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TUESDAY 4 JUNE

PLEASE NOTE THE PROGRAMME IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE - VERSION 16 MAY 2024

WORKSHOP [CANCELED]

'PARTNERS principles for community-based conservation'

This workshop is not included in the forum and requires separate registration. Please see the EAZA Conservation Forum 2024 webpage for more information.

Icebreaker Event

Ostrava Zoo

Attendance must be indicated on the CF24 registration form.

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08:00 - 08:30

Registration

08:30 - 09.15

Welcome

More details to follow

09:15-11.15

Insights in Conservation Strategies from EAZA Members**Rotterdam Zoo Masterplan 2050 - Making Impact** | Jeroen Kappelhof, Rotterdam Zoo (Netherlands)**From Zero to Hero? Zoo Halle - Our steps towards an institutional conservation strategy** | Karoline Albig, Zoologischer Garten Halle (Germany)**Maximising Conservation Impact: Twycross Zoo's Conservation Strategy, 2023-2030** | Stuart Young, Twycross Zoo (United Kingdom)**Preserving Overlooked Species: Conservation Strategy of Ostrava Zoo** | František Příbrský, Ostrava Zoo (Czech Republic)

11.15 - 11.45

Refreshment break

11.45 - 12.30

Innovations in *In Situ* and *Ex Situ* Conservation**Bridging the gap between *in situ* and *ex situ* conservation through data** | Rikke Ogelund, University of Southern Denmark (Denmark) and Hannah Jenkins, Species360 (USA)**EAZA Biobank and cryopreservation** | Anna Mekarska, EAZA Executive Office (The Netherlands)**Extinct in the Wild - the Opportunity is In Our Hands** | Fiona Sach, Zoological Society of London (United Kingdom)**Strategic conservation planning: Identifying ASAP priority species for *ex-situ* breeding** | Jacqueline Jürgens, Copenhagen Zoo (Denmark)

12.30 - 13.30

Lunch

13.30 - 15.30

An introduction to the Conservation Standards (CS) - a tool for adaptive management

Rebecca Young, conservation Scientist, Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust (United Kingdom)

Durrell has applied the [Conservation Standards \(CS\)](#) to programmes across the organisation and continuously learns about its strengths for delivering impactful conservation and grow from our struggles. Rebecca has supported the Durrell Academy in delivering training in the CS to participants from across the world. She looks forward to sharing insights with you on how this adaptive management tool has helped bridge the gap between work in the zoo and work in the field, and how it might be applied in your different organisations.

15.30 - 16.00

Refreshment break

16.00 - 18.15

Empowering Conservation: Strategies, Tools, and Case Studies

The Conservationist's Toolkit: A new framework tool to aid in the development and management of conservation efforts both *in-situ* and *ex-situ* | Daniel Moloney, School of Biological, Earth and Environmental Sciences, University College Cork (Ireland) + Fota Wildlife Park (Ireland)

Integrating Behaviour Change for Effective Conservation Strategies | Joao Neves, Zoomarine Algarve (Portugal)

How, after 20 years of historic support for several NGOs, can we continue to select new projects and ensure the proper investment of our funds in *in situ* conservation actions? | Tatiana Beuchat, Bioparc de Doué la Fontaine (France)

Project Design and Funding Proposals: Insights from WildCats Conservation Alliance | Esther Conway, Zoological Society of London/WildCats Conservation Alliance (United Kingdom)

Beyond Protected Areas and Preservation: Sustainable agroforestry for Great Green Macaw (*Ara ambiguus*) conservation in Costa Rica | Alexander Gonzalez Vega and Stéphan Person, Centro Scientific Tropical (Costa Rica)

Working with indigenous peoples and local communities to effectively achieve conservation goals and optimize resources | Micaela Camino, Proyecto Quimilero (Argentina) +CECOAL - UNNE / CONICET (Argentina)

Transitioning Habitat Protection Programs in Uganda and Vietnam: Two Case Studies from New Nature Foundation | Rebecca Goldstone and Michael Stern, New Nature Foundation (USA)

18.15 - APPROX.
19.30/20.00**Refreshments and movies**

This Man Has Studied The Green Macaws All His Life - Corredores Vivos | Alexander Gonzalez Vega and Stéphan Person, Centro Scientific Tropical (Costa Rica)

The Kukang Movie | Lucie Cizmarova, Olomouc Zoo (Czech Republic)

08.30 - 10.00

Framing Conservation: Navigating Strengths and Weaknesses in our communication

Jon Taylor, Conservation Optimism and Julian Fennessy, Giraffe Conservation Foundation

We all are passionate about the conservation work we do. Communicating about this work and these messages effectively creates better partnerships, understanding that brings about change and creates a positive impact. But what does it take to do this well?

What is your power, but also your weakness when it comes to how we engage with each of the different audiences we have, like funders, our conservation partners, the communities we work with, governments, and the general public?

10.00 - 10.30

Refreshment break

10.30 - 11.30

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11.30 - 12.00

Workshop and poster pitches

12.00 - 13.00

Lunch

13.00 - 15.00

Exploring Innovative Conservation Strategies Across Species and Habitats

Reinforcement program for Egyptian Vultures leads to successful supplementation of the breeding population in the Balkans | Volen Arkumarev, Bulgarian Society for the Protection of Birds/ BirdLife Bulgaria (Bulgaria)

Integrating empirical and theoretical approaches to investigate the endemic and critically endangered Beer Sheva Fringe-fingered Lizard | Sefi Horesh, Midbarium Animal Park (Israel) and Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (Israel)

The One Plan Approach to Cheetah Conservation | Stijn Verschueren, Cheetah Conservation Fund (Namibia) and University of Antwerp (Belgium)

Preventing the Annamites Ark from sinking: building a conservation breeding program for Vietnam and Laos | Andrew Tilker, Re:wild (Germany) and Leibniz Institute for Zoo and Wildlife Research (Germany)

Synergizing conservation and education: enhancing project outcomes through integrated frameworks - a case study from Senegal. | Markéta Grůňová, Safari Park Dvůr Králové (Czech Republic) + Antelope Conservation (Czech Republic)

Conservation of a living fossil in a zoo, how to save an endangered species with an unknown life history: the Hula painted frog (*Latonia nigriventer*) | Ariel Kedem, Jerusalem zoo (Israel)

Planning more efficient conservation strategies by observing lemurs and engaging local community? The case of the Maromizaha NPA, in Madagascar | Daria Valente, University of Turin (Italy)

15.00 -

Refreshment Break and Zoo visit

More details to follow

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08.30 - 10.00

European biodiversity conservation | Into the policy wilderness: exploring biodiversity policy strategies and tools

[Recording] **EU Action Plan against wildlife trafficking** | Astrid Schomaker, Director for Green Diplomacy And Multilateralism, European Commission DG Environment

EU Pollinators initiative | Nicolas Manthe, Policy officer - Pollinators team, European Commission DG Environment

10.00 - 10.30

Refreshment Break

10.30 - 12.00

Workshop A**The design process for conservation breeding facilities**

Russell Ploutz, Ploutz Zoo Design Inc (USA)

Workshop C**Protecting European Species and Engaging Local Communities**

PART 1: Understanding the European Species Initiative and Zoo Projects

Andrea Bračko, Zoological Garden of Zagreb (Croatia)

12.00 - 13.00

Lunch

13.00 - 14.30

Workshop B**Strategic collection planning**

A conservation perspective

Hannah Jenkins, Nottingham Trent University (United Kingdom)

Workshop D**Protecting European Species and Engaging Local Communities**

PART 2: Fostering Effective Collaboration with Stakeholders

Andrea Bračko, Zoological Garden of Zagreb (Croatia)

14:30 - 15:00

Refreshment Break

15.00 - 17.00

Exploring Approaches to European Species Conservation

Western hazel grouse - the end | Simon Bruslund, Copenhagen Zoo (Denmark) and Marlow Birdpark (Germany)

Twenty years of *ex-situ* and *in situ* conservation efforts to save European species from the extinction: The European bison project |

Caterina Spiezio, Parco Natura Viva - Garda Zoological Park srl (Italy)

Beetle mania in Denmark | Signe Ellegaard, Copenhagen Zoo (Denmark)

The Fire Salamander Task Force in Germany - Saving Species together with private holders & NGOs | Philipp Wagner, Allwetterzoo (Germany) and Villanova University (USA)

First success towards improving *Mauremys rivulata* conservation status in Croatia | Ivan Cizelj, Zagreb Zoo (Croatia)

One Plan Approach for the conservation of Baltic Sea grey seals | Alessandro Di Marzio, Riga Zoo (Latvia)

17.00 - 17.30

Closing

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How to prove the success and effectiveness of zoos in terms of species conservation in light of the Nature Projects of the Doué la Fontaine Bioparc.

Tatiana Beuchat - Bioparc de Doué la Fontaine, France

Binturong study and conservation program

Mathilde Degiganon¹, Pauline Kayser^{1,2} - ¹ABCConservation, France. ²Ménagerie du Jardin des Plantes de Paris, France

The conflict between honeybees and solitary bees and the modern bee hotel as a possible solution.

Ondřej Vácha - Zoopark Chomutov, p. o., Czech Republic

Spreading the Message of Conservation During Public Events at a Zoo

Annika Sorjonen, Katariina Jalkanen - Korkeasaari Zoo, Finland

Cooperation for the conservation of Sahelo-Saharan ungulates in Morocco: Understanding the ecological requirements of the mhorr gazelle (*Nanger dama mhorri*)

Sonia Domínguez¹, Marta Ayala¹, Latifa Sikli², Zouhair Amhaouch², Teresa Abáigar¹ | ¹Estación Experimental de Zonas Áridas, Spain. ²Agence Nationale des Eaux et Forêt, Morocco

From a single species to an entire ecosystem – the pivotal role of Zoo’s in securing a future for Annamite Mountains conservation.

Lorraine Scotson^{1,2}, Robert Timmins¹ | ¹Saola Foundation, USA. ²International Bear Association, USA

Estimated population size of Orangutan (*Pongo pygmaeus*) in a Palm Oil Landscape, Central Kalimantan, Indonesia

Ventje Nawangsari¹, Muhammad Silmi¹, Satrio Nugroho¹, Mahfud Huda¹, Dendi Sutiadi², Bjorn Dahlen³, Carl Traeholt⁴
¹United Plantations-PT Surya Sawit Sejati, Indonesia. ²BKSDA Kalimantan Tengah, Ministry of Forestry, Indonesia. ³Airbone Science, LLC Cottage Grove, USA. ⁴Copenhagen Zoo, Research and Conservation, Denmark

Linking ex situ and in situ conservation: Case study from Antelope & Giraffid TAG

Karolína Brandlová, Dvur Kralove, Czech Republic. Antelope Conservation, Czech Republic

Eastern tree frog and natterjack toad conservation plans in Latvia

Elza Birbele^{1,2}, Alessandro Di Marzio¹, Rebeka Šķērstiņa¹ | ¹Rīga ZOO, Latvia. ²University of Latvia, Latvia

The effect of livestock on the snow leopard (*Panthera uncia*) and other mammals in the Mongolian Altai mountains

Francesco Rovero¹, Matilde Marconi¹, Federica Avesani^{2,3}, Cesare Avesani Zaborra^{3,2}, Caterina Spiezio³ | ¹University of Florence, Italy. ²Fondazione ARCA, Italy. ³Parco Natura Viva - Garda Zoological Park srl, Italy

Storytelling to disseminate awareness on conservation efforts: Parco Natura Viva reintroduction projects

Caterina Spiezio, Maria Ordinario, Cesare Avesani Zaborra | Parco Natura viva - Garda Zoological Park srl, Italy

Challenges in long-term monitoring of primate populations: proboscis monkeys in coastal mangroves of Borneo and greater slow loris in agroecosystems of Sumatra

Stanislav Lhota¹, Lucie Cizmarova², František Příbrský³, Tadeáš Toulec⁴ | ¹ZOO Ústí nad Labem, Czech Republic. ²ZOO Olomouc, Czech Republic. ³ZOO Ústí nad Labem Ostrava, Czech Republic. ⁴Czech University of Life Sciences in Prague, Czech Republic