

EAZA is recruiting for a new specialist member to join the EAZA Conservation Education Committee. As the new EAZA *Ex situ* Programme (EEP) structure rolls out, the Conservation Education Committee wants to help more education specialists get involved in the revised Regional Collection Planning (RCP) and Long Term Management Planning (LTMP) processes as well as providing long term education support in the form of Education Advisors to Taxon Advisory Groups (TAGs) and EEPs. The committee would like to recruit a member to take on a coordination role to facilitate this process. This role would suit someone with:

- Previous animal management experience
- Familiarity with EEPs/TAGs/RCPs/LTMPs and associated processes
- Excellent organization and communication skills

We would encourage applications from any individuals working in an EAZA zoo or aquarium who meet these criteria. The EAZA Conservation Education Committee is committed to maintaining a balanced and geographically diverse membership. The EAZA Conservation Education Committee has been in place since 1995. It is one of EAZA's Specialist Committees and has the main responsibility to help deliver EAZA's objective "to promote education, in particular environmental education".

Committee Goals

The committee has the following goals:

1. Supporting the integration of conservation education within the zoo and aquarium community;
2. Improving the professional knowledge of staff responsible for education within the zoo and aquarium community;
3. Promoting of educational opportunities within other EAZA committees and specialist groups, for example within the Taxon Advisory Groups.

Committee Roles and Responsibilities

EAZA's education objective is interpreted in two ways:

1. EAZA wants to further the quality and extent of environmental/conservation education in its member institutions in order to increase effectiveness in nature conservation. EAZA wants to be a facilitator for the membership to help achieve this objective
2. EAZA wants to promote the enormous potential value of zoo and aquarium education to authorities and conservation bodies. EAZA seeks support for its members' individual and joint education programmes, and invites other organisations to make efficient use of these programmes.

The committee works towards achieving these objectives through linking to aims as set out in EAZA strategy. The committee organises the biennial EAZA Education Conferences (EECs), supports the EAZA Conservation Campaigns, and works with the EAZA Academy to support delivery of related training courses.

Responsibilities of Committee Members

The Conservation Education Committee usually meets during the EAZA Annual Conference, and for a mid-year activity and strategic planning day around March/April. The committee also meets during the biennial EEC and virtually throughout the year. It is expected that Committee members will attend at least half of the meetings (virtual attendance is acceptable). The Committee member must be fully supported by their institution. All Committee members are expected to actively work towards fulfilling the Committee's strategic aims. Committee members will be reviewed after a term of three years.

In addition to these responsibilities, the coordinator will be responsible for creating and maintaining a list of EAZA educators who would like to participate in RCP and LTMP meetings or become TAG/EEP advisors, and matching educators on the list to TAGs/EEPs or to upcoming RCP and LTMP meetings so they can attend and provide an education perspective when needed. They will also be expected to provide input as the evaluation process for RCPs is developed. Ideally the Animal Programme Liaison will also take a lead on achieving the committee's strategic aims linked to EAZA's strategic objective of "leading in zoo and aquarium animal management and care by maintaining healthy populations and individuals with positive animal welfare". The Animal Programme Liaison will be supported in their work by staff from the EAZA Executive Office and other members of the Conservation Education Committee.

Joining the Committee

If you have a responsibility for education at an EAZA member institution and would like to be considered for this position, please send an expression of interest to committee liaison Laura Myers (laura.myers@eaza.net) with the following information:

- Highlights from your CV and a brief summary of your current job role (no more than two pages)
- A letter of support from the director of your institution

This position will remain open until a suitable candidate is found.