



**EAZA CONSERVATION  
FORUM 2018**  
22 – 25 May, Tallinn  
Estonia



## TUESDAY 22 MAY

18.00 – 21.00

Icebreaker, Tallinn Zoo

Registration

**WEDNESDAY 23 MAY**  
**Tallinn Zoo, Educational Center**

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| <b>08.15 – 08.45</b> | Welcome coffee & tea   |
| <b>08.45 – 10.20</b> | <b>OPENING</b><br><b>Tiit Maran</b>   Director Tallinn Zoo (Estonia)<br><b>Bryan Carroll</b>   Director Bristol Zoo Gardens (UK) and chair of the EAZA Conservation Committee<br><b>Myfanwy Griffith</b>   Executive director European Association of Zoos and Aquaria (Netherlands)<br><b>OPENING KEYNOTE – COMBATTING UNSUSTAINABLE AND ILLEGAL WILDLIFE TRADE</b><br><b>Jorge Rodriguez Romero</b>   CITES and EU Wildlife Trade policy, Directorate General for the Environment, European Commission   |
| <b>10.20 – 10.50</b> | Coffee & tea break   |
| <b>10.50 – 12.00</b> | <b>MINI-SEMINAR WILDLIFE TRADE &amp; DISCUSSION– TITLE TO BE FINALISED</b>   Facilitator Carl Traeholt   Southeast Asia Programme Director   Copenhagen Zoo (Denmark)<br><i>Confirmed guest speakers so far</i><br>Sam Ferreira   South African Parks (SanParks) working with the economics of poaching in Africa<br>Brendan Moyle   Professor at Massey University (New Zealand); the economy of illegal wildlife trade in China and Asia<br>Pelham Jones   Chairman for the Private Rhino Owners Association (PROA) (South Africa)<br>Rosie Cooney   United Nations Secretary-General Science Advisory Board and Chair of the IUCN Sustainable Use and Livelihood Specialist Group (Australia) |
| <b>12.00 – 13.00</b> | Lunch  |
| <b>13.00 – 14.25</b> | <b>Continued: MINI-SEMINAR WILDLIFE TRADE &amp; DISCUSSION– TITLE TO BE FINALISED</b>   Facilitator Carl Traeholt   Southeast Asia Programme Director   Copenhagen Zoo (Denmark)   |
| <b>14.25 – 14.55</b> | Coffee & tea break   |
| <b>14.55 – 16.10</b> | <b>CASE STORIES WILDLIFE TRADE</b>   Session chair TBD<br><b>The EAZA Conservation Campaign: Silent Forest - Progress and Aims</b>   Simon Brusland   Heidelberg Zoo (Germany)<br><b>Wildlife trade for zoo and collectors, a new threat for Iranian local and native species</b>   Iman Memarian   Tehran Zoo and Pardisan Wildlife Rehabilitation Center (Iran)<br><b>Conserving Owston's Civet - Indochina's most threatened carnivore</b>   Daniel Willcox   Save Vietnam's Wildlife (Vietnam)<br><b>Project Anoulak: Biodiversity conservation in the Annamite Mountains of Laos</b>   Camille Coudrat   Project Anoulak (Lao People's Democratic Republic)                                 |
| <b>16.10 – 16.25</b> | Short coffee & tea break   |

16.25 – 17.30

**CONSERVATION MOVIES** | Session chair TBD

**Securing livelihoods, saving snow leopards: Snow Leopard Trust's Livestock Insurance Program** | Matt Fiechter | Snow Leopard Trust

**Engaging the world's zoos to save the Saola (*Pseudoryx nghetinhensis*)** | Bill Robichaud | IUCN SSC Saola Working Group

**Save Vietnam's Wildlife: Pangolins** | Daniel Willcox | Save Vietnam's Wildlife

**2017: Year of the Golden Lion Tamarin** | James Dietz | Save the Golden Lion Tamarin

19.00 – 21.00

**SOCIAL PROGRAMME: WALKING TOUR OF TALLINN CITY**

**THURSDAY 24 MAY**  
**Tallinn Zoo, Educational Center**

- 08.15 – 08.45** Welcome coffee & tea
- 08.45 – 11.00** **CONSERVATION EFFORTS IN THE BALTIC REGION** | Session Chair Tiit Maran | Tallinn Zoo (Estonia)  
**KEYNOTE: Halting the decline of amphibians at their northern range edge – a challenge for nature conservation**  
**Riinu Rannap** | Research fellow in conservation biology, University of Tartu (Estonia)  
**Bringing back rare Lithuanian species: European pond turtle and Hermit beetle** | Dalia Bastytė | Lithuanian Fund for Nature (Lithuania)  
**Conservation of seals in Baltic Sea** | Ivar Jüssi | TBC  
**Conservation and management of large carnivores in Estonia** | Peep Männil | Estonian Environment Agency (Estonia)
- 11.00 – 11.30** Coffee & tea break
- 11.30 – 12.30** **FRESHWATER CONSERVATION** | Session chair Brian Zimmerman | Zoological Society of London (UK) and EAZA Conservation Committee member  
**KEYNOTE: TITLE TO BE FINALISED**  
**Jorg Freyhof** | Coordinator IUCN SSC Freshwater Fish Red List Authority | Chair for North Africa, Europe and the Middle East IUCN SSC/WI Freshwater Fish Specialist Group
- 12.30 – 13.30** Lunch
- 13.30 – 14.45** **Continued: FRESHWATER CONSERVATION** | Session chair Brian Zimmerman | Zoological Society of London (UK) and EAZA Conservation Committee member  
**The lake sturgeon as a bioindicator of environmental health** | Jeff Wyatt | Seneca Park Zoo (US)  
**Working Together - a new fund for freshwater fish** | Gemma Goodman | Synchronicity Earth (UK)  
**Fish – Net Greece: saving the Corfu killifish** | Elini Kalogianni | Hellenic Centre for Marine Research - Institute of Marine Biological Resources and Inland Waters (Greece)
- 14.45 – 16.00** **CONNECTING TO CONSERVATION** | Session chair Sarah Thomas | Zoological Society London and EAZA Conservation Committee member  
**Conservation through action & education: "Touch the heart"** | Wilton Nsimango | Painted Dog Conservation (Zimbabwe)  
**Connecting conservation with community development by introducing innovative models in Armenia** | Ruben Khachatryan | Foundation for the Preservation of Wildlife and Cultural Assets (Armenia)  
**Mitigating threats to the Critically Endangered Javan slow loris by outreach and education** | Anna Nekaris | Little Fireface Project (UK)  
**Save our Scavengers: a community engagement approach to protect Botswana's vultures** | Erin Stotz | Denver Zoological Foundation (US)
- 16.00 – 16.30** Coffee & tea break
- 16.00 – 18.00** **TALLINN ZOO VISIT** (Tours available)
- 17.15 – 18.45** Conservation Forum **POSTER SESSION** (Meet & Greet poster authors 17.30 – 18.15) / Conservation Forum **MARKETPLACE**
- 17.45 – 18.45** **CONSERVATION MOVIE | Durrell's Hogs** | Daniel Craven | Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust (UK)

FRIDAY 25 MAY  
Tallinn Zoo, Educational Center

- 08.15 – 08.45** Welcome coffee & tea
- 08.45 – 10.30** **CONSERVATION REINTRODUCTIONS** | Session chair Tania Gilbert | Marwell Wildlife and EAZA Reintroduction and Translocation Working Group
- Ape reintroductions to natural habitats: addressing misconceptions through methodology development and technical advisory resources** | Julie Sherman | Wildlife Impact (UK)
- The Human Dimensions: The importance of anthropology in reintroduction programmes** | Sian Waters | Department of Anthropology, Durham University (UK)
- Bringing beavers back to Scotland - the next steps** | Ben Harrower | Royal Zoological Society of Scotland (UK)
- A bridge for the Ural owl: Connecting populations for a better survival** | Wiebke Hoffmann | Vienna Zoo (Austria)
- Comeback of the European bison in the Southern Carpathians, Romania** | Druga Mariana | WWF Romania (Romania)
- 10.30 – 11.00** Coffee & tea break
- 11.00 – 12.30** **DISCUSSION REWILDING** | Facilitator Andrew Terry | Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust (UK) and EAZA Conservation Committee member
- KEYNOTE: TITLE TO BE FINALISED**
- Paul Jepson** | Member supervisory board Rewilding Europe (UK)
- 12.30 – 13.15** Lunch (*please note 45 minutes*)
- 13.15 – 14.20** **INVESTING IN CONSERVATION - EU Funding opportunities** | session chair TBD
- LIFE Programme - EU's financial instrument supporting environmental, nature conservation and climate action projects throughout the EU** | Anita Fassio | LIFE Unit, Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (EASME), European Commission
- LIFE: Implementation conservation activities in Europe** | Claudia Gili | Acquario di Genova (Italy)
- LIFE: Case example - Wild forest reindeer returns to its historical range - soft releases as the first step** | Milla Niemi | Wildlife Service Finland (Finland)
- LIFE Case example - Northern Bald Ibis: Reintroduction of a migratory bird species in Europe** | Johannes Fritz | Waldrappteam, LIFE+ Northern Bald Ibis (Austria)
- 14.20 – 14.50** Coffee & tea break

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| <b>14.50 – 16.50</b> | <p><b>INVESTING IN CONSERVATION</b>   continued   session chair Friederike von Houwald   Basel Zoo (Switzerland) and EAZA Conservation Committee member</p> <p><b>Conservation Achievement Score Project</b>   Gregory Vogt   Conservation Guardians (South Africa)</p> <p><b>WAZA Nature Connect Program</b>   Stephanie Sanderson   World Association of Zoos and Aquaria</p> <p><b>Zoos contribution to in-situ conservation of Latin American aquatic mammals</b>   Lorenzo von Fersen   Zoo Nuremberg, YAQU PACHA (Germany)</p> <p><b>Oceanário de Lisboa support to in situ conservation projects</b>   Nuno Vasco Rodrigues   Oceanário de Lisboa (Portugal)</p> <p><b>Financing a grassroots conservation programme: Hutan's 20 years' experience of fundraising challenges, ethics and dilemmas</b>   Isabelle Lackman   HUTAN (Malaysia)</p> <p><b>Investing in people, protecting snow leopards: Community-based conservation in Asia's Mountains</b>   Matt Fiechter   Snow Leopard Trust</p> |
| <b>16.50 – 17.00</b> | <b>CLOSING</b>  |
| <b>17.00 – 18.00</b> | Transport from zoos to hotel  |
| <b>18.45 – 00.00</b> | <b>FAREWELL DINNER</b>  |