



# World Atlas of Mangroves

## Publication announcement

This Atlas provides the first truly global assessment of the state of the world's mangroves. Written by Dr. Mark Spalding, a leading expert on mangroves with support from more than 100 top international mangrove researchers and organizations, this full colour Atlas contains 60 full-page maps showing locations of all the world's mangroves, hundreds of photographs and illustrations and comprehensive country-by-country assessments of mangroves. The detailed maps and new mangrove area statistics are derived from recent satellite imagery, comprising, the most comprehensive study ever undertaken of these important ecosystems.

Mangroves are considered both ecologically and from a human perspective. Initial chapters provide a global

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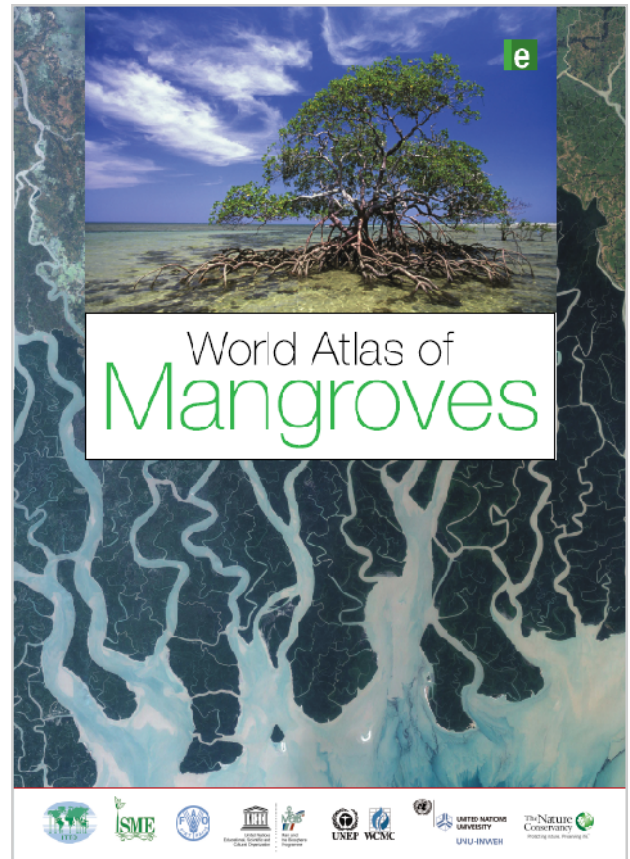
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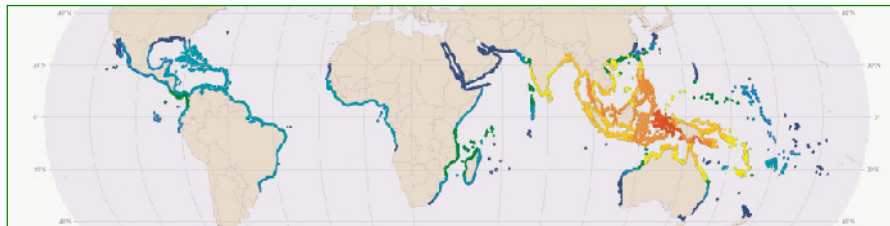
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view, with information on distribution, biogeography, productivity and wider ecology, as well as on human uses, economic values, threats, and approaches for mangrove management. These

themes are revisited throughout the regional chapters, where the maps provide a spatial context or starting point for further exploration. The book also presents a wealth of statistics on biodiversity, habitat area, loss and economic value which provide a unique record of mangroves against which future threats and changes can be evaluated. Case studies, written by regional experts provide insights into regional mangrove



issues, including ecology, primary and potential productivity, biodiversity, sustainable management and information on present and traditional uses and values.

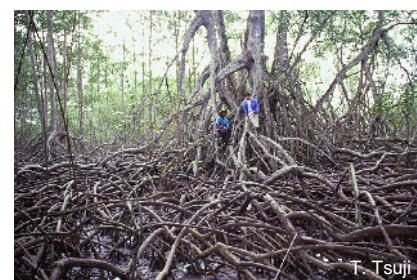


The World Atlas of Mangroves is the result of a project implemented since 2005 as a joint initiative of the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO), the International Society of Mangrove Ecosystems (ISME), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), UNEP-World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC), UNESCO-Man and the Biosphere (USNECO-MAB), UNU-Institute for Water Environment and Health (UNU-INWEH) and The Nature Conservancy (TNC) to revise the World Mangrove Atlas published in 1997 from ITTO and ISME in collaboration with WCMC. The majority of funding was provided by ITTO through a Japanese Government project grant and the project was implemented by ISME.



The Spanish and French versions are planned to be published, depending on the availability of funds. For further information, please contact the ISME Secretariat at [isme@mangrove.or.jp](mailto:isme@mangrove.or.jp), or visit Earthscan at <http://www.earthscan.co.uk/isbn/9781844076574> (20% discount code AF20 for the English version)

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'The importance of mangroves is well-known, but never has there been such a comprehensive review of these critical ecosystems. This book should change the way we view, and manage, mangroves for the benefit of coastal peoples and biodiversity world-wide.'

*Achim Steiner, Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)*

'I am pleased that ITTO, ISME, and the other members of this excellent partnership have produced such a magnificent reference book. The World Atlas of Mangroves details an incredible variety of useful information that will be of considerable value to forest researchers, practitioners, and students to learn more about mangrove ecosystems.'

*Professor Don K. Lee, President, International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO)*