kenya [<link>](#)

- Hosted meeting of East African members of the Africa BCP Initiative and partners to discuss workplans and best practices as the members begin to develop BCPs [<link>](#)
- Began engagement with the Ogiek Peoples' Development Programme in Kenya to explore potential applications of a BCP [<link>](#)

Technical Advice

- Presented on potential FPIC mechanisms for communities participating in REDD projects at the 'Africa Regional Consultation between Indigenous Peoples, Forest Dependent Communities, and UN REDD Programme: FPIC Processes and Recourse Mechanisms' in Arusha, Tanzania [<link>](#)
- Attended 5th Pan-African Stakeholder Workshop on Access and Benefit Sharing in Morocco [<link>](#)
- Presented on community protocols and ABS agreements at a workshop for University of Oslo Faculty of Law students in !Khwa ttu, South Africa [<link>](#)
- Participated in a ABS experts meeting in Chennai, India, along with other negotiators of the Nagoya Protocol to contribute to a guide to the Protocol and its interpretation [<link>](#)
- Participated in experts meeting on ethical biotrade to begin to explore the potential role of BCPs in biotrade [<link>](#)
- Facilitated multi-stakeholder workshop on developing a national ABS policy for Bhutan [<link>](#)
- Facilitated the first ABS Capacity Development Workshop for African Lusophone countries in Maputo, Mozambique [<link>](#)
- Attended the launching workshop of the IDRC and GIZ Open AIR Initiative in Cape Town, South Africa [<link>](#)
- Participated in information and preparatory meeting for Indigenous peoples and local communities on ABS and traditional knowledge in New York [<link>](#)
- Presented at OSISA Economic Justice Partners Meeting [<link>](#)
- Participated as experts providing input on proposed amendments to the Intellectual Property Amendment Bill at the Portfolio Committee for Trade and Industry in South Africa's Parliament [<link>](#)
- Participated in meeting on draft resource kit on protected area governance at IUCN HQ in Gland, Switzerland [<link>](#)
- Co-hosted experts meeting on protected areas and ABS at IUCN HQ in Gland, Switzerland [<link>](#)
- Co-hosted meeting of Indigenous African leaders with IPACC on the UNEP Green Economy Initiative in Cape Town, South Africa [<link>](#)
- Co-organized workshop on biocultural rights and BCPs for Indigenous communities and supporting organizations in Windhoek, Namibia [<link>](#)
- Presented at UCT seminar on traditional knowledge and intellectual property rights [<link>](#)
- Attended experts meeting on ABS and intellectual property rights hosted by the ABS Capacity Development Initiative in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia [<link>](#)
- Attended training course on ABS in Nairobi, Kenya [<link>](#)
- Attended 4th ABS workshop for Eastern and Southern Africa in Malawi [<link>](#)

- Presented on the use of BCPs for the implementation of ABS at the local level at a one-day capacity building event for conservation organizations held in Washington, D.C. [<link>](#)
- Provided input to the Sabah Biodiversity Centre on legal matters related to ABS in Sabah [<link>](#)
- Coordinated and edited a Technical Note on ABS and Biotrade in the context of Biosphere Reserves for UNESCO [<link>](#)

International Meetings & Negotiations

- Attended the International Association for the Study of the Commons (IASC) Conference 2011 in Hyderabad [<link>](#)
 - Hosted a one-day workshop on BCPs [<link>](#)
 - Hosted a panel on 'Traditional Knowledge and the Commons' [<link>](#)
 - Presented at the 'Pastoralism and Commons: Beyond Sedentarisation and Sustainability' policy forum [<link>](#)
 - Presented at 'Storehouses of Genes – Whose Property?' [<link>](#)
 - Participated in a workshop on ICCAs [<link>](#)
- Presented on biopiracy cases and biocultural community protocols at the World Social Forum in Dakar, Senegal [<link>](#)
- Attended the UNFCCC 14th session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperation Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA) and the 16th session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP) in Bangkok, Thailand [<link>](#)
 - Attended press conference hosted by TEBTEBBA on implications of the Cancun Agreement for Indigenous peoples and local communities [<link>](#)
 - Attended press conference hosted by Pan-African Climate Justice Alliance on the state of UNFCCC negotiations in Bangkok [<link>](#)
 - Attended press conference hosted by Oxfam, Greenpeace, and WWF calling on ASEAN governments to work towards a fair, ambitious, and binding climate deal [<link>](#)
 - Attended press conference hosted by the UNFCCC Executive Secretary on the state of the UNFCCC negotiations [<link>](#)
 - Attended press conference hosted by the Government of the Plurinational State of Bolivia on the imbalance in developed and developing country pledges for emissions reductions [<link>](#)
- Participated in regional consultations and capacity building workshops on REDD+ and biodiversity safeguards, hosted by the CBD Secretariat
 - Asia regional consultation held in Singapore [<link>](#)
 - Africa regional consultation held in Cape Town, South Africa [<link>](#)
- Participated in the first meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee on the Nagoya Protocol in Montreal, Canada [<link>](#)
- Organized and presented at roundtable and panel session on community conservation initiatives at International Symposium on Society and Resource Management in Sabah, Malaysia [<link>](#)

- Attended 4th Session of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP) in Geneva, Switzerland [<link>](#)
 - Attended lunch-time event hosted by WIPO on traditional knowledge and intellectual property [<link>](#)
 - Attended lunch-time event hosted by the International Indian Treaty Council on treaties and agreements between states and Indigenous peoples within the UN system [<link>](#)
 - Attended lunch-time event hosted by Incomindios on FPIC and transnational corporations [<link>](#)
 - Organized and co-hosted lunch-time event on ICCAs and Indigenous peoples' rights [<link>](#)
- Attended 13th Session of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA) in Rome, Italy
 - Attended side event co-hosted by CGIAR on agrobiodiversity, climate change, and food security [<link>](#)
 - Attended side event hosted by the LIFE Network and LPP on biocultural community protocols, traditional livestock keepers, and animal genetic resources [<link>](#)
- Presented on the traditional knowledge common pool of the Bushbuckridge Traditional Healers' Association at a workshop on common pools of genetic resources hosted by the University of Bremen in Germany [<link>](#)
- Presented on biocultural rights and responsibilities at the 3rd Wild Law Conference, hosted by Griffith University in Brisbane, Australia [<link>](#)
- Attended first national ICCA Symposium in Bogor, Indonesia [<link>](#)
- Participated in ASEAN regional capacity development workshop on ABS, hosted by the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity in Manila, Philippines [<link>](#)
- Attended 7th Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions (WG8(j)) of the CBD in Montreal, Canada [<link>](#)
 - Hosted roundtable on Indigenous peoples' territories and community conserved areas [<link>](#)
 - Co-hosted side event on recognizing and supporting territories and areas conserved by Indigenous peoples and local communities [<link>](#)
 - Presented at four other side events on BCPs, REDD, ABS, and protected areas [<link>](#)
 - Attended side event on forest peoples' experiences with implementation of Article 10(c) [<link>](#)
- Attended UNFCCC COP17 in Durban, South Africa
 - Co-hosted a panel on decisions, tools and guidelines from the CBD that are potentially meaningful in the REDD+ context [<link>](#)
- Attended conference on the Nagoya Protocol, hosted by the University of Edinburgh in Scotland [<link>](#)

Communications

- Established a [Natural Justice Facebook page](#)
- Maintained the [Natural Justice blog](#) and greatly increased hits through cross-posting on Facebook

- Launched a [revised Natural Justice website](#)
- Developed a new website dedicated to [community protocols](#)

Legal Submissions

- Submission on the Programme of Work on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions to the CBD Secretariat [<link>](#)
- Joint submission on REDD+ Safeguards with the Centre for International Environmental Law, the International Alliance of Indigenous and Tribal Peoples of the Tropical Forests, Kenya Young Greens, the Rainforest Foundation Norway, and BirdLife International to the CBD Secretariat [<link>](#)
- Joint submission on 'Large-Scale, Industrial Methods of Extraction, Production, and Development and their Impacts on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities' with CIKOD to the UN Working Group on the Issue of Human Rights and Transnational Corporations and other Business Enterprises [<link>](#)

Publications

- Authored article entitled 'Community Protocols and ABS' for the Asian Biotechnology and Development Review [<link>](#)
- Produced report of the workshop on 'Building Capacities and Generating Support for the Sustainable Future of ICCAs', held in Shirakawa, Japan, in October 2010 [<link>](#)
- Authored article with Natural Justice associate Dan Robinson entitled 'Towards a People's History of the Law: Biocultural Jurisprudence and the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing' [<link>](#)
- Produced report of the Asia Regional Initiative on BCPs inception meeting held in Sri Lanka in April [<link>](#)
- Produced report of the Africa BCP Initiative inception meeting held in Cape Town in April [<link>](#)
- Served on editorial board for fifth issue of joint CBD civil society-Secretariat newsletter [square brackets] [<link>](#)
- Produced report of international experts meeting on protected areas and ABS held in Switzerland in July [<link>](#)
- Produced report of informal dialogue on BCPs in Latin America held in Peru in August [<link>](#)
- Authored article on BCPs and biocultural rights for Effectus Newsletter [<link>](#)
- Produced report of the workshop on African Indigenous Peoples and the UNEP Green Economy Initiative held in Cape Town in August [<link>](#)
- Launched article entitled 'Community Protocols and ABS' at the ASEAN regional capacity development workshop on ABS in Manila, Philippines [<link>](#)
- Launched brief on community protocols and REDD at UNFCCC COP17 in Durban, South Africa [<link>](#)
- Presented draft paper on the opportunities and challenges relating to the implementation of Articles 6, 7, 12 and 21 of the Nagoya Protocol at a conference on the Nagoya Protocol at the University of Edinburgh [<link>](#)

Institutional Development

- Held Natural Justice Annual General Meeting [<link>](#)
- Participated in Extraordinary General Assembly of the ICCA Consortium [<link>](#)
- Entered into MoU with the Sabah Biodiversity Centre to jointly develop a project on community biodiversity conservation [<link>](#)
- Participated in seminar series on biocultural diversity and conservation hosted by the Global Diversity Foundation in Sabah, Malaysia [<link>](#) [<link>](#)
- Participated in ICCA Consortium retreat to discuss internal matters, funding opportunities and future strategies in Prana Dewi, Indonesia [<link>](#)
- Participated in 4th General Assembly of the ICCA Consortium in Bogor, Indonesia [<link>](#)
- Held Natural Justice retreat and strategy planning sessions in Cape Town, South Africa
- Entered into MoU with Borneo Conservancy Initiative relating to the Kinabalu Biocultural Law Project to be undertaken in Sabah, Malaysia [<link>](#)

Partners

Natural Justice has expanded the partners with whom it works, including through the African and Asian Initiatives on Biocultural Community Protocols and work with the Union for Ethical Biotrade, referenced above.

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- [Heinrich Böll Foundation](#)
- [International Union for Conservation of Nature](#)
- [Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa](#)
- [Shuttleworth Foundation](#)
- [SwedBio](#)
- [The Christensen Fund](#)
- [United Nations Development Programme](#)
- [United Nations Environment Programme](#)
- [United Nations University – Institute of Advanced Studies](#)