

SGA 2014: TEK-hub updates

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TEK (Traditional Ecological Knowledge)

- hub

- Formed in SGA 2013 meeting at Stellenbosch
- Recognizes the need to respect the contribution of indigenous and local knowledge, and encourages a platform to collaborate with other networks (SGA- other hubs, IPBES and other organisations)
- Members from diverse backgrounds

Aim

- To understand how TEK may strengthen to map and understand conditions and trends of ecosystems, of their links to well-being of people by integrating traditional knowledge
- To incorporate TEK in assessments as well as in the development of scenarios, responses and actions based on a mutual interest with indigenous communities.

Activities

- ESP 2014 workshop session (Sept 2014) **‘Ecosystem services and Indigenous well-being: current measures and methodologies’**
- ESP has asked to establish a Working Group within ESP network
- The 14th Congress of the International Society of Ethnobiology (Meriem Bouamrane, UNDP)
- Pernilla Malmer (SRC) has been keeping us updated on IPBES activities and its interest in TEK, and about Indigenous Forum(s) on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services within IPBES, and other related forums & conferences
- Prof. Michele Sato (Brazil) has been managing the Google Group

Future plans

- Members from SGA Network are invited to join in.
- Collaborate with researchers who are working with Indigenous people
- Feed into Indigenous forums worldwide, and IPBES indigenous forums
- Develop future plans in this meeting, meet with the Secretariat regarding optional support and specific activities that may be of interest for the hub in the future
- Need for momentum!

Suggestions and comments WELCOME

Fish traps: SW Queensland



Grinding site: Aboriginal communities SE Qld



**THANKS to SGA Network
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