



**McDowell Sonoran Conservancy Field Institute**  
**Arid Lands Symposium: Integrating Research into Action**  
Scottsdale Community College, 9000 E Chaparral Rd, Scottsdale, AZ  
May 4 & 5, 2018 (Friday, Saturday)

**Call for Abstracts: due February 16, 2018**

This two-day event brings together researchers, land managers, students, community leaders, and stakeholders to share practical implications from regional natural resource research and discuss novel ideas for implementing monitoring, research, and management programs.

The purpose is to accomplish the following:

- Share practical applications of research and monitoring results to inform adaptive management in the Southwest.
- Enhance collaboration for regional conservation.
- Inspire novel approaches to common challenges with hands-on workshops.
- Foster communication between land managers, researchers, and the public for effective land management.

**Call for abstracts:** All topics related to arid lands ecological research and management will be considered. Priority topics for this event include the following:

- Arid lands restoration
- Riparian restoration
- Invasive species in the Southwest
- Long-term monitoring programs
- Managing, protecting, and monitoring native wildlife
- Protecting native species biodiversity
- Creating and sustaining cost-effective arid lands research or monitoring programs through citizen science or other means
- Integrating research results into adaptive management
- International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) - comprehensive assessments for global biodiversity conservation

**Abstracts guidelines.** Include the following:

1. Presentation type: oral or poster presentation (indicate preference)
2. General topic (from list above to align abstracts to sessions)
3. Presentation title (write in bold and all caps)
4. Author names, titles, and affiliations (indicate presenter with an asterisk)
5. Abstract body (250 word limit) Include importance of research, overview of methods used, results, and management implications. **NOTE: abstracts missing management implications will not be considered.**

Submit abstracts to [mSPresearch@mcdowellsonoran.org](mailto:mSPresearch@mcdowellsonoran.org).

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