Letting Nature Lead Series Purpose:

The purpose of this series is to offer easily accessible learning programs, networking and experience-sharing focused on adaptive approaches to protected area management that promote social and ecological resilience.

Series Objectives:

* Gain experience with social-ecological systems thinking and how it can be applied to enhance resilience both within protected areas and in surrounding communities.
* Understand our current context of complexity and discuss complexity in your own context
* Describe how current approaches to conservation often fall short of meeting their objectives due to static and reductionist approaches that do not embrace complexity
* Understand and share experiences with systems thinking. This includes ideas of complex adaptive systems and social-ecological systems.
* Discuss how protected areas are social-ecological systems and what that means for conservation
* Understand and apply concept/situation mapping as a tool to describe a social-ecological system
* Discuss resilience and resilience thinking and understand how it is put into practice.
* Understand and apply the adaptive management cycle
* Explore concepts of adaptive governance including social learning and experimentation with a focus on communities and resilience.