



## THE NATURA NETWORK

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The Nature-based Solutions for Urban Resilience in the Anthropocene (NATURA) project links networks in Africa, Asia-Pacific, Europe, North and Latin America, and globally to enhance connectivity among the world's scholars and practitioners and improve the prospects for global urban sustainability. NATURA exchanges knowledge, shares data, and enhances communication among research disciplines and across the research-practice divide to advance urban resilience in face of growing threats of extreme weather events.

During the 2019-2020 NSF reporting year, NATURA hosted its first [Virtual All Hands Meeting](#) where network members from around the globe engaged with one another. Network members participated in virtual discussions, presentations and intimate break-out conversations. As a result of this meeting, NATURA launched six [Thematic Working Groups \(TWGs\)](#), an [Early-Career network](#), and [Regional Nodes](#) held their first meetings. Other activities have included holding 11 webinar presentations, dispersing 4 monthly newsletters, and sending over 50 tweets. Since launching, NATURA has seen significant growth in participation. Our number of networks has increased from 26 to 36 networks, the Europe regional node increased from 8 to 35 members, the Africa regional node increased from 6 to 41 members, the Latin America regional node increased from 6 to 64 members, the North America regional node increased from 5 to 47 members, and the Asia-Pacific regional node increased from 6 to 27 members. To solidify accessibility of resources and share information, NATURA has also developed a [website](#) that houses a [newsletter](#) and [webinar](#) archive, a [network events page](#), [NATURA publications](#), a [network directory](#), and much more. During this reporting year, NATURA has supported work by members on 4 journals, 1 book, 1 book chapter, 1 session, and 8 presentations.

In the next reporting year, NATURA is excited to continue connecting networks involved in nature-based solutions around the globe by initiating [Learning Exchanges](#), continuing to release [newsletters](#), posting to [Twitter](#), hosting [webinars](#), generating more [TWGs](#), and holding monthly discussions in regular meetings. For more information on NATURA and how to get involved please visit [our website](#).

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