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The Survival of the Earth Depends on Frogs

Professor Jean-Marc Hero will present a lively and personal account of the importance of amphibians to humans. Starting with our affinity with nature as children, we metamorphose, disappear into adulthood, and lose touch with biodiversity until we return to it during our holidays. Professor Hero explains the value of frogs to natural ecosystems and humans. He then describes the current global amphibian declines, the primary causes (habitat loss, disease and climate change) and what we need to do about it. He leaves us with a clear warning “Save the Frogs and We Save Ourselves”.

Professor Hero is a vertebrate ecologist with research expertise in conservation biology of amphibians, biodiversity assessment and monitoring, and conservation physiology. He is Deputy Director of Griffith University’s Environmental Futures Research Institute and leads a team focusing on causes of global amphibian declines (disease, habitat loss and pollution), amphibian adaptation and response to climate change, and sustainability indicators for terrestrial ecosystems. He is also an active member of the Australian Society of Herpetologists, and Secretary General for the World Congress of Herpetology.



Who: Professor Jean-Marc Hero, Deputy Director of Griffith University’s Environmental Futures Research Institute.

When: Wednesday, 25th June, 6.30pm for networking meet and greet. Presentation begins at 7pm.

Where: The Cove @ Alleys, Currumbin RSL, 165 Duringan St, Currumbin QLD 4223. Order a meal before or after the presentation and receive a free glass of wine, beer or soft drink.

Call Gecko on: 5534 1412 (10am - 3pm Monday - Friday) or email us at: office@gecko.org.au

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What is Gecko?

Gecko - Gold Coast and Hinterland Environment Council is the peak regional environment group.

Established in 1989, Gecko is a volunteer, not-for-profit, non-party-political, community-minded group which works to achieve its aims through avenues such as campaign action, conducting a wide range of educational events and activities, responding to public concerns, media releases, maintaining an up-to-date environmental resource library, and active hands-on revegetation work. Gecko is funded via memberships, donations, hall hire, volunteer labour, and through applying for grants. Some recent awards have included: *National winners of best Clean Up Australia Day coordination

Gecko Mission Statement:

To actively promote, protect, conserve and restore the natural environment, and improve the sustainability of the built environment of the Gold Coast region in partnership with our Member Groups and the wider community.