

"Conservation Biology in Northern Central America: Some Examples and Opportunities"

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Summary:

Northern Central America forms the heart of the Mesoamerican biodiversity hotspot, and is home to thousands of species of flora and fauna, many endangered with extinction. Dr. Oliver Komar, director of the conservation science program at SalvaNATURA, an El Salvador environmental organization, will provide examples of research recently undertaken or planned, including field inventories of flora and fauna, population monitoring for migratory birds and endangered species, ecology of sustainable agriculture (such as shaded coffee plantations), habitat mapping, and priority-setting exercises. He will discuss opportunities for conservation biologists and students in the region.