KAPALUA, Hawaii — A one-day Golf and the Environment Conference, featuring speakers from Audubon International (AI) and the U.S. Golf Association (USGA), will be held at The Ritz-Carlton here on June 10.

Presented by the Kapalua Nature Society, the conference will illustrate how golf can be compatible with nature, as well as how courses can be well-managed and in harmony with the environment.

USGA Director of Education Dr. Kimberly Erusha will speak on turfgrass and environmental research, including studies on putting greens and turfgrass varieties, and the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation-coordinated Wildlife Links program.

Dr. Miles (Bud) Smart, director of environmental planning for Siena College-Audubon International Institute, will share insights on effectively managing aquatic resources.

Jack Swayne, Tour pro Steve Elkington's partner in the Houston firm Major Landscapes, will detail how choosing the wrong plants or planting in the wrong places can harm the environment.

AI President Ron Dodson will emcee the conference, which runs from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Billed as an "eco-educational event" following the conference, the 3rd Annual AT&T Golf and the Environment Tournament will be held at The Plantation Course at Kapalua on June 14.

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