

SENIOR FELLOWS



Frank Lowenstein

Climate Adaptation Strategy Leader
Global Climate Change Team

The Nature Conservancy

ECPA Pillar of Concentration:
Adaptation

Languages: Native English speaker,
competent but not fluent in written
and conversational Spanish.
Interpretation desired for press
appearances or public presentations.

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FELLOW BIO: Frank Lowenstein

International Experience:

Mr. Lowenstein has worked in Ecuador, the Bahamas, and Mexico, and has helped develop strategies for The Nature Conservancy's climate adaptation work in Brazil, Colombia, and China. In 2008, he completed a two-month conservation fellowship focused on the dry tropical forests of Ecuador's Chogon Collonche. He returned to Ecuador in 2009 as a volunteer for a local NGO working in the Choco rainforest. In Mexico, Mr. Lowenstein has worked to support community forestry in the Yucatán peninsula in collaboration with local partners and TNC's southern Mexico program. Mr. Lowenstein has also worked remotely with colleagues in Brazil and Colombia to support integrated forest and water management programs to ensure water security and reduce flood risk in the face of climate change.

Areas of Expertise:

Mr. Lowenstein's areas of expertise focus on strategic planning and communications with technical expertise in applying these disciplines to climate adaptation. He also has similar technical expertise in the realms of forest conservation and invasive species prevention and management.

In his current role, his accomplishments include development of a global business plan for climate adaptation for The Nature Conservancy including articulating contributions of on-the-ground programs to global science and policy surrounding climate change. He is also leading the organization's efforts to address the economics of climate adaptation in collaboration with a number of partners around the world. Mr. Lowenstein has appeared on CNN and Fox News, and his blogs on climate adaptation appear regularly on Planet Change (<http://change.nature.org>).

Mr. Lowenstein has worked to support community forestry initiatives in the Yucatan peninsula, helped develop fire management recommendations in the Bahamas, negotiated land conservation transactions over substantial tracts of forest land in the United States, and developed strategic communications campaigns to increase awareness of forest health issues, including the highly successful Don't Move Firewood campaign in the United States. In 2009, he served as executive producer of the award-winning documentary *Lurking in the Trees*. He also has served as a key member of a multidisciplinary working group on forest invasives and global trade convened by the National Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis. Mr. Lowenstein holds an MS in Botany from the University of Vermont and a BA in Geology from Harvard University. He is a Switzer Fellow and a past recipient of two Switzer Environmental Leadership Awards.

