

# 2006 Tamarisk Research Conference Survey Results

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Total survey respondents = 59

Total emailed survey = 196

Response rate = 30%

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## 1. Please select the area that best describes your current position:

	Number of respondents	Percentage of total
Government	29	49%
Academia (non-student)	10	17%
Student	7	12%
Private, for profit	3	5%
Non-profit organization	7	12%
Other, please specify	3	5%
Total	59	100%

## 2. Which of the following best describes your primary job responsibility?

	Number of respondents	Percentage of total
Research	29	50%
Management	18	31%
Teaching/outreach	3	5%
Policy	1	2%
Other, please specify	7	12%
Total	58	100%

**3. For those sessions you attended in whole or part, please rate your overall satisfaction with the presentations. Choose N/A for those you did not attend.**

*Session	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	N/A
Restoration and revegetation	22 40%	30 55%	1 2%	0 0%	0 0%	2 4%
Sedimentation and geomorphic processes	3 6%	13 28%	5 11%	0 0%	0 0%	26 55%
Biological control (a.m.)	12 24%	16 32%	6 12%	0 0%	0 0%	16 32%
Biological control (p.m.)	8 17%	18 39%	5 11%	0 0%	0 0%	15 33%
<i>Tamarix</i> distribution and ecology	14 26%	24 45%	6 11%	0 0%	0 0%	9 17%
Keynote Address: Anna Sher	25 43%	18 31%	7 12%	1 2%	0 0%	7 12%
Keynote Address: Chris Dionigi for Lori Williams	10 18%	13 23%	18 32%	5 9%	0 0%	10 18%
Poster sessions	15 27%	22 40%	14 25%	2 4%	0 0%	2 4%
<i>Tamarix</i> water use	14 26%	18 34%	7 13%	0 0%	0 0%	14 26%
Chemical control strategies	8 17%	16 33%	3 6%	2 4%	0 0%	19 40%
Tamarisk research needs: Managers' perspectives	11 20%	18 32%	10 18%	9 16%	0 0%	8 14%
<i>Tamarix</i> impacts on native species	17 31%	22 40%	7 13%	0 0%	0 0%	9 16%
Modeling and synthetic approaches	5 10%	14 29%	9 19%	0 0%	0 0%	20 42%

\*For each session, upper row = number of respondents selecting the option; bottom row = percentage of total respondents selecting the option.

4. How did you find the format of a two-day meeting with concurrent sessions?

	Number of respondents	Percentage of total
I was satisfied with this format	51	86%
I would have preferred a longer conference (4-day) with no concurrent sessions	5	8%
I would have preferred a shorter conference (1 day) with more concurrent sessions	1	2%
Other, please specify	6	10%

5. Note below which of the breakout sessions you attended, if any:

	Number of respondents	Percentage of total
Restoration and revegetation	10	19%
Sedimentation and geomorphic processes	1	2%
Biological control	10	19%
<i>Tamarix</i> distribution and ecology	2	4%
<i>Tamarix</i> water use	1	2%
Chemical control strategies	6	12%
<i>Tamarix</i> impacts on native species	5	10%
Modeling and synthetic approaches	3	6%
None	14	27%
Total	52	100%

6. How useful did you find the breakout sessions?

	Number of respondents	Percentage of total
Not at all useful	6	14%
Somewhat useful	22	51%
Very useful	15	35%

7. Please provide us with any feedback you may have about the breakout sessions.

Summary of 27 responses
Responses were varied and comments were generally neither entirely negative nor positive but provided constructive criticism. Recommendations included having the breakout sessions immediately following the sessions, selecting more experienced moderators, having an expert panel instead of breakout sessions, or structuring them differently. Some were pleased with the outline for the sessions and the skilled moderators.

**8. Please rate your satisfaction level with the following:**

*Question	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Total respondents
The conference as a whole	30 51%	26 44%	2 3%	1 2%	0 0%	59
Quality of the presentations	26 44%	30 51%	3 5%	0 0%	0 0%	59
Conference administration	40 68%	16 27%	3 5%	0 0%	0 0%	59
Coverage of topics	28 48%	25 43%	4 7%	1 2%	0 0%	58
Conference website	21 38%	23 42%	10 18%	1 2%	0 0%	55
Conference facilities	32 55%	22 38%	4 7%	0 0%	0 0%	58
Catering	32 55%	18 31%	7 12%	1 2%	0 0%	58

\*For each question, upper row = number of respondents for that question; bottom row = percentage of total respondents for that question.

**9. Would you attend the Tamarisk Research Conference in the future?**

	Number of respondents	Percentage of total
Yes	55	93%
No	4	7%
Total	59	100%

**10. How did you find out about the Tamarisk Research Conference? (You may choose more than one.)**

	Number of respondents	Percentage of total
Conference website	1	2%
List-serve (e-mail announcement)	17	29%
Word-of-mouth	30	51%
Printed media	4	7%
Other, please specify	14	24%

**11. If you have any additional comments, questions or suggestions, please fill them in here.**

Summary of 16 responses
Time-keeping was critical especially with concurrent sessions, size of conference was ideal, not enough time to network and socialize—lunch talks made that more difficult, and important topics not represented included economics and climate change related to tamarisk.