



2nd National Blue Carbon Symposium  
"Blue Carbon: Beyond the Research"  
24 - 25 May 2022  
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## SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

15 March 2022

### 2<sup>nd</sup> National Blue Carbon Symposium 24-25 May 2022

#### *"Blue Carbon: Beyond the Research"*

The **2nd National Blue Carbon Symposium (NBCS-2)** will be held on **24-25 May 2022**. It aims to provide a meaningful and timely forum on the significant developments on blue carbon (BC) in the Coral Triangle Region (CTR) and its neighbors. NBCS-2 is a development of NBCS-1, held in Subic Bay Free Port Zone in Zambales last 20-21 Sept 2018 with the theme *"Achieving nature-based solutions to climate change issues"*. With NBCS-2, we intend to go *"beyond the research"*, pursuing BC science and reaching out farther to communities who need the data and information the most.

*BlueCARES (Comprehensive Assessment and Conservation of Blue Carbon Ecosystems and their Services in the Coral Triangle)*, the five-year trilateral research project of the Philippines, Japan, and Indonesia funded by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST) is holding the NBCS-2 with the Biodiversity Management Bureau as a co-sponsor. This symposium will bring together experts and practitioners from the CTR and the international community to participate in plenary and parallel sessions, and panel discussions to address current scientific, social, and policy issues, focusing on BC developments in the context of climate change and tropical coastal conservation initiatives.

The **FIVE THEMES** of **NBCS-2** are

**Theme 1: Blue carbon science and the future** - This theme provides a road map for the coming decades on future research in BC science.

Keynote speaker: [Dr. Catherine Lovelock, University of Queensland](#)

- Techniques to determine BC with case studies especially in the Coral Triangle region; Theoretical and practical tools that will relate BC with coastal ecosystem conservation.
- Understanding the factors influencing carbon dynamics in blue carbon ecosystems (BCE).
- Novel methods and techniques such as algorithms, modelling and simulations to determine fluxes and projections of carbon in BCE in relation to local geomorphology in MPAs, restored and damaged mangroves. etc.

**Theme 2: Linking blue carbon (BC) and coastal ecosystems research and conservation** – This theme includes studies underscoring the importance of BC along with other ecosystem services towards conservation and adaptive management.

Keynote speaker: [Dr. Daniel Murdiyarso, Center for International Forestry Research](#)

- Socio-ecological studies and lessons learned on BCE conservation and restoration (with case studies).
- Working with LGUs, NGOs, IPs (Indigenous peoples) and local communities (IPLC) in BCE conservation.
- Integration of research outcomes into coastal and marine regulatory frameworks and policies dealing with coastal conservation.
- Using community perceptions to inform management and policy. Community use of BCE i.e., fisheries, tourism, etc.

**Theme 3: Blue Carbon: How to sustain the momentum of collaboration with Indigenous Peoples and local communities (IPLC).** This theme includes mechanisms and conditions from IPLC initiatives

Keynote speaker: [Dr. Daniel Friess, National University of Singapore](#)

- How IPLC perceive BC, BCE, citizen science and communities of practice.
- Engaging IPLC in natural resources conservation: Why and How?
- Best practices in socio-ecological interactions with local communities in BC activities.

**Theme 4: Economic possibilities of blue carbon** – This theme answers the question "How can economic measures enhance BCE conservation?"

Keynote speaker: [Dr. Rhodora Azanza, University of the Philippines](#)

- Valuing BC and management actions effective in enhancing this value.
- Case studies demonstrating lessons learned from economic mechanisms to incentivize communities in BC conservation e.g., REDD+, payments for ecosystem services (PES).
- Restoring and protecting BCE to promote economic growth, create jobs, and enhance research.
- Theory and practice of PES, carbon credits, carbon offsets, carbon footprint.

**Theme 5: Blue Carbon in political practice** – This theme covers policy foundation of BC research and practice.

Keynote speaker: [Dr. Jill Hamilton, Conservation International](#)

- Developing policy measures and financial incentives where needed, to enhance climate change mitigation through conservation, restoration and sustainable use of BC and BCE.
- Identifying current climate, coastal and ocean policy issues and opportunities and evaluating the applicability to BC conservation, restoration, and sustainable use.
- Issues and concerns regarding the role of politics in BC research and practice.
- How BC management practices are implemented and maintained in local and national settings.
- How BC can work to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals
- Regional comparisons in BC research and practice



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**Special Issue of Journal:** Papers presented in NBCS-2 may be submitted to comprise a special Blue Carbon issue in a reputable scientific journal. Contributions that address the science, social and policy dimensions of BC, particularly where these highlight opportunities and mechanisms for the protection, restoration and creation of BCE, are welcome.

**Pre-Registration, Registration & General Enquiries:** To pre-register your interest in attending this symposium and to receive priority alerts, updates and general advice, kindly go to <https://bit.ly/NBCS2Reg>. For enquiries, please e-mail the *BlueCARES* Project ([bluecares.upd@up.edu.ph](mailto:bluecares.upd@up.edu.ph))

**Abstract deadline is on 28 March 2022.**

- Guidelines for Abstracts are found on pp 4-5 of this announcement
- Instructions on "How to submit abstracts for NBCS-2 via EasyChair" are found on pp 6-10 of this announcement

### Guidelines for Poster Presentations

Poster presentations are highly visual ways to share your work with a wide audience. Each poster should have a simple message and text should be limited to short sentences. Both technical and non-technical presentations are accepted in the poster format. The recommended poster dimensions are 1920 pixels wide x 1080 pixels high in PDF format. You may also use PowerPoint slides to create your poster on one sheet in the landscape orientation.

### Initial Guidelines for Oral Presenters

- All presenters must register
- All accepted presenters must send their ppt presentation five days prior to start of the symposium (by **May 19, 2022**)
- Each presenter must abide by the session time constraint of 10 minutes. There will be opportunity for Q&A after each presentation.



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### Guidelines for Abstracts

Interested in presenting your work in the second National Blue Carbon Symposium 2022?

There are three types of contributions you can choose from:

- **Technical abstract:** We accept abstracts under any discipline that fits under the five themes. These abstracts must have an introduction, methods section, main results of the study, and conclusions relevant to a particular theme. Please select a first and second theme of your choice. Target presenters are researchers, practitioners, and students.
- **Non-technical abstract:** The purpose of these abstracts is to report progress of an on-going or recently finished project with BC and BCE in your local area. Reports on problems encountered and solutions to address them are also welcomed. These abstracts should be in case study format: introduction, description, discussion and conclusion. Please select a first and second theme of your choice. Target presenters are CNS (Indonesia) and BCnet (Philippines) members.
- **Extended abstract:** As a first round of review, these abstracts are for those participants interested in publishing their work in a Special issue of a Journal. Both technical and non-technical abstracts will be considered. Technical abstracts must have an introduction, methods section, main results of the study, conclusions, and may include 1 or 2 figures. For non-technical extended abstracts, the format of a case study will be considered, with an introduction, description, discussion, and conclusion, and may include 1 or 2 figures. These extended abstracts will act as a first round of review prior to a recommendation of submission of a draft under consideration for publication. The scientific committee will review all submissions within a month of receipt by the secretariat and timely feedback will be provided.

### Author guidelines

Please follow the following guidelines for your abstract submission for technical, non-technical and poster abstracts:

- Document type: **Word**
- Maximum number of words: **300**
- Maximum number of keywords: **5**
- Order of presented information:
  - **Title**
  - **Abstract type** (technical, non-technical or poster)
  - **Presenting author**
  - **Other authors**
  - **Primary affiliation**
  - **Abstract text** (maximum of 300 words)
  - Keywords (maximum of 5 words)

Please follow the following guidelines for your abstract submission for extended abstracts:

- Document type: **Word**
- Maximum number of words: **2,000 words**
- Maximum number of keywords: **5**
- Order of presented information:
  - **Title**
  - **Abstract type** (extended abstract)
  - **Presenting author**
  - **Other authors**
  - **Primary affiliation**
  - **Abstract text** (maximum of 300 words)



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- Keywords (maximum of 5 words)

### Helpful links:

<https://www.anu.edu.au/students/academic-skills/research-writing/journal-article-writing/writing-an-abstract>

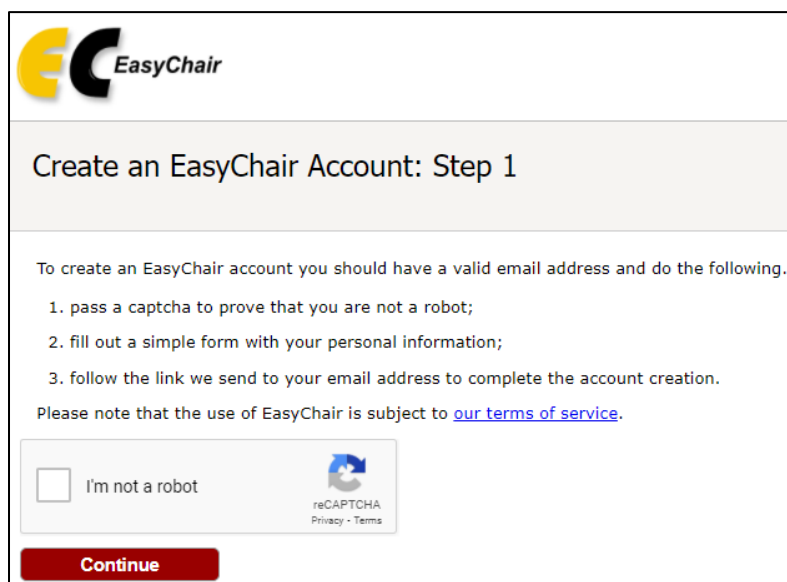
<https://writingcenter.uagc.edu/writing-case-study-analysis>

## INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO SUBMIT ABSTRACTS FOR NBCS-2 VIA THE EASYCHAIR

Submission of abstracts and full papers will be done via the EasyChair platform. The process starts with the creation of an account for those who have not used the EasyChair platform yet. Please skip Step 1 if you already have an existing EasyChair account.

### 1. SIGNING UP FOR A NEW EASYCHAIR ACCOUNT

To set up an EasyChair account, go to <https://easychair.org/account/signup>. You will be directed to the page as shown in Fig. 1. Tick off the box for *I'm not a robot*. Then click on "Continue".



**EasyChair**

### Create an EasyChair Account: Step 1

To create an EasyChair account you should have a valid email address and do the following.

1. pass a captcha to prove that you are not a robot;
2. fill out a simple form with your personal information;
3. follow the link we send to your email address to complete the account creation.

Please note that the use of EasyChair is subject to [our terms of service](#).

☐ I'm not a robot

reCAPTCHA  
Privacy - Terms

**Continue**

**Figure 1.** EasyChair Account creation window.

You will then be directed to Step 2 window (Fig. 2) where you need to type in your name and email. Upon completion, you will receive an email for *EasyChair account confirmation*.



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Create an EasyChair Account: Step 2

Please fill out the following form. The required fields are marked by \*.

Note that **the most common reason for failing to create an account is an incorrect email address** so please type your email address correctly.

First name\*:

Last name\*:

Email\*:

Retype email address\*:

**Figure 2.** EasyChair Account creation window for step 2.

A link will be provided in the said email for the final step in the EasyChair account creation. Clicking on the link will direct you to a page as shown in Fig. 3. Fill in the needed information and complete the process by clicking on the *Create my account* button.



### Create an EasyChair Account: Last Step

Hello Jeark Principe! To complete the creation of your account please fill out the following form. You should create the account within 30 minutes, otherwise you will have to fill out this form from scratch.

To use EasyChair, you must agree to its Terms of Service ([view terms](#)), ([download terms](#)).

☐ I agree to EasyChair Terms of Service

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Enter your personal data.

First name<sup>†</sup>: \*

Last name: \*

Organization: \*

Country/region: \*

The Web page is used to provide a link to it on some EasyChair pages, for example when you are mentioned as an author in a published conference program. It is optional. Please do not use the Web page of your organization here: if you fill this out, it should only be your personal Web page.

Your personal Web page

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Enter your password

Password: \*

Retype the password: \*

[Create my account](#)

**Figure 3.** EasyChair Account creation window for the last step.

## 2. ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Log in to the EasyChair (<https://easychair.org/account/signin>) using the account an existing account or the one you have previously created.

Go to the Abstract submission page of NBCS-2:  
<https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=nbc2>.

Click on *make a new submission* under the **Author** section (Fig. 4).





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## NBCS-2 (2nd National Blue Carbon Symposium)

You are logged in to NBCS-2 (2nd National Blue Carbon Symposium).

Use the links below to access NBCS-2.

### Author

- [make a new submission](#)

**Figure 4.** Abstract submission page of NBCS-2.

You will be directed to the ***New Submission for NBCS-2*** page (Fig. 5). Be sure to follow the instructions carefully before clicking on the *Submit* button.

### New Submission for NBCS-2

Follow the instructions, step by step, and then use the "Submit" button at the bottom of the form. The required fields are marked by \*.

#### Author Information

For each author please fill out the form below. Some items on the form are explained here:

- Email address** will only be used for communication with the authors. It will not appear in public Web pages of this conference. The email address can be omitted for not corresponding authors. These authors will also have no access to the submission page.
- Web page** can be used on the conference Web pages, for example, for making the program. It should be a Web page of the author, not the Web page of her or his organization.
- Each author marked as a **corresponding author** will receive email messages from the system about this submission. There must be at least one corresponding author.

**Author 1** ([click here to add yourself](#))

First name<sup>†</sup>: \*

Last name: \*

Email: \*

Country/region: \* ▼

Organization: \*

Web page:

☒ corresponding author

**Figure 5.** New submission page for NBCS-2 (topmost section only).

Notes:

- You can add more authors as needed by clicking on the *Click here to add more authors*.
- Do not forget to select a minimum of 1 topic for your paper under the **Topics** section.
- In the **Other Information and Files** section, choose the *Type of Contribution* (choose from among three options), and upload your abstract (in pdf file format) by clicking on the *Choose File* button. Please be guided by the author guidelines as posted in the NBCS-2 website: <https://sites.google.com/view/nbcs2022/announcements/call-for-abstracts>

After submitting an abstract, you will receive a confirmation email from [nbcs2@easychair.org](mailto:nbcs2@easychair.org). Once the review process is completed, you will receive result of the review by email.