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Human-wildlife interactions in Coupled Human and Natural Systems- Lessons from China



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Biography:

Vanessa Hull is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation at the University of Florida (beginning January 2017). She received her PhD in Fisheries and Wildlife from Michigan State University at the Center for Systems Integration and Sustainability. Vanessa studies human-wildlife interactions in coupled human and natural systems, particularly revolving around protected areas and endangered species management in China and around the world. She served as a co-editor of the book "Pandas and People- Coupling Human and Natural Systems for Sustainability" (2016).

Content:

With the expansion of the human population in the last few centuries, human-wildlife interactions are increasing like never before. Understanding factors that foster human-wildlife coexistence can help guide conservation policy and management planning to promote sustainability of coupled human-wildlife systems. I will examine the challenges of managing human-wildlife interactions in complex systems using the case of the globally recognized conservation icon, the giant panda and the human communities that live alongside this threatened species in a dynamic landscape located in rural China. I will discuss broad insights revealed from this case study about the challenges of co-managing rural development and biodiversity conservation goals and highlight possible paths toward the future.

Tropilunch is a weekly seminar run by graduate students from the Tropical Conservation and Development (TCD) Program. It provides a forum for a range of discussions and presentations related to TCD work and research. Students are provided with an opportunity to present and discuss their research projects with peers and faculty. In addition, discussion sessions on issues of current interest are also held. Visiting scholars and conservation practitioners also participate when available. It is held every Tuesday at 12:45 p.m. in Grinter 376. Tropilunch presentations are recorded weekly and can be found on TCD's [YouTube Channel](#).