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**Safeguarding Insects' Contributions to People: Human Well-Being, The
Insect Biodiversity Crisis, and Global Conservation Policy**

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Insects account for more than half of all known species and are the cornerstone of life on earth. They provide essential ecosystem services from water purification to nutrient cycling, form the backbone of many economies, and have played a key role in human cultural identity over millennia. Despite their importance, insects have largely been omitted from global conservation frameworks. To facilitate integrating insect conservation into global policy, the State of the World's Insects report is a massive, multi-national effort to synthesize the current state of knowledge on the status and trends of insects, drivers of insect decline, their contributions to people, and options for conservation action across all sectors of society at a global scale. This talk will present the key findings, with special emphasis on the process of generating the report, translating scientific findings for policy makers, and communicating the urgency of insect conservation to the private sector.

If you would like to visit with Dr. Eliza Grames, please contact Dr. Ellen Welti at elwelti@ksu.edu.

Coffee & snacks served preceding the seminar in Ackert Hall, Room 225