



**WILDLIFE
CONSERVATION
EXPO**

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10AM-6PM
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**87 SPECIES
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ACROSS 37 COUNTRIES
OVER 6 CONTINENTS**

70 EXHIBITORS

In just a few months, some of the world's pioneering wildlife conservationists will gather at the Wildlife Conservation Expo in beautiful San Francisco to share their compelling stories about endangered species protection.

These trailblazers safeguard wildlife in some of the farthest reaches of our planet, from South America's lush cloud forests and precipitous mountains to Africa's golden savannahs and rich deltas. These priceless landscapes and the wildlife they house are under tremendous pressure from growing human populations, habitat loss, and climate change. At Expo, the conservationists will speak about their efforts navigating these complex challenges—from working with communities to reduce human-wildlife conflict to running bush camps to educate local schoolchildren about wildlife—to save the animals they love.

You will also hear from Crisis and Recovery Fund grantees who are securing a future for wildlife by collaborating with local authorities and communities to combat the illegal wildlife trade, and secure and manage protected parks and reserves.

Whether you are fascinated by iconic species, like elephants and lions, or are curious about lesser known animals, like okapis and dholes, **you will have an opportunity to connect with real life heroes who are protecting a wide spectrum of endangered wildlife.**

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION NETWORK PARTNERS

Wildlife Conservation Network saves endangered species in over 37 countries worldwide by supporting independent wildlife conservationists with the funding and training they need to succeed. WCN's Conservation Partners form the very heart of our network.

In addition to the featured speakers, visit Andean Cat Alliance, Saiga Conservation Alliance, Small Wild Cat Conservation Foundation, and Spectacled Bear Conservation during Expo at their partner tables.



Diane Wilson

Peter Lalampaa and Sheila Funnell

GREVY'S ZEBRA TRUST
KENYA

Both native Kenyans, Grevy's Zebra Trust (GZT) field director, Peter, and research manager, Sheila, are dedicated to saving the highly endangered Grevy's zebra; the largest zebra species, found only in Kenya and Ethiopia. GZT's Grevy's Zebra Scouts program uniquely focuses on involving women and men from local Samburu communities in conservation.

2:30 PM ROBERTSON AUDITORIUM



Dr. Rodney Jackson and Rinzin Lama

SNOW LEOPARD CONSERVANCY
ASIA AND EASTERN EUROPE

Dr. Rodney Jackson, director of the Snow Leopard Conservancy (SLC), is a leading expert on the snow leopard, having devoted over 30 years to conserving this elusive cat in South and Central Asia. SLC aims to advance community-based stewardship of the snow leopard through education, research, and grassroots conservation. Rinzin Lama is a conservationist and a 2015 WCN scholar from Nepal; today he works with SLC's partner Global Primate Network, overseeing village surveys on human-wildlife conflict and monitoring and tracking snow leopards.

2:30 PM FISHER BANQUET ROOM



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Dr. Colleen Begg and Edison Saranga

NIASSA LION PROJECT & STILL STANDING
MOZAMBIQUE

Colleen, Keith, and their family live and work in the Niassa National Reserve, one of the world's last remaining great wilderness areas, leading a team of 100 Mozambicans. Niassa Lion Project (NLP) has 12 different programs ranging from anti-poaching and education to building community partnerships—which is key to helping people and lions co-exist peacefully. NLP has partnered with Edison Saranga of Still Standing, a nonprofit that uses basketball to inspire children and shape conscious citizens, to build a conservation culture amongst the youth living inside Mozambique's protected areas.

10:00 AM ROBERTSON AUDITORIUM

Peter Blinston and David Kuvawoga

PAINTED DOG CONSERVATION
ZIMBABWE

After watching a documentary on painted dogs over 30 years ago, Peter was determined to save them. Since then, under his leadership, and with support from Painted Dog Conservation's (PDC) operations manager, David Kuvawoga, PDC has helped anti-poaching units find and dispose of thousands of snares. The team has also established educational bush camps that take children into the field to see wildlife, many for the first time. Painted dog numbers have been growing within the areas where PDC operates.

1:30 PM ROBERTSON AUDITORIUM

Dr. Shivani Bhalla

EWASO LIONS
KENYA

Shivani, a National Geographic Emerging Explorer and Disney Conservation Hero, is highly acclaimed in her field and dedicated to saving Kenya's lions. Under her leadership, the Ewaso Lions team works with local warriors, elders, women, and children to benefit the entire ecosystem. Collaborating with communities is the heart of Ewaso Lions' work; their Warrior Watch program trains Samburu warriors to monitor wildlife and diffuse human-wildlife conflict, and their Mama Simba program engages women to promote human-carnivore co-existence.

2:30 PM ROBERTSON AUDITORIUM

John Lukas and Lucas Meers

OKAPI CONSERVATION PROJECT
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

Over three decades, the Okapi Conservation Project (OCP) has combatted threats to the survival of okapi by supporting efforts of wildlife rangers to control illegal mining, deforestation, and poaching within the Okapi Wildlife Reserve. John Lukas, OCP founder and president, with support from program officer, Lucas Meers, applies a holistic approach to okapi conservation—promoting local and national understanding of and appreciation for okapi, their habitat, and the Reserve, while assisting communities with developing sustainable ways to co-exist with endangered wildlife.

2:30 PM FISHER BANQUET ROOM



J. Weller

Dr. Pablo Borboroglu

GLOBAL PENGUIN SOCIETY WORLDWIDE

Penguins have always been important in Pablo's life. He founded the Global Penguin Society to study and protect all 18 species of penguins in the Southern Hemisphere. Pablo works closely with communities, local governments, and other conservation groups to establish guidelines for penguin conservation. So far, 815 million acres of marine and coastal protected areas have been created, thanks to his tireless efforts. Pablo is a 2018 Whitley Gold Award winner and a recipient of the 2018 National Geographic/ Buffet Awards for Leadership in Conservation.

4:00 PM ROBERTSON AUDITORIUM



Rosamira Guillen and Johanna Vega

PROYECTO TITÍ COLOMBIA

Under Rosamira's leadership and guidance, and with support from Proyecto Tití's subdirector of operations, Johanna Vega, Proyecto Tití recently purchased 187 acres of land, doubling the size of their biological reserve, and helping to create critical corridors for cotton-top tamarins. The project continues to expand throughout the country, protecting forests and showing hundreds of children and adults the value of this endangered little monkey, endemic to Colombia.

4:00 PM FISHER BANQUET ROOM

GUEST SPEAKERS

We're excited to welcome some new guest speakers to Expo this fall. These incredible individuals will speak about conserving some of our planet's most fascinating species.



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PANGOLIN

Covered in scales and resembling walking pinecones, pangolins are gentle insect-eating animals found in Asia and Africa. Few people had heard of them until recently when it was announced that they are the most illegally trafficked mammals in the world. Poached as a luxury food and for their scales which are used as traditional medicine, all eight species are threatened with extinction. Now, more than ever, pangolins need conservation support.

Learn more about these fascinating animals, the conservation efforts underway to protect them, and how you can help save pangolins.

10:00 AM FISHER BANQUET ROOM



Frank Pope

Special Introduction by Dr. Iain Douglas-Hamilton

SAVE THE ELEPHANTS KENYA

Save the Elephants (STE) is a leader in the effort to fight the elephant ivory crisis sweeping across Africa. Together with WCN they have created the Elephant Crisis Fund to address poaching, trafficking, and demand for ivory. STE was founded by Dr. Iain Douglas-Hamilton during his pioneering 50-year career in elephant research and conservation. Frank Pope now serves as the CEO of Save the Elephants.

5:15 PM ROBERTSON AUDITORIUM



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Dr. Laurie Marker

CHEETAH CONSERVATION FUND NAMIBIA

Laurie is recognized as one of the world's leading experts on cheetahs and a pioneer in the field of cheetah conservation. Cheetah Conservation Fund works closely with local farmers to understand the root of human-cheetah conflict and to mitigate it through innovative programs, such as their livestock guardian dogs, education and outreach initiatives, and their Bush Project, which harvests excess thorn bush and turns it into clean-burning fuel logs—a renewable energy source for rural Namibians without electricity.

5:15 PM FISHER BANQUET ROOM



Olivier Nsengimana

RWANDA WILDLIFE CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION RWANDA

Dr. Olivier Nsengimana established the Rwanda Wildlife Conservation Association to expand research and conservation projects connected to endangered or threatened wildlife in Rwanda, including grey crowned cranes. In Rwanda, where there are less than 500 grey crowned cranes remaining in the wild, the primary threat facing them is widespread poaching. Olivier was recognized as a Rolex Young Laureate Award Winner in 2014 for his efforts to protect these unique birds.

1:30 PM FISHER BANQUET ROOM



Ramki Sreenivasan

Arjun Srivathsa

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION SOCIETY-INDIA INDIA

Arjun Srivathsa is a 2015 WCN scholar from India and a wildlife biologist studying large carnivores in his home country, with a focus on the endangered dhole, also known as Asiatic wild dog. Arjun is a member of the IUCN Dhole Working Group and runs a dhole conservation project in the Western Ghats, a mountain range that runs along the entire west coast of India. He is currently pursuing his PhD in Interdisciplinary Ecology at the University of Florida. Arjun is also an accomplished science-cartoonist, engaged in bridging the gap between science and society.

4:00 PM FISHER BANQUET ROOM

SPECIAL FEATURE EVENTS

FROM CRISIS TO RECOVERY

Across Africa, two of the world's most celebrated wildlife species are facing dire threats. We are losing elephants to a poaching crisis that is part of a devastating global ivory trade and in just 25 years we have lost half of Africa's lions from threats like human-lion conflict and habitat loss.

WCN's Crisis and Recovery Funds were created to protect these endangered animals beyond a singular country and across their entire habitat. The Funds focus on collaboration and encourage everyone—from nonprofits, to conservationists, to philanthropists—to work together to save wildlife. In this session, you will hear directly from grantees who are steadily reversing the crisis and recovering wildlife populations.

**SPEAKERS: ANDREA HEYDLAUFF (AFRICAN PARKS NETWORK)
AND THANDIWE MWEETWA (ZAMBIAN CARNIVORE PROGRAMME)**

11:30 AM ROBERTSON AUDITORIUM

EMPOWERING CONSERVATION HEROES

In today's constantly evolving conservation landscape, it is essential for conservationists to possess a wide range of skills and be nimble in their response to unexpected challenges. In this session, you will hear from conservationists about how their efforts protecting wildlife and addressing the needs of communities benefit from a varied and surprising set of skills.

SPEAKERS: DR. RACHEL GRAHAM (MARALLIANCE), ARISTIDE KAMLA (AFRICAN MARINE MAMMAL CONSERVATION ORGANIZATION), REBECCA KLEIN (CHEETAH CONSERVATION BOTSWANA), AND DR. CLAUDIO SILLERO (ETHIOPIAN WOLF CONSERVATION PROGRAM)

11:30 AM FISHER BANQUET ROOM



SPEAKER SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 13, 2018

TIME	ROBERTSON AUDITORIUM SECOND FLOOR	FISHER BANQUET ROOM GROUND FLOOR
10:00-11:00	Charles Knowles, WCN WELCOME Dr. Colleen Begg and Edison Saranga Lion-Mozambique	Dr. Jean-Gaël Collomb, WCN WELCOME <hr/> Pangolin
11:00-11:30	BREAK	
11:30-12:30	FROM CRISIS TO RECOVERY: <i>African Parks Network, Zambian Carnivore Programme</i>	EMPOWERING CONSERVATION HEROES: <i>MarAlliance, African Marine Mammal Conservation Organization, Ethiopian Wolf Conservation Program, Cheetah Conservation Botswana</i>
12:30-1:30	LUNCH BREAK ~ Boxed lunch for purchase*	
1:30-2:00	Peter Blinston & David Kuvawoga Painted dog	Olivier Nsengimana Grey-crowned crane
2:00-2:30	BREAK	
2:30-3:30	Peter Lalampaa & Sheila Funnell Grevy's zebra Dr. Shivani Bhalla Lion-Kenya	Dr. Rodney Jackson & Rinzin Lama Snow leopard John Lukas and Lucas Meers Okapi
3:30-4:00	BREAK	
4:00-5:00	Dr. Pablo Borboroglu Penguin	Rosamira Guillen & Johanna Vega Cotton-top tamarin Arjun Srivathsa Dhole
5:00-5:15	BREAK	
5:15-5:45	Frank Pope <i>Special introduction by Dr. Iain Douglas-Hamilton</i> Elephant	Dr. Laurie Marker Cheetah-Namibia

* A boxed lunch is available for purchase at the event for \$15. Vegetarian and vegan options will be available. Other refreshments will be for sale in the café until 4:00pm.

The Expo is full of interesting, inspirational presentations by conservationists from around the world. In between sessions, please walk around and talk with the conservationists and the dozens of exhibitors sharing information about their worthy wildlife-related causes.

For the latest Expo updates, please visit wildnet.org/events

Speakers subject to change.

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at 10am.

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General Admission \$100
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