Social-Ecological Resilience and Environmental Education: Synopsis, Application, Implications

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Panel #37. Environmental Education, Learning, and Social-ecological System Resilience

The resilience approach is rooted in ecology and is being advanced as a means to understand change in social-ecological systems. How can resilience be applied to understand change in social systems, such as environmental education? In probing this question the resilience approach is described, the manner in which it may be applied to social systems is explored, and the implications of emerging issues are reflected upon. Applying resilience to environmental education requires concerted forethought and care. It also offers several opportunities for mutual enrichment to resilience and environmental education researchers.