

AC30 side-events

Monday, 16 July

European Eel

12:35 - 13:55 / Room 13 – Level 2

Joint CITES - CMS Side-event organized by Karen GAYNOR

Preventing Human-Wildlife Conflicts to Conserve Endangered Wildlife

18:00 - 19:00 / Room 5 - Level 3

Organized by Simon Nemtzov.

In addition to poaching and illegal trade, many endangered species world-wide are greatly threatened by human-wildlife conflicts (HWC). When wild animals harm livelihoods or threaten human lives, too often people feel helpless and simply set out to kill the animals. In poorly managed responses to HWC (such as illicit poisoning, trapping or shooting of endangered wildlife), both sides come out as losers; humans continue to suffer the harm and the damage, and in the end the wildlife get killed anyway. Dr. Nemtzov will explain about how to build an effective long-term strategic plan that can produce a real lasting solution to HWC. He will show effective non-lethal methods, as well as effective solutions based on modern hi-tech equipment, and also simple, cheap and effective "lo-tech" methods.

Tuesday, 17 July

WAZA Zoos and Aquariums: Conservation Partners for Endangered Species

12:30 - 13:45 / Room 13 - Level 2

World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA) member institutions have supported in situ conservation for over 50 years, and the funding, expertise, research, education and commitment developed ex situ has played a vital role in protecting endangered species in partnership with governments and communities around the world. WAZA and its members will provide updates from the field, and present new developments in the global effort to protect wildlife and wild spaces.

Wildlife Trade Laws in Great Apes Range States

12:35 - 13:55 / Room 5 - Level 3

Commissioned by the Arcus Foundation, Legal Atlas will present the results of a systematic analysis of international and national legislation in 17 of the range states for great apes and gibbons. The presentation will use Legal Atlas's online legal intelligence platform to guide the audience through the applicable laws, explaining their relation to illegal wildlife trade, including graphics of related offences and authorities, as well as the comparative legal research functions of the platform. Legal Atlas is an award-winning tool that uses the power of open source technologies, visual design and analytics, and maps to extract and compare legal content and data, making laws accessible, comprehensible, and comparable across countries and jurisdictions.

Models for sustainable use - the experience of vicuna in the Andes

12:45 - 14:00 / Room 7 - Level 2

Presentation of ITC report on the value chain for vicuna fibre and implications for conservation and livelihoods. Panel Participants: Matthias Loertscher, Chair CITES Animals Committee; Jessica Maria Galvez-Durand Besnard, Director, CITES Management Authority, Peru

Implementing Sharks on CITES

18:00 - 19:00 / Room 13 - Level 2

Since 2013, governments across the globe have worked to effectively implement shark and ray listings on CITES. This evening will highlight the great work done, with presentations from several Parties on shark management they've put in place, as well as new genetic tools available to assist enforcement agencies and customs officials.

Wednesday, 18 July

Stolen Wildlife

12:35 - 13:45 / Room 13 - Level 2

Stolen Wildlife - smuggling of nationally protected species

Thursday, 19 July

Digital Dangers

12:45 - 13:55 / Room 2 - Level 0

Responding to the illicit wildlife trade online: what do we know?