

ESRI USER CONFERENCE



Conservation Events and Activities

The Esri User Conference (Esri UC) has many presentations and events with hundreds of topics covered. To help you find your way to the conservation sessions and events, we have prepared a more focused agenda. All times are PDT.

Conservation Industry Kick-Off Meeting

Tuesday, July 14 7:30 AM - 8:15 AM San Diego Ballroom C | Marriott

Kick off your Esri User Conference experience with this conservation-focused orientation designed to help you make the most of your week. Learn about key sessions, events, and activities for the conservation community, where to connect with peers and Esri experts, and how to navigate UC resources to match your goals. Whether you're new to UC or a return attendee, this session will help you plan your time, discover opportunities to engage, and leave with practical takeaways to support your conservation mission. [Add to your schedule](#)



Conservation SIG

Wednesday, July 15 11:30 AM-12:30 PM SDCC, Room 7 B

Join a conversation with peers and Esri staff centered on community, learning, and collaboration in conservation. This SIG creates space to come together, exchange perspectives, and learn from one another about protecting, restoring, and caring for biodiversity. Examples involving digital twins are shared to focus the conversation on applied practice. The SIG emphasizes relationships, shared challenges, and success across conservation efforts. Build connections, learn from peers, and bring actionable ideas back to your organization. [Add to your schedule](#)

GIS for Good Showcase

Tuesday, July 14 9:00 AM-5:30 PM
Wednesday, July 15 9:00 AM-5:30 PM
Thursday, July 16 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

Ground Level Exhibit Hall A-D, San Diego Convention Center (SDCC)

Visit the **Conservation kiosk** to explore how geography strengthens conservation work from science to action. Learn how ArcGIS integrates environmental, social, and economic data to reveal the patterns shaping biodiversity, support collaboration across organizations, and empower teams working in the field. Through maps, analysis, and visual storytelling, GIS provides a shared foundation for understanding place, aligning effort, and advancing conservation outcomes.

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Live Podcast with EPR! Digital Twins, Building Community, and the Future of Conservation

Thursday, July 16

10:00 AM–11:00 AM

SDCC, Map Lounge, Sails Pavilion

Environmental Professionals Radio comes to the Esri User Conference! Join this lively, live podcast featuring voices from The Nature Conservancy, Esri, and the Society for Conservation GIS. We'll dive into digital twins, explore how mapping helps translate science into spatial insight, and discuss how conservation professionals can keep pace with an ever-evolving technology landscape. Expect sharp insights, practical takeaways, and plenty of laughs from EPR hosts Laura and Nic along the way. [Add to your schedule](#)

Conservation Special Display featuring Audubon and Forest Stewardship Council

Monday, July 13 – Thursday, July 16

SDCC, Map Lounge

Tuesday, July 14 7:00 am–6:00 pm

Wednesday, July 15 7:00 am–6:00 pm

Thursday, July 16 7:00 am–5:30 pm



Audubon



See how your peers are putting GIS to work for conservation on the ground. From Audubon's hemispheric approach to bird and habitat protection to the Forest Stewardship Council's global network advancing responsible forestry, this display brings together stories about where location drives decisions. Get inspired by real conservation impact happening across the Americas and around the globe!

Conservation Scavenger Hunt

Add a bit of fun to your week by participating in the Conservation Scavenger Hunt through the Esri User Conference happening July 13-16, 2026, at the San Diego Convention Center (SDCC).

Navigate to these six steps to collect an exclusive conservation-themed piece of swag:

STOP 1: Attend the [Conservation Kick-Off Meeting](#)

STOP 2: Visit the Conservation Kiosk

STOP 3: Attend the [Conservation SIG](#)

STOP 4: Go to [Live Podcast with EPR!](#)

STOP 5: Visit Special Displays in Map Lounge featuring Audubon & FSC

STOP 6: Attend the [GIS for Good Social](#)

GIS for Good Social

Tuesday, July 14

6:00 PM–9:00 PM

SDCC, EAST TERRACE

Your opportunity to mingle, connect, and unwind with like-minded professionals.

SCGIS Social Hour (No-host)

Wednesday, July 15

6:00 PM–8:00 PM

EAST VILLAGE BREWERY, 201 PARK BLVD, STE 101, SAN DIEGO

Food truck will have pizza and other Italian cuisine.

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Demo Theater Schedule

Wednesday, July 15

10:00 AM - 10:45 AM	Achieving Better Environmental Outcomes with the Latest GIS Capabilities	SDCC Demo Expo Theater 7
10:00 AM - 10:45 AM	GIS for GOOD: Programs and Initiatives at Esri	SDCC GIS for GOOD Demo Expo Theater
11:30 AM – 12:15 PM	ArcGIS Living Atlas of the World: Best Practices for Transforming Data into Insights	SDCC Demo Expo Theater 7
1:00 PM – 1:45 PM	Connecting Communities to Nature Through GIS	SDCC GIS for GOOD Demo Expo Theater
4:00 PM – 4:45 PM	Solutions for Conservation Intelligence	SDCC GIS for GOOD Demo Expo Theater

Thursday, July 16

10:00 AM – 10:45 AM	ArcGIS Living Atlas of the World: Simplify Your Workflows with Environmental Content	SDCC Demo Expo Theater 4
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User Presentations

Tuesday, July 14

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Conservation Planning Amidst Rapid Change	Marriott Pacific Ballroom Salon 19
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Connected Conservation: Turning Shared Data Into Coordinated Action	Marriott Pacific Ballroom Salon 19

Wednesday, July 15

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	Detect, Alert, Act: GeoAI Workflows for Real-Time Conservation	Marriott Pacific Ballroom Salon 18
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Where Priorities Meet Capacity: Collaborative Conservation with WebGIS	Marriott Pacific Ballroom Salon 18
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Innovative Hydrography: Leveraging Arc Hydro and AI for Science and Conservation	SDCC Room 29 A

Thursday, July 16

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	From Insight to Impact: ArcGIS Dashboards for Conservation Action	Marriott Pacific Ballroom Salon 19
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	Sustainable Land Cover Management with ArcGIS	SDCC Room 3
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	From Drones to Satellites: Measuring Habitat and Species Health	Marriott Pacific Ballroom Salon 19
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Nonprofit Volunteer Management Done Right	Marriott Pacific Ballroom Salon 23

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Special Interest Group Meetings		
Tuesday, July 14		
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Environment and Natural Resources SIG	SDCC, Room 15 B
Wednesday, July 15		
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Conservation SIG	SDCC, Room 7 B
Thursday, July 16		
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Nonprofit SIG	SDCC, Room 29 A
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Ocean, Weather, and Climate SIG	Marriott, Pacific Ballroom Salon 18

Don't Miss These Activities

Esri UC Plenary Session	Monday, July 13	8:30 AM–3:30 PM
Academic GIS Program Fair	Monday, July 13	2:30 PM–5:00 PM
Map Gallery Reception	Monday, July 13	4:00 PM–6:00 PM
Science Symposium	Tuesday, July 14	4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Esri Awards Ceremony	Wednesday, July 15	3:30 PM–5:30 PM
Thursday Night Party	Thursday, July 16	5:30 PM–10:00 PM
Closing Session	Friday, July 17	10:30 AM–NOON

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