



# **PATHWAYS: HUMAN DIMENSIONS OF WILDLIFE**

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## WELCOME TO PATHWAYS EUROPE 2026

Dear Pathways attendees,

Greetings! It is our pleasure to welcome you to the Pathways: Human Dimensions of Wildlife Conference. This is our 18<sup>th</sup> year offering Pathways, and over that time, we have had venues in the United States, Europe, and Africa. We are delighted to join Oxford Brookes in hosting the 2026 Pathways in an atmosphere of academic excellence and leadership, specifically in the Human Dimensions arena.

In the short time since the inception of Pathways, we have witnessed a significant growth of interest in the practical application of the social sciences in wildlife management. Consistent with that trend, we have also seen increasing attendance at the Pathways over the years. As you look through the program, it is truly impressive to see the diverse array of topics, individuals, and organizations involved in HDW. Thank you for your participation in making that a reality.

Sincerely,

Kate Hill  
Emily Schmieding  
Michael Manfredo

## FROM THE 2026 ORGANIZERS



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# ADVISORY BOARD

The Pathways Europe 2026 team wishes to extend our deepest gratitude to the members of the Advisory Board for their continued support in making the 2026 conference a success. We thank them for their efforts in helping us continue our mission of increasing professionalism and effectiveness in the human dimensions of wildlife field.

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# CONFERENCE COHOSTS



The School of Social Sciences at Oxford Brookes University is part of the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences and offers a vibrant, inclusive community dedicated to understanding and addressing real-world social issues. It brings together disciplines such as sociology, anthropology, geography, politics, criminology, and international relations to explore global challenges like inequality, migration, biodiversity conservation and climate justice.



HUMAN DIMENSIONS  
OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

The Department of Human Dimensions of Natural Resources (HDNR) at Colorado State University is positioned to meet complex challenges of natural resource management with a growing global population. We do this through understanding and attending to the needs and values of humans, human society and culture as they relate to the conservation and enjoyment of the natural environment. It is HDNR's mission to empower people to explore and sustain their world. With HDNR's belief in integrity, impact, diversity, innovation, sustainability, and well-being, the vision of the department is to re-imagine learning and discovery to benefit both people and the natural world. The Department offers an MS and PhD in Human Dimensions of Natural Resources, and a Master of Conservation Leadership, as well as a graduate certificate in Communications for Conservation, in addition to undergraduate degrees in Human Dimensions of Natural Resources and Natural Resource Tourism.

# INTRODUCING...



# SHDW

**Society for Human Dimensions of Wildlife**

## **Why start a society?**

Since the first Pathways conference in 2008, we have hosted 15 conferences to date, with each conference growing in number and engagement around human dimensions of wildlife.

Recognizing the growing need for and use of HDW, the Pathways organizers have established the Society for Human Dimensions of Wildlife (SHDW).

## **Our vision**

We envision a future of sustainable fish and wildlife populations that provide a broad array of benefits made possible by policy and management decisions informed by both social and ecological sciences. We seek to advance the science and practice of fish and wildlife conservation through understanding and effective management of human-wildlife coexistence.

## **Our mission**

The purpose of this society is to support and advance the field of HDW by building a diverse, global, interdisciplinary professional community. The society connects researchers, practitioners, and students in a shared commitment to wildlife conservation through social science, diverse representation, and knowledge transfer. It will serve as a hub for collaboration, learning, and leadership development, and is structured to remain adaptable, transparent, and globally relevant. It strives to represent and empower the full spectrum of people working at the intersection of wildlife and society.

## **Our guiding principles:**

- Strive toward innovation and advancement.
- Value community and collaboration.
- Create a community of evidence-based practice.
- Mentor and support emerging professionals.
- Good governance.

**Join us to help us shape the future for SHDW! We will make an announcement during the Monday morning plenary, host a poster during the Monday evening social, and gather feedback during session W-2C.**

# CHECK-IN AND REGISTRATION

Upon arrival in Oxford, check in with your lodging facility. *If you are staying on the Oxford Brookes University campus, proceed directly to Clive Booth Reception (Clive Booth Student Village, John Garne Way, Headington, Oxford OX3 0FN) to check in.*

Conference check-in will be at Oxford Brookes University in the John Henry Brookes Building.

## Registration Desk Times:

**SUNDAY:** 12:00 - 17:00

**MONDAY - TUESDAY:** 7:30 - 17:00

**WEDNESDAY:** 8:00 - 12:00

It is required that you check in and receive your name badge prior to attending any conference sessions. Your name badge will grant admission to all sessions, breaks, and socials during the conference. If you arrive after registration desk hours end, please message our team on Whova.

# WIFI

The Wifi network while on campus is **OBU-Guest WiFi**.

How to connect to OBU-Guest Wi-Fi:

- Open your Wi-Fi settings and locate OBU-Guest.
- Select OBU-Guest to connect. A new landing page will open in your browser.
- Register using your name and your email address and click OK to connect.
- Once registered for OBU-Guest, your device should automatically connect after a few seconds. Remember that your guest access is temporary and you'll need to re-register every 24 hours.

# A FORUM FOR RESPECTFUL DEBATE

Our goal is to provide a forum for sharing quality human dimensions science and practice that can be useful in the management of fish and wildlife. We strive to present useful scientific and practical information that can inform policy positions. However, this does not imply that we support any positions of advocacy taken in presentations made. We invite respectful dialogue and debate while rejecting censorship of quality contributions that are topically appropriate for our venue.

# CARBON OFFSET OPTION

The Pathways Conference supports mindful offset programs, because in-person events can have harmful impacts on the environment. An option we recommend is Trees, Water & People.

Price: 10 USD (7.48 GBP) / 1 Ton of CO<sub>2</sub>

TWP's in-house carbon calculator provides us with an effective way to offset our impacts on the planet while tangibly improving the quality of life in some of the world's most challenging places.

Learn more, find out your household carbon emissions, or donate here:

<https://treeswaterpeople.org/offset>

# CAMPUS GUIDE: OXFORD BROOKES

The Oxford Brookes University - Headington Hill campus has lodging, dining, and meeting spaces on its main campus. Below is the map of the main campus, including the conference locations, bus stop, and a small grocery store/market. Our main conference spaces will be in the John Henry Brookes Building (2) and Gibbs Building (3).



# CAMPUS GUIDE: DORMITORIES

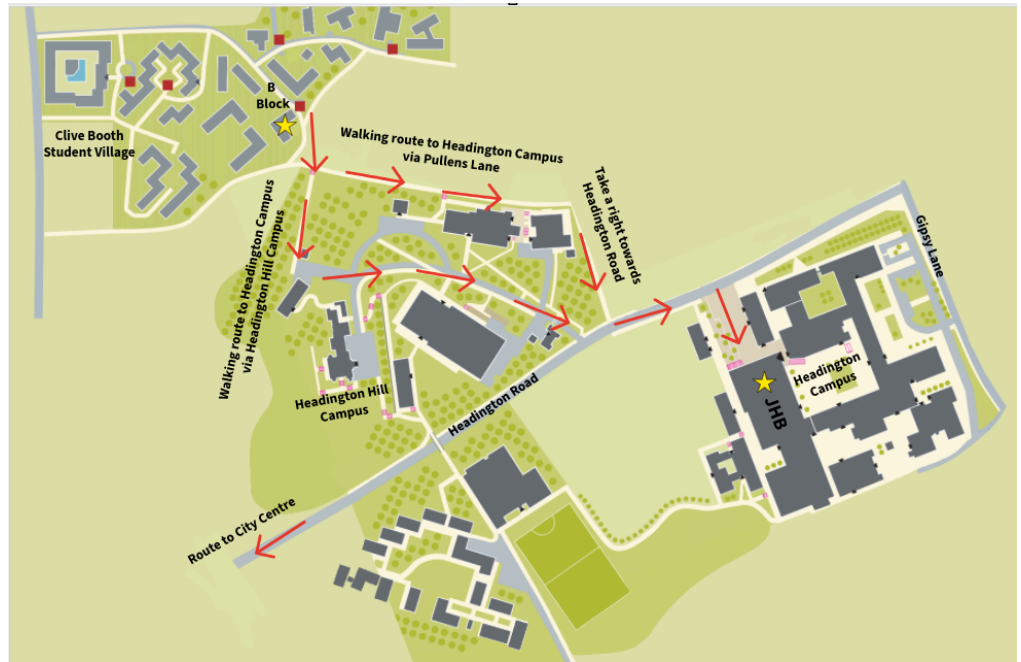
**You must book dormitory lodging in advance via the conference website.**

The following map shows the walk from the dormitory to the main campus. The walk takes about 10 minutes.

Location: Clive Booth Student Village, John Garne Way, Headington, Oxford, OX3 0FN

Check into the dormitory lodging from 16:00 to 21:00.

Check out on your day of departure from 8:00 to 10:00.



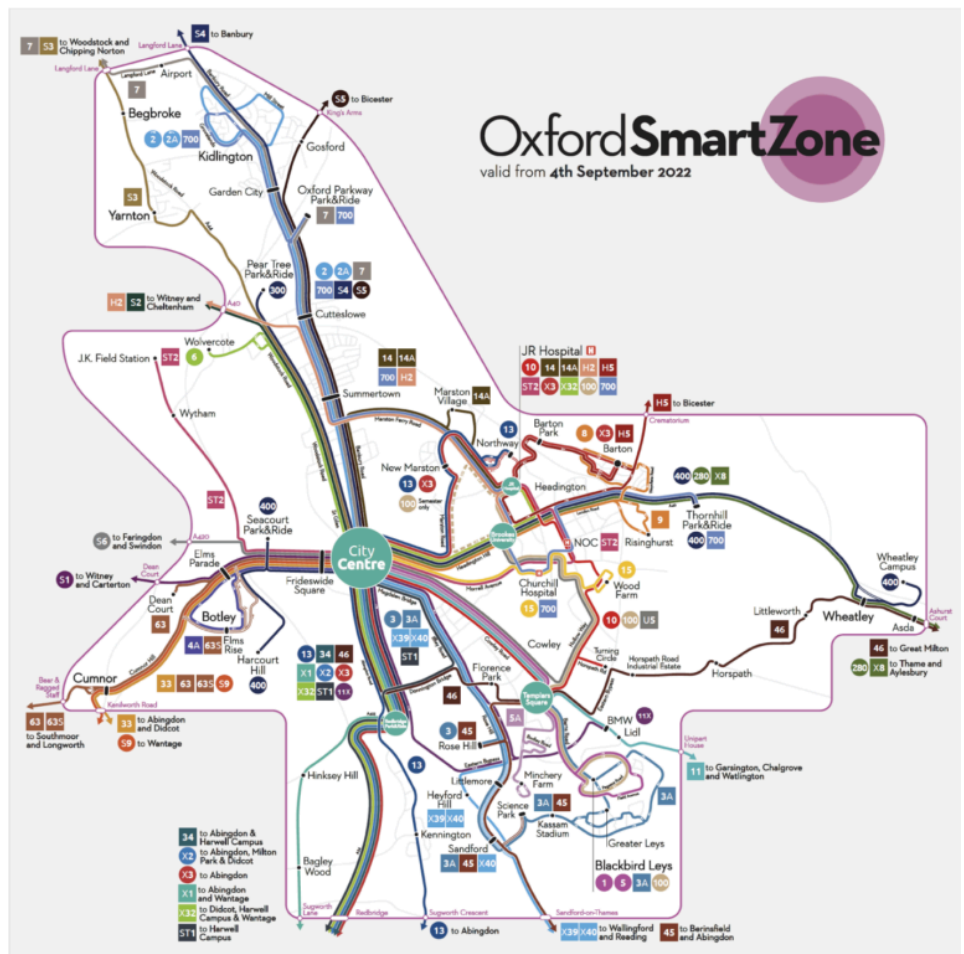
# OXFORD CITY GUIDE

The city of Oxford has an extensive bus system. All of the bus lines pictured to the right operate within the “Oxford Smart Zone.”

From Oxford City Center, you can take the 400 bus to the Oxford Brookes University campus. The bus stops on campus, at different buildings, and at dormitories. Tickets can be bought via [the Oxford Bus app](#) or on the [Freeflow app](#) or can be purchased on the bus (cash only).

## From the Airport: Taking the Bus

The [airline bus](#) to Oxford makes a stop at Oxford-Brookes before the city center. Tickets can be bought in the airport, at the bus station, or on the bus (cash only).



# CONFERENCE LOGISTICS



## INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL NOTICE

If you are traveling from outside the UK, please check your entry requirements.

- **ETA:** Many visitors (including those from the United States) now require an Electronic Travel Authorization. [Learn more about the ETA process here.](#)
- **Visas:** Some nationalities may require a standard Visa. [Check UK Government requirements here.](#)



## REGISTRATION INCLUSIONS

**Daily registration** includes access to all conference sessions, workshops, plenary talks, coffee breaks, and the evening social. **Full conference registration** includes access to all conference sessions from Wednesday through Saturday, all coffee breaks, and socials.

***The conference dinner, lodging, and pre-conference workshops/trainings require separate registration in advance.***



## GETTING AROUND OXFORD

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## ACCOMMODATIONS/LODGING

Clive Booth lodging offers single ensuite bedrooms in apartments of four to six, with shared kitchen facilities and communal social space. The student village is a 10-minute walk to the Headington Campus, which is where the conference will take place. **Lodging must be booked in advance.** Visit the [Pathways website](#) for more information.

Upon arrival, guests will check in at Clive Booth Reception: Clive Booth Student Village, John Garne Way, Headington, Oxford OX3 0FN



## EMERGENCIES

Dial 999 for any immediate emergency situations that require police, fire, or ambulance. The closest hospital to Oxford Brookes University is the John Radcliffe Hospital, which is a five-minute drive or a 19-minute walk. The hospital has a 24-hour emergency room and is located at John Radcliffe Hospital, Headley Way, Headington, Oxford OX3 9DU, United Kingdom.

# PLENARY SPEAKERS



Photo: BBOWT

## **Nature for Health & Wellbeing**

Sunday, 14 June 2026 | 16:00 - 17:30 | JHB Main Lecture Theatre

**Estelle Bailey MBE**, Chief Executive, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire & Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust

Estelle has been Chief Executive at BBOWT since January 2014. She has worked for The Wildlife Trusts movement for over 25 years. Working closely with the Board of Trustees and Directors, Estelle is responsible for the strategic leadership and direction of the Trust to deliver a wilder Berks, Bucks & Oxon that both restores nature at a significant scale and reconnects people to nature. Estelle believes that a healthy, wildlife-rich natural world is valuable in its own right and is also the foundation of our wellbeing and prosperity; we depend on it, and it depends on us.

Estelle is a keen ornithologist, with a lifelong passion for wildlife. She is a gardener, has an allotment, and enjoys taking on various restoration projects!



Photo: Rafael Hoogesteijn

## **The invisible architecture of human-wildlife coexistence**

Monday, 15 June 2026 | 8:30 - 9:15 | JHB Main Lecture Theatre

**Silvio Marchini**, Science & Strategy Coordinator, Smithsonian's National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute

Throughout his career, Silvio has been a mediator, helping to build bridges: bridges between ecological and social sciences, researchers and decision-makers, readers and authors, those who want to learn and those who can teach, and people and nature to understand and improve life, both wildlife and human.

Strategic planning, theory of change, systems thinking, decision-making, partnership building, transdisciplinary collaboration, qualitative and quantitative conservation social research, and monitoring, evaluation, and learning are examples of his fields of interest.

He is the founder, consultant, and facilitator of 'Plan4Coex Workshops & Courses', Science & Strategy Coordinator of Pontes Pantaneiras Coalition (Smithsonian Institution/IPÊ – Instituto de Pesquisas Ecológicas/Embrapa Pantanal/University College London); a member of IUCN SSC Human-Wildlife Conflict & Coexistence Specialist Group; faculty at NEPAM|University of Campinas; member of Instituto Pró-Carnívoros (IPC); and co-founder of Escola da Amazônia (Whitley Award 2007).

# PLENARY SPEAKERS



Photo: University of Derby

## Uniting both human and nature's wellbeing

Tuesday, 16 June 2026 | 8:30 - 9:15 | JHB Main Lecture Theatre

**Miles Richardson**, Professor, Human Factors and Nature Connectedness, University of Derby

Miles Richardson is an internationally recognized leader in the study of the human-nature relationship, currently serving as a Professor of Human Factors and Nature Connectedness at the University of Derby. As a Chartered Psychologist and Chartered Ergonomist, he founded the award-winning Nature Connectedness Research Group (NCRG) and is ranked first globally for research output and quality in his field. His pioneering work, including the "Pathways to Nature Connectedness" framework, focuses on understanding how improving our connection with the natural world can enhance both human wellbeing and biodiversity conservation.

Beyond academia, Richardson's research has a significant global impact, having been cited in over 140 policy documents by organizations such as the United Nations, WHO, and the UK government. He serves as a Lead Author for the UN's IPBES Global Transformative Change Assessment and has developed influential tools like the "biodiversity stripes" and the Nature Connection Index. In addition to his scientific publications, he is an accomplished author, with works such as *Reconnection: Fixing our Broken Relationship with Nature* (2023) and *The Blackbird's Song* (2024) aimed at fostering a deeper public engagement with the environment.



Photo: University of Oxford

Wednesday, 17 June 2026 | 9:00 - 10:00 | Union Hall Lecture Hall

**Amy Dickman**, Professor, Wildlife Conservation, University of Oxford; Director, WildCRU

Amy is the Kaplan Senior Research Fellow in Felid Conservation and is a Professor of Wildlife Conservation at Oxford University, and the Director of WildCRU. Amy has over 25 years of experience working on large carnivores in Africa, specialising in human-carnivore conflict. She has an MSc from Oxford University and a PhD from University College London, and has published over 100 scientific papers and book chapters on large carnivore ecology and conservation. She is a member of the IUCN Cat Specialist Group, the Human-Wildlife Conflict Collaboration, the African Lion Working Group, the IUCN Human-Wildlife Conflict Task Force, and is a National Geographic Explorer. She has received multiple awards for her work, including the Rabinowitz-Kaplan Prize for the Next Generation in Wild Cat Conservation and the St Louis Zoo Conservation Award.

Amy is also the joint founder and joint CEO of Lion Landscapes, a WildCRU affiliated project and NGO, and is the Chair of the Arabian Leopard Fund.

# SCHEDULE OVERVIEW: Sunday, 14 June 2026

	JHB Classroom 401	JHB Classroom 402
<b>10:00 - 16:00</b>	<p>Pre-Conference Training</p> <p><b>Facilitating Depolarization: Tools for reducing conflict and depolarizing conservation issues</b></p> <p>Led by: Dr. Mireille Gonzalez</p> <p>10:00-16:00</p> <p><i>(Separate registration required, \$100 per person)</i></p>	<p>Pre-Conference Training</p> <p><b>From Cordoba to Coexistence: Let's take the next step</b></p> <p>Led by: Dr. Claudia Gruenewald &amp; Dr. Susan Boonman-Berson</p> <p>13:00-16:00</p> <p><i>(Separate registration required, \$63 per person + processing fees)</i></p>
<b>12:00 - 17:00</b>	<b>Registration Desk Open</b>	
<b>16:00 - 17:30</b>	<p><b>Nature for Health &amp; Wellbeing</b> Estelle Bailey, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire &amp; Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust</p> <p>Location: JHB Main Lecture Theatre</p>	
<b>18:00 - 20:00</b>	<b>Evening Social</b> Location: JHB Terrace	

# SCHEDULE OVERVIEW: Monday, 15 June 2026

7:30 - 17:00	Registration Desk Open			
8:30 - 9:15	<p align="center"><b>The invisible architecture of human–wildlife coexistence</b>          Silvio Marchini, Smithsonian’s National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute</p> <p align="center">Location: JHB Main Lecture Theatre</p>			
9:15 - 9:30	Coffee Break			
9:30 - 11:00	M-1A JHB Main Lecture	M-1B JHB Chakrabarti	M-1C JHB Snow Room	M-1D JHB Classroom 407
	Wolf-human conflict, I  (page 38)	Implementing local and indigenous knowledge into wildlife management  (page 39)	Rewilding, reintroduction, and restoration  (page 39)	Organized Session - The human impact of commodifying wildlife for fur: Public perceptions and a full-cost account of the fur industry  (page 19)
11:00 - 11:15	Coffee Break			
11:15 - 12:45	M-2A JHB Main Lecture	M-2B JHB Chakrabarti	M-2C Location TBD	
	Wolf-human conflict, II  (page 38)	Community empowerment for coexistence solutions  (page 40)	Organized Session - Part 1: Food for thought? Understanding the drivers of provisioning of primates and other wildlife across the globe  (page 20)	

# SCHEDULE OVERVIEW: Monday, 15 June 2026

12:45 - 13:45	Lunch (Location: JHB Terrace)			
13:45 - 15:45	M-3A JHB Main Lecture	M-3B JHB Chakrabarti	M-3C Location TBD	M-3D JHB Classroom 407
	Organized Session - Lessons from USA, Canada, and European wolf myths, conflicts, and sustainable solutions  (page 22)	Ethics and emerging challenges in wildlife management  (page 41)	Organized Session - Part 2: Food for thought? Understanding taxonomic and geographic variation in wildlife provisioning across the globe  (page 21)	Organized Session - Uncomfortable ecologies, taboos, and controversial pathways to coexistence  (page 23)
15:45 - 16:00	Coffee Break			
16:00 - 18:00	M-4A JHB Main Lecture	M-4B Location TBD		M-4C JHB Snow Room
	Organized Session - Our connections to wild canids, past, present and future: A renewed call for respect and coexistence  (page 24)	Organized Session - Co-producing knowledge: Equitable approaches to working with local ecological knowledge in conservation  (page 25)		Organized Session - Advancing conservation social sciences in Europe: Let's keep the conversation going!  (page 26)
18:30 - 20:30	Poster Session & Evening Social (Location: JHB Terrace)			

# SCHEDULE OVERVIEW: Tuesday, 16 June 2026

7:30 - 17:00	Registration Desk Open		
8:30 - 9:15	<p align="center"><b>Uniting both human and nature's wellbeing</b>  Miles Richardson, University of Derby</p> <p align="center">Location: JHB Main Lecture Theatre</p>		
9:15 - 9:30	Coffee Break		
9:30 - 11:00	<p align="center">T-1A JHB Snow Room</p>	<p align="center">T-1B Location TBD</p>	<p align="center">T-1C JHB Main Lecture</p>
	<p align="center">Wild cat-human conflict  (page 40)</p>	<p align="center">Organized Session - Messages in the landscape: Notes on multispecies communication  (page 27)</p>	<p align="center">Livestock-predator conflicts  (page 41)</p>
11:00 - 11:15	Coffee Break		
11:15 - 12:45	<p align="center">T-2A JHB Snow Room</p>	<p align="center">T-2B JHB Chakrabarti</p>	<p align="center">T-2C JHB Main Lecture</p>
	<p align="center">Organized Session - Exploring emotional and psychosocial dimensions of human- wildlife interactions  (page 28)</p>	<p align="center">Organized Session - What it takes for human-wildlife coexistence  (page 29)</p>	<p align="center">Organized Session - Sharing landscapes with wildlife: Coexistence pathways for high nature value pastoral systems and large carnivores - Launch of PAN special feature in the context of the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralism  (page 30)</p>

# SCHEDULE OVERVIEW: Tuesday, 16 June 2026

12:45 - 13:45	Lunch (Location: JHB Terrace)		
13:45 - 15:45	T-3A JHB Snow Room	T-3B Location TBD	T-3C JHB Main Lecture
	Narratives and human dimensions psychology  (page 42)	Organized Session - Science and story: Communication innovation for coexistence  (page 31)	Organized Session - Cross-country learning for coexistence: Evaluating governance of pastoralism and wildlife in Europe  (page 32)
15:45 - 16:00	Coffee Break		
16:00 - 18:00	T-4A JHB Snow Room	T-4B Location TBD	T-4C JHB Main Lecture
	Organized Session - Intricate relations between wildlife and human well-being  (page 33)	Organized Session - Serious games for coexistence: Immersive tools to transform human–nature relationships and mediate conservation conflicts  (page 34)	Urban coexistence and tolerance  (page 42)
18:30 - 20:30	Conference Dinner		

# SCHEDULE OVERVIEW: Wednesday, 17 June 2026

8:30 - 17:00	Registration Desk Open		
9:00 - 10:00	<p align="center"><b>Plenary Session:</b> Amy Dickman, University of Oxford; WildCRU</p> <p align="center">Location: Union Hall Lecture Hall</p>		
10:00 - 10:15	Coffee Break		
10:15 - 12:15	<p align="center">W-1A JHB Chakrabarti</p>	<p align="center">W-1B Union Hall</p>	<p align="center">W-1C JHB Snow Room</p>
	<p align="center">Agency management insights from the U.S.  <i>(page 43)</i></p>	<p align="center">Trust, education, and information flow  <i>(page 43)</i></p>	<p align="center">Wellbeing and nature connections  <i>(page 44)</i></p>
12:15-13:15	Lunch (Location: JHB Terrace)		
13:15 - 14:45	<p align="center">W-2A JHB Chakrabarti</p>	<p align="center">W-2B Union Hall</p>	<p align="center">W-2C JHB Snow Room</p>
	<p align="center">Organized Session - Rewilding in practice: Navigating human-wildlife conflict and building coexistence  <i>(page 35)</i></p>	<p align="center">Organized Session - Knowledge types and knowledge flows in collaborative governance arrangements for human–carnivore coexistence  <i>(page 36)</i></p>	<p align="center">Society for Human Dimensions of Wildlife Needs Assessment  <i>(More info to come)</i></p>

# SCHEDULE OVERVIEW: Wednesday, 17 June 2026

14:45 - 15:00	Coffee Break		
15:00 - 16:30	W-3A JHB Chakrabarti	W-3B Union Hall	W-3C JHB Snow Room
	Organized Session - What does 'success' in Conservation Translocations look like for people and wildlife?  (page 37)	Agricultural-Wildlife Conflict  (page 44)	Compensation and overlooked costs in wildlife management  (page 45)

## Congratulations to our scholarship awardees!

**Abhinaya Pathak, United States**  
**Asmita Sengupta, India**  
**Mengxi Kou, Germany**  
**Robai Makunda, Kenya**  
**Juan Restrepo-Cardona, United States**  
**Yaara Grossmark, Israel**  
**Elena Kortman, Germany**  
**Serik Orazgaliyev, Kazakhstan**

# SYMPOSIUM DETAILS:

## **The human impact of commodifying wildlife for fur: Public perceptions and a full-cost account of the fur industry**

15 June 2026 | 9:30 - 11:00 | M-1D | JHB Classroom 407

### **Session Chair:**

Haley Stewart (Humane World for Animals)

### **Session Description:**

The use of animal fur in the art of fashion has had a presence throughout human history. But in recent decades, the fur trade has been a target by animal welfare organizations due to increased concerns over environmental pollution, public health, and cruelty to both wild-caught and farmed animals exploited for their fur. As a result, economic trade data show declines in the global trade of fur apparel and surveys regarding public attitudes toward fur fashion consistently show negative perceptions of the fur industry. Additionally, cities, states and countries have sought to limit farming of wildlife for fur and the trade of fur products through legislative proposals.

This session will include presentations by social scientists and policy experts that explore the current state of the fur industry and its relation to human well-being as well as the human dimensions research on this topic. We will discuss recent research regarding the environmental, public health, and economic impacts to humans as well as social science studies on public perspectives.

Specifically, we will present the findings of a recent study that examines public attitudes toward fur farming and fur sales bans across the northeastern U.S. states and investigates how different message framings influence support for policy restrictions.

We will also provide an overview of the environmental and public health risks associated with the fur industry, presenting the latest research regarding disease spread on fur farms and potential for zoonotic spillover, as well as the ongoing political responses to disease outbreaks. Lastly, we will share the results of a recently published study on the full-cost account of the European Union's fur industry.

### **Abstracts:**

Messaging impacts public perspectives towards fur farming in the northeastern United States  
*Rebecca Niemiec*<sup>1</sup>, *Haley Stewart*<sup>2</sup> (1. Colorado State University, 2. Humane World for Animals)

A full-cost account of the EU fur industry  
*Griffin Carpenter*<sup>1</sup>, *Haley Stewart*<sup>2</sup> (1. Independent consultant, 2. Humane World for Animals)

The latest research on public health risks associated with fur farming  
*Shely Bryan*<sup>1</sup>, *Haley Stewart*<sup>1</sup> (1. Humane World for Animals)

# SYMPOSIUM DETAILS:

## Part 1: Food for thought? Understanding the drivers of provisioning of primates and other wildlife across the globe

15 June 2026 | 11:15 - 12:45 | M-2C | Location TBD

**Session Chairs:** Malene Friis Hansen (Aarhus University), Sian Waters (Barbary Macaque Awareness and Conservation), Asmita Sengupta (Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment), Tracie McKinney (University of South Wales), Laura Perry (Castlerock Conservation), Felicity Oram (Orang JUGA), Erin Riley (San Diego State University), Amanda Ellwanger (Georgia State University)

This is part 1 of a 2-part organised session on the human drivers of wildlife provisioning behaviour. Part 1 is a symposium presenting published and unpublished work designed to spur interest and thought in preparation for part 2, which is an interactive workshop seeking to engage a diverse audience in pursuit of enhanced human and wildlife well-being in contexts where wildlife provisioning occurs. We here see well-being as the fulfilment of desires. Wildlife provisioning can be intentional – through direct feeding – and unintentional – through for example, refuse sites and crops. In this session, we focus on the intentional provisioning of wildlife and consider what factors drive people to engage in this practice. Wildlife provisioning occurs across diverse contexts and can have substantial implications, both negative and positive, for humans, wildlife and ecosystems. It can be highly regulated or completely unregulated depending on a myriad of sociocultural, socioeconomic, and ecological factors. In these provisioning contexts, humans and wildlife mutually affect each other's behaviours. Yet, thus far, research and management strategies have largely focused on the behaviour of wildlife being provisioned instead of the humans carrying out provisioning. Working towards modifying human behaviour may be more effective in mitigating the negative consequences of provisioning. In this symposium we not only present reasons for why humans provision and their impacts, we also provide evidence-based management strategies and future research directions to ensure human and wildlife well-being.

### Abstracts:

To feed or not to feed, that is the question: Direct provisioning reinforces the dependence of primates on anthropogenic resources over time

*Asmita Sengupta<sup>1</sup>, Shaurabh Anand<sup>2</sup>, Sindhu Radhakrishna<sup>3</sup> (1. Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment, 2. Azim Premji University, 3. National Institute of Advanced Studies)*

Human-wildlife food sharing and the consequences for co-cultures and coexistence

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Cracking the code: Human-macaque communication during roadside provisioning encounters in Sulawesi, Indonesia

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Mixed messages: Peoples' interpretations of macaque behavior create confusion in a provisioning context

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The impact of provisioning and perceptions of resource competition between people and wildlife based on complaint mitigation in the anthropogenic landscapes of Eastern Sabah, Malaysia

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# SYMPOSIUM DETAILS:

## **Part 2: Food for thought? Understanding taxonomic and geographic variation in wildlife provisioning across the globe**

15 June 2026 | 13:45 - 15:45 | M-3C | Location TBD

### **Session Chairs:**

Asmita Sengupta (Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment), Tracie McKinney (University of South Wales), Laura Perry (Castlerock Conservation), Sian Waters (Barbary Macaque Awareness and Conservation), Malene Friis Hansen (Aarhus University), Felicity Oram (Orang JUGA), Erin Riley (San Diego State University), Amanda Ellwanger (Georgia State University)

### **Session Description:**

Provisioning (feeding of wildlife by humans) is known to have various impacts including detrimental effects on people, wildlife, and their shared ecosystems. Anthropogenic food can lead to wildlife obesity, the typically clumped nature of provisioned foods can increase group aggression, and closeness to people can lead to physiological stress and altered parasitic loads. Through changes brought about in wildlife physiology, behavior, and demography, provisioning can also have negative impacts on ecosystem functioning. While provisioning can be seen as a means to strengthen bonds and promote coexistence, excessive habituation from encouraging close contact with wild animals can lead to these animals being perceived as nuisances or even posing genuine dangers as a result of behaviors that were initiated and reinforced by interactions with humans.

Following our symposium on wildlife provisioning (Part 1), this session will bring together diverse participants to explore why people choose to feed some animals and not others. Understanding the drivers of provisioning across societal and taxonomic boundaries is critical for designing effective management plans for this common practice, which has clear implications for both human and wildlife well-being.

In this interactive workshop, we will use breakout discussions to explore and share knowledge about provisioning from around the world. We aim to:

- Assess how motivations to provision vary across different geographies, cultures, contexts, and wildlife species.
- Identify themes for further research, guidelines, or collaboration to address the negative impacts of provisioning.
- Connect practitioners working on or impacted by provisioning and provide a mechanism to ensure continued collaboration for knowledge exchange.

The expected outcomes of this session are:

- A thorough understanding of the drivers of provisioning that can inform context-specific, evidence-based management strategies of the human-wildlife interface.
- A global network of interested researchers and practitioners to advance the dialogue on provisioning.

# SYMPOSIUM DETAILS:

## Lessons from USA, Canada, and European wolf myths, conflicts, and sustainable solutions

15 June 2026 | 13:45 - 15:45 | M-3A | JHB Main Lecture Theatre

### Session Chairs:

Suzanne Asha Stone (International Wildlife Coexistence Network), Krista Lyons (IUCN CEM Rewilding Thematic Group Co-Lead)

### Session Description:

Wolves are often framed as an intractable source of livestock conflict. Yet, decades of experience across the USA, Canada, and Europe demonstrate that coexistence is both possible and practical when supported by the right tools, policies, and social conditions. This panel centers on coexistence-based measures that reduce wolf–livestock conflict while sustaining rural livelihoods, ecological integrity, and public trust.

Panelists will examine how cultural narratives and persistent wolf myths influence acceptance of non-lethal approaches, and how these narratives can either undermine or strengthen coexistence efforts. Drawing on comparative case studies, the discussion will highlight proven prevention strategies, including improved husbandry practices, range riders and herders, fencing and fladry, guardian animals, carcass management, adaptive grazing, livestock husbandry, and the strategic use of technology for early warning and predator deterrence. Particular attention will be given to how these tools are most effective when applied in combination with reliable depredation forensics investigations and tailored to local ecological and social contexts.

The panel will also explore enabling conditions for coexistence, including fair and timely compensation, incentive-based programs that reward prevention, long-term technical support, and collaborative governance models that engage producers as partners rather than opponents. By comparing lessons from North America and Europe, panelists will identify common principles and transferable solutions that move beyond reactive lethal control toward durable, preventive conflict reduction. The goal is to equip practitioners, policymakers, and community leaders with evidence-based insights for scaling coexistence approaches that work on the ground—where wolves and livestock share the same landscapes. In our summary, we will provide "food for thought" regarding the wolf rewilding efforts under consideration in Scotland and beyond.

### Abstracts:

Exploring landscape drivers of human-wolf variability

*Jessica Fallon*<sup>1</sup> (*1. Wild Legacy*)

Achieving durable coexistence with wolves

*Suzanne Asha Stone*<sup>1</sup> (*1. International Wildlife Coexistence Network*)

Lone wolf: Walking the faultlines of Europe

*Adam Weymouth*

Isn't it time to stop being afraid of the "Big Bad Wolf"?

*Krista Lyons*<sup>1</sup> (*1. IUCN CEM Rewilding Thematic Group Co-Lead*)

Human–Wildlife Coexistence Through Indigenous Stewardship: Restoring Wild Bison in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem

*Dallas J. Gudgell*<sup>1</sup> (*1. Indigenous-led conservation advocate*)

# SYMPOSIUM DETAILS:

## Uncomfortable ecologies, taboos, and controversial pathways to coexistence

15 June 2026 | 13:45 - 15:45 | M-3D | JHB Classroom 407

### Session Chairs:

George Holmes (University of Leeds), Hanna Pettersson (University of York), Erica von Essen (Stockholm University), Bethany Smith (Institute of Zoology)

### Session Description:

Research and practice human-wildlife interactions have undergone significant change in recent years. There has been a trajectory from focusing on biological aspects, and providing technical solutions to conflict, towards exploring human-wildlife coexistence and to a greater attention to political and social issues. The premise of this panel is that this is an incomplete and unfulfilled journey. Rather, we need to escape these technical, biological roots of thinking about human-wildlife conflict, to embrace ideas and debates that could not be included within such a framing. This panel will be discussing new ways of thinking about coexistence, such as those coming from indigenous ontologies, the related practices, and the broader lessons that these might have. It will also be exploring uncomfortable compromises and lesser evils, challenging the taboos and questioning the unquestioned assumptions and values within our current mainstream framings of conflict and coexistence. The purpose of the panel is to provide uncomfortable and difficult ideas which can challenge, and ultimately potentially enrich, mainstream ideas and approaches in human-wildlife coexistence. This panel will be for presenting latest research on what coexistence might mean, the taboos and hidden assumptions within 'mainstream' concepts of coexistence, and alternative ways of thinking about these topics.

This panel will present case studies and conceptual approaches which push the boundaries of current mainstream practice and thinking in human-wildlife coexistence. It will consist of individual papers, followed by a discussion at the end, but we hope to have a selection that work together to collectively challenge the taken-for-granted assumptions and approaches. We welcome papers that will make the audience feel slightly uncomfortable, in a productive way.

### Abstracts:

When protection backfires: Individual welfare versus integrity of the Finnish wolf population  
*Mari Lyly<sup>1</sup>, Mikael Luoma<sup>1</sup>, Sauli Härkönen<sup>1</sup> (1. Finnish Wildlife Agency)*

Lethal coexistence: Lessons from wolf recovery in Estonia  
*Toryn Whitehead<sup>1</sup>, Kate Schreckenber<sup>1</sup> (1. King's College London)*

# SYMPOSIUM DETAILS:

## **Our connections to wild canids, past, present and future: A renewed call for respect and coexistence**

15 June 2026 | 16:00 - 18:00 | M-4A | JHB Main Lecture Theatre

**Session Chair:** Jill Fritz (Humane World for Animals)

**Session Description:** Globally, wild canids have been historically misunderstood, though public values and attitudes appear to be rapidly improving. However, there is still a significant need for greater respect and coexistence through advancements in methods to prevent conflicts with humans and facilitate the recovery and wellbeing of these species in the long term.

Speakers will discuss the history, mythology and storytelling surrounding wild canids, and how those accounts—in many cases, focused on inaccurate stereotypes and fearmongering—have persisted and continue to influence decisions on policy and governance to this day. But along with those negative perceptions, increasing biological, economic and social research has highlighted the direct public and environmental health benefits created by healthy wild canid populations and has aided in significantly changing how the public perceives these species and their role in our world and in our lives.

Presenters will also look at challenges that have emerged because of expanding human presence in wild canid areas—and vice versa—and how improved public attitudes and tolerance of these species, along with an increasing desire to view and interact with them, may even impede progress on coexistence by causing negative interactions.

Wolf recovery and coexistence successes and challenges in the United States and the European Union will also be examined, including how political decisions that may not be informed by science could accelerate illegal killings and persecution.

Concurrently, similar political decisions in the U.S. and Canada that have caused disastrous outcomes for wildlife, combined with a steady decrease in hunting participation and an increase in wildlife watching spending and participation, have led to calls to modernize the wildlife governance model to be more inclusive, transparent, and focused on humane stewardship of our wild canids and other wildlife.

### **Abstracts:**

The potential role of politics in poaching of grey wolves

*Naomi Louchouart<sup>1</sup>, Adrian Treves<sup>2</sup> (1. Humane World for Animals, 2. University of Wisconsin, Madison)*

Protecting wolves in the EU

*Naomi Louchouart<sup>1</sup>, Joanna Swabe<sup>1</sup> (1. Humane World for Animals)*

The current wildlife governance model is failing wild canids

*Jill Fritz<sup>1</sup> (1. Humane World for Animals)*

Wild canids as contributors to shared landscapes: Ecological and human dimensions

*Katie Stennes<sup>1</sup> (1. Humane World for Animals)*

Removing wolves did not reliably prevent domestic animal losses

*Adrian Treves<sup>1</sup>, Dror Ben-Ami<sup>2</sup>, Ari Cornman<sup>3</sup>, Martin Dul'a<sup>4</sup>, Miroslav Kutal<sup>5</sup>, Igor Khorozyan<sup>6</sup>, Miha Krofel<sup>7</sup>, José López-Bao<sup>8</sup>, Rona Nadler Valency<sup>2</sup>, Shlomo Preiss-Bloom<sup>9</sup>, Francisco Santiago-Ávila<sup>10</sup>, Jurgis Šuba<sup>11</sup>, Agrita Žunna<sup>11</sup> (1. Carnivore Coexistence Lab, 2. Compassionate Conservation Middle East, 3. California Fish & Wildlife Commission, 4. Faculty of Forestry and Wood Technology; Mendel University in Brno, 5. Friends of the Earth Czech Republic, 6. Scientific Center of Zoology and Hydroecology, 7. University of Ljubljana, 8. Oviedo University, 9. Tel Aviv University, 10. Washington Wildlife First, 11. Latvian State Forest Research Institute)*

Perceived benefits and risks of tourism for wild dog (*Lycaon pictus*) conservation at Mana Pools, Zimbabwe

*David Kuvawoga<sup>1</sup>, Lisa Naughton<sup>2</sup>, Adrian Treves<sup>2</sup> (1. Painted Dog Conservation, 2. University of Wisconsin, Madison)*

# SYMPOSIUM DETAILS:

## **Co-producing knowledge: Equitable approaches to working with local ecological knowledge in conservation**

15 June 2026 | 16:00 - 18:00 | M-4B | Location TBD

### **Session Chairs:**

Sian Waters (Barbary Macaque Awareness and Conservation), Chloe Chesney (NOVA University of Lisbon)

### **Session Description:**

Ecological and conservation science increasingly recognises the critical role of local ecological knowledge (LEK) in surveying endangered or cryptic species. Working with LEK necessitates the consideration and inclusion of many differing factors across research and practice stages. Uneven power relations may mean that participants' LEK is extracted without proper recognition or attribution. This not only undermines ethical relationships but can also diminish the effectiveness of conservation interventions. This workshop seeks to bring researchers, students and conservation practitioners together to discuss equitable ways of co-producing knowledge through mediating trust and diverse forms of participation.

Our proposed workshop values inclusivity, transparency, and diverse ways of knowing. We seek to discuss the collaborative generation of ecological knowledge to broaden participation and strengthen the relevance and impact of science for nature and people.

### **Structure of the workshop:**

The 120-minute session will follow a clear, participatory structure designed to support reflection, collaboration, and the co-production of a useful output:

1. Framing and introductions (10 minutes): An overview of key issues in engaging with LEK followed by brief participant introductions.
2. Short provocations (20 minutes): Case studies that illustrate challenges and opportunities in equitable LEK engagement:
  - a. Barbary macaques in Morocco
  - b. Wildlife inside and outside protected areas in Guinea-Bissau
3. Small-group activity 1: Identifying principles (25 minutes): Groups will draft guiding principles for equitable work with LEK.
4. Small-group activity 2: Developing practical steps (25 minutes): Groups will build on each other's contributions to propose concrete actions that apply the drafted principles before, during, and after conservation research.
5. Gallery walk and refinement (20 minutes): Participants will review, comment on, and refine the emerging principles and practices, to identify consensus and priorities.
6. Whole-group synthesis (20 minutes): Participants will gain strategies for building trust and accountability in LEK partnerships, establishing connections with others committed to ethical, inclusive conservation practice.

# SYMPOSIUM DETAILS:

## **Advancing conservation social sciences in Europe: Let's keep the conversation going!**

15 June 2026 | 16:00 - 18:00 | M-4C | JHB Snow Room

### **Session Chairs:**

Claudia Grünewald (Creating Solutions for Nature & People/People & Nature), Eick von Ruschkowski (Alfred Toepfer Academy for Nature Conservation), Thomas Fish (Human Nature LLC)

### **Session Description:**

When it comes to integrating the social sciences into conservation practice in Europe, many “how-to” questions remain open. A recently published study across a series of conservation social science events between 2018 and 2023 identified persistent challenges (e.g., multi-layered theory-practice gaps, workplace and implementation environments, awareness and familiarity, and language and cultural differences). However, the study also revealed promising pathways forward as well as critical action areas, including the importance of knowledge exchange, professional networks, and a community of practice. We will use these results as an opportunity to spark further conversation, start collaborations, and spur concrete action.

In this interactive session we specifically aim at presenting and discussing the practitioners' perspectives in this context, and at actively engaging the audience to include as many voices as possible. The session will also provide a space to cultivate knowledge exchange and strengthen a community of practice right then and there. We structured this 120-minute workshop in four parts. First, we provide a concise overview of key study findings, drawing on our own experiences in conservation social science. Second, participants engage in structured discussions designed to elicit practitioners' perspectives and assess participants' views on key challenges, enabling pathways, and priority action steps. Third, facilitated small-group exercises allow attendees to explore ideas further, share experiences, and co-develop practical strategies for enhancing knowledge exchange and collaboration. Finally, a whole-group reflection and synthesis brings together key insights, emerging ideas, and proposed next steps. The ultimate objective is to catalyze concrete action that practitioners can take back to their own work and to advance the field of conservation social science in Europe, especially for fostering effective approaches to implement for achieving desired conservation outcomes.

# SYMPOSIUM DETAILS:

## Messages in the landscape: Notes on multispecies communication

16 June 2026 | 9:30 - 11:00 | T-1B | Location TBD

### Session Chair:

Susan Boonman-Berson (Bear at Work)

### Session Description:

Human–wildlife coexistence is often addressed through data, management frameworks, and technical interventions. While these approaches are essential, they do not always capture how encounters unfold on the ground as ongoing interactions between humans and animals themselves—particularly when these interactions become contested or difficult. This workshop focuses explicitly on human–animal communication as it takes place in shared landscapes, rather than on conversations among humans about wildlife.

Drawing on empirical research and comparative reflections on human–wildlife encounters across North American and European contexts (e.g. Boonman-Berson, 2018; Boonman-Berson & Van Bommel, 2023), the session explores – together with participants’ own experience – how animals and humans continuously respond to one another through behaviour, movement, and material traces. Communication is approached not as a verbal exchange but as a process that unfolds through sensory cues, spatial arrangements, and everyday infrastructures that both humans and animals encounter and interpret.

Participants will engage in a short, structured, interactive workshop that alternates between short conceptual input, guided exercises, and plenary discussion that invite careful attention. They are invited to bring a concrete animal–human encounters encounter from their own research or professional contexts. These exercises foreground practice into the session. Using a set of guiding questions, participants explore how meaning is produced, encounters take shape through animal behaviour, human response and animal responses, material traces, and intermediary elements that mediate interaction and shape, working individually and in small groups. Reflections are then shared in plenary, where participants examine patterns of coexistence.

The session concludes with a final participatory reflective exercise in which participants are invited to leave a small “trace” of their own—a thought, question, or intended action—highlighting how human–animal multispecies communication continues beyond the workshop itself.

This workshop is designed for an interdisciplinary audience of researchers, practitioners, and policymakers and aligns with Pathways’ emphasis on relational, more-than-human, and practice-based approaches to coexistence.

# SYMPOSIUM DETAILS:

## Exploring emotional and psychosocial dimensions of human-wildlife interactions

16 June 2026 | 11:15 - 12:45 | T-2A | JHB Snow Room

**Session Chairs:** Maureen Kinyanjui (University of Edinburgh), Apoorva Kulkarni (University of Oxford)

**Session Description:** In human dimensions of wildlife studies, coexistence is understood as being shaped by how people feel, cope and make sense of everyday interactions with wildlife and with wildlife management decisions. Consequently, growing research in this field has examined how attitudes, perceptions, values and emotions influence human behaviour and coexistence outcomes. While these approaches have generated important insights, there is growing recognition that cognitive and attitudinal measures alone do not fully capture how coexistence is lived and sustained over time.

Human responses to wildlife emerge through emotional and psychosocial processes embedded in everyday social, political and ecological contexts. Behaviour is shaped not only by beliefs or preferences, but also through lived interactions involving stress, fear, care, trauma, social relations and institutional encounters. These emotional and psychosocial dynamics influence how people experience conflict and coexistence, engage with wildlife management, and sustain practices of living with wildlife, with implications for physical, mental and emotional wellbeing for both humans and wildlife.

Drawing on interdisciplinary perspectives, this session understands emotions and psychosocial experiences as emerging through repeated interactions between individuals, communities, wildlife, landscapes and management institutions. These experiences influence how people make sense and give meaning to human-wildlife interactions, engage with wildlife management efforts, and sustain or withdraw from coexistence over time. Emotions are viewed not only as internal feelings, but also as relational experiences that link individual wellbeing to broader socio-political conditions, histories and forms of governance.

This session invites interdisciplinary contributions that use emotional and psychosocial dimensions as pathways for understanding human-wildlife coexistence and its impacts on wellbeing. We particularly welcome papers and case studies that move beyond attitudes and perceptions to examine human-wildlife interactions, culturally grounded and place-based experiences of wellbeing, including efforts to decolonise dominant wellbeing frameworks.

### Abstracts:

Emotions and power in human-elephant conflict and coexistence in Sagalla, Kenya

*Maureen Kinyanjui*<sup>1</sup> (1. University of Edinburgh)

Social dimensions of human-bear coexistence in Nepal's Gaurishankar Conservation Area

*Shreyashi Bista*<sup>1</sup> (1. Coventry University)

We all are doing struggle in life: Human-macaque cohabitation in Indian Himalayas

*Priyanshu Thapliyal*<sup>1</sup> (1. University of Edinburgh)

Indigenous ontologies and practices of human-wildlife coexistence: Maasai-elephant relations in Northern Tanzania

*Valentina Fiasco*<sup>1</sup>, *Kimani Sakita Laizer*<sup>2</sup>, *Rachel Kissota*<sup>3</sup>, *Lomayan Leaseki*<sup>3</sup>, *George Holmes*<sup>1</sup>, *Susannah Sallu*<sup>1</sup> (1. University of Leeds, 2. Enduimet Wildlife Management Area, 3. Independent researcher)

Emotional "surplus" in conservation: An alternative pathway for understanding human-wildlife interactions?

*Eric Okwir*<sup>1</sup> (1. University of Edinburgh)

# SYMPOSIUM DETAILS:

## What it takes for human–wildlife coexistence

16 June 2026 | 11:15 - 12:45 | T-2B | JHB Chakrabarti

### Session Chairs:

Jenny Glikman (Instituto de Estudios Sociales Avanzados (IESA-CSIC)), Silvio Marchini (Smithsonian's National Zoo; Conservation Biology Institute), Simon Pooley (University of London), John Linnell (Norwegian Institute for Nature Research (NINA)), Beatrice Frank (Georgia Strait Alliance), Greta F. Iori (Executive Consultant)

### Session Description:

Human-wildlife coexistence is increasingly invoked in wildlife conservation, particularly in human-dominated landscapes, yet its meaning remains poorly defined. This conceptual ambiguity has led to ongoing debate about how coexistence should be understood, assessed, and operationalized in practice. At Pathways Europe 2024, we ran a workshop gathering as wide a range of views on coexistence as possible, supplemented by workshops with IUCN Human Wildlife Conflict and Coexistence Specialist Group members. Based on analysis of these workshops, and drawing on our decades of experience from diverse regions worldwide, we will offer a definition of coexistence. Given the many contextual variations of coexistence scenarios, panelists will then offer perspectives on patterns of coexistence across species, temporal scales, and cultural contexts. Panelists will critically explore common assumptions, identify shared characteristics, and discuss points of divergence in how coexistence is conceptualized and implemented across different conservation settings.

The session will be interactive and intentionally challenging, questioning idealized and utopian narratives of coexistence, clarifying how coexistence differs from human–wildlife conflict, and highlighting why this distinction matters for research, policy, and on-the-ground conservation practice.

By bringing together researchers, practitioners, and academics working in diverse settings, the panel offers a comparative and interdisciplinary perspective. Our goal: to advance a realistic, operational framework for coexistence—one that recognizes trade-offs, addresses social and ecological complexity, and provides actionable guidance for conservation in human-dominated landscapes.

# SYMPOSIUM DETAILS:

## **Sharing landscapes with wildlife: Coexistence pathways for high nature value pastoral systems and large carnivores - Launch of PAN special feature in the context of the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralism**

16 June 2026 | 11:15 - 12:45 | T-2C | JHB Main Lecture Theatre

### **Session Chairs:**

Katrina Marsden (Adelphi), Hanna Pettersson (University of York), Valeria Salvatori (Istituto di Ecologia Applicata), Camilla Sandström (Department of Political Science, Umeå University), Juliette Young (INRAE), Tasos Hovardas (University of Cyprus; Callisto NGO), Tobias Plieninger (Georg-August-University Göttingen), Ângela Lomba (CIBIO-InBIO; University of Porto)

### **Session Description:**

The recovery of large carnivores across Europe represents both a major conservation success and a complex coexistence challenge. Wolves, bears, lynx, and wolverines are returning to landscapes where High Nature Value (HNV) pastoral systems, extensive grazing practices that support biodiversity, cultural heritage, and ecosystem services, are already under pressure from market forces, demographic shifts, and policy environments favouring intensification. This organised session brings together contributors from a recent interdisciplinary Special Feature in People and Nature to explore the multifaceted challenges and opportunities for human-wildlife coexistence in pastoral landscapes.

Drawing on research spanning reindeer herding in Scandinavia, livestock systems in Austria, France, Italy, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Finland, and Greece, as well as comparative perspectives from the Americas and Central Asia, this session addresses the conference theme of "Wildlife and Human Well-being" by examining how large carnivore presence affects pastoralists' livelihoods, identities, and psychological well-being and how these communities are adapting.

The session will explore three interconnected themes:

- Drivers of vulnerability and resilience: How market pressures, loss of mobility and common resources, and shifting social-institutional contexts shape pastoral systems' capacity to coexist with large carnivores.
- Place-based adaptation pathways: The significant variation between pastoral systems, carnivore populations, and coexistence conditions across Europe and beyond.
- Dialogue, trust, and co-production: The role of multi-stakeholder processes, compensation systems, and participatory governance in building trust between pastoralists, authorities, and conservation interests.

The session will conclude with a facilitated discussion on research and policy priorities, including: how to integrate pastoralists' experiential knowledge with scientific evidence; the impacts of lethal control policies on conflict dynamics; and mechanisms to ensure local agreements inform regional and EU-level decision-making.

# SYMPOSIUM DETAILS:

## Science and story: Communication innovation for coexistence

16 June 2026 | 13:45 - 15:45 | T-3B | Location TBD

**Session Chairs:** Mireille Gonzalez (Colorado State University), Jonny Hanson (Queen's University Belfast), Cassiopeia Camara (Virginia Department of Conservation & Recreation)

### Session Description:

The idea that simply supplying more facts will generate more conservation-minded decisions belongs to another era. Evidence from across the social sciences suggests people respond to wildlife through feelings, identities, personal histories, and cultural narratives. If we aim to foster coexistence, communication must move beyond knowledge transfer and into the realm of meaningful connection and story.

This workshop embraces that shift by bringing together three complementary perspectives to explore storytelling as a strategic communication tool for supporting coexistence. Dr. Mireille Gonzalez (Colorado State University, CO, USA) will share research-based practices for developing effective science storytelling to achieve social outcomes, such as support for wildlife conservation; Dr. Jonny Hanson (Queen's University Belfast, Northern Ireland, UK) will walk participants through case examples and creative formats that use storytelling to make science accessible and meaningful; and Dr. Cassiopeia Camara (Department of Conservation & Recreation, Virginia, USA) will help participants explore how generational and cultural differences shape how people engage with conservation messaging. Across formats such as popular press books, film, art, social media, and live events, we emphasize storytelling as a unifying tool for communicating coexistence in ways that inspire, connect, and motivate.

In this workshop, participants will engage in activities that help them:

- identify clear communication goals tied to meaningful social outcomes;
- explore how stories can shift perceptions, foster connection, and make science feel personally relevant;
- prototype creative, story-driven communication;
- and learn how to segment communication by audience type.

Workshop activities will give participants the chance to try out storytelling tools themselves, reflect on their own communication habits, and imagine new ways to bring coexistence ideas to life through media, art, and narrative design. Participants will leave with a framework and practical tools for designing science communication efforts through innovative storytelling approaches that are strategic and rooted in evidence-based practices.

### Abstracts:

Evidence-based practices for designing coexistence communication for in-person audiences

*Mireille Gonzalez*<sup>1</sup> (1. Colorado State University)

Storytelling through creative media

*Jonny Hanson*<sup>1</sup> (1. Queen's University Belfast)

Storytelling across generations

*Cassiopeia Camara*<sup>1</sup>, *Jonny Hanson*<sup>2</sup> (1. Virginia Department of Conservation & Recreation, 2. Queen's University Belfast)

# SYMPOSIUM DETAILS:

## Cross-country learning for coexistence: Evaluating governance of pastoralism and wildlife in Europe

16 June 2026 | 13:45 - 15:45 | T-3C | JHB Main Lecture Theatre

**Session Chairs:** Auvikki de Boon (Umeå University), Katrina Marsden (Adelphi), Camilla Sandström (Umeå University)

**Session Description:** The resurgence of large carnivores across Europe represents a biodiversity success but has reignited conflicts over livestock predation and safety concerns. These tensions pose significant challenges for rural communities and pastoralists and risk undermining biodiversity values linked to traditional pastoral practices, creating trade-offs between different biodiversity aspects. Addressing this challenge requires coordinated, cross-sectoral policy mixes to meet diverse stakeholder needs and mitigate human-wildlife conflicts. However, as pastoralism and wildlife policies have evolved over time through incremental adjustments, the resulting landscape has become an intricate, difficult-to-navigate, policy assemblage. Disentangling this complexity and examining how, and to what extent, the pastoralism and wildlife policies work together is essential to enable a future that secures and values pastoralists' presence whilst ensuring that Europe's wildlife can continue to recover.

In this roundtable discussion, we explore what the pastoralism-wildlife policy landscape looks like in EU countries, focusing on the policy process coherence, consistency of strategies and instruments, inclusion of justice considerations, and overall comprehensiveness. Through these discussions, we identify opportunities for cross-country learning and develop policy recommendations.

The session begins with an introduction to the coexistence challenge from a policy mix perspective, followed by short presentations on national policy landscapes. A roundtable discussion will then examine key challenges and success factors—untangling what does (not) work, where, and why. The session concludes with a summary of lessons learned and actionable policy recommendations to foster coexistence between pastoralism and wildlife in Europe.

### Abstracts:

Governing for pastoralism-wildlife coexistence in Sweden: Extensive policies, fragmented institutional solutions

*Auvikki de Boon<sup>1</sup>, Camilla Sandström<sup>1</sup> (1. Umeå University)*

Changes without change in wildlife management and pastoralism policies in Romania

*Mihai I. Pop<sup>1</sup>, Agnes Keresztesi<sup>1</sup>, Steluța Manolache<sup>2</sup>, Auvikki de Boon<sup>3</sup> (1. Research and Development Institute for Wildlife and Mountain Resources, 2. University of Bucharest, 3. Umeå University)*

Mixed governance in a decentralised system: Strengths and gaps of Spain's policy mix for livestock-large carnivore coexistence

*Eduardo Torres<sup>1</sup>, Carlos Javier Durá Alemañ<sup>2</sup>, Auvikki de Boon<sup>3</sup>, Alessandra Cuya<sup>2</sup>, Jenny Anne Glikman<sup>2</sup>, Alberto Bernues Jal<sup>1</sup>, Daniel Martín Collado<sup>1</sup> (1. Agrifood Research and Technology Centre of Aragon, 2. Instituto de Estudios Sociales Avanzados, 3. Umeå University)*

Sectoral policies misalignment in addressing human-wildlife coexistence challenges in Poland

*Agnieszka Olszanska<sup>1</sup>, Agata Pietrzyk-Kaszynska<sup>1</sup> (1. Institute of Nature Conservation Polish Academy of Sciences)*

EU level policy mix as an overarching framework

*Katrina Marsden<sup>1</sup>, Auvikki de Boon<sup>2</sup>, Camilla Sandström<sup>2</sup> (1. Adelphi, 2. Umeå University)*

Integrating large carnivore conservation and livestock farming in the Italian quasi-federal system

*Filippo Marino<sup>1</sup>, Valeria Salvatori<sup>1</sup> (1. Istituto di Ecologia Applicata)*

Policy development and challenges for a recolonizing wolf population in Brandenburg, Germany

*Luise Meißner<sup>1</sup>, Auvikki de Boon<sup>2</sup>, Sandra Uthes<sup>1</sup> (1. Leibniz-Centre for Agricultural Landscape Research, 2. Umeå University)*

How a centralised policy process affects the way pastoralism and large carnivores coexist: The case of France  
*Nino Leporini<sup>1</sup>, Dr. Juliette Young<sup>1</sup> (1. INRAE)*

# SYMPOSIUM DETAILS:

## **Intricate relations between wildlife and human well-being**

16 June 2026 | 16:00 - 18:00 | T-4A | JHB Snow Room

**Session Chairs:** Claire Cardinal (Oxford Brookes University), Giuseppe Donati (Oxford Brookes University), Susan Cheyne (Oxford Brookes University), Catherine M. Hill (Oxford Brookes University), Dr. Marco Campera (Oxford Brookes University)

### **Session Description:**

Environmental pressures emanating from the demands of expanding human populations place people and wildlife in closer proximity than ever, exacerbating conflicts over space and resources as well as increasing the risk of zoonotic disease transmission. Such pressures have particularly profound impacts on groups of people and animals who are already vulnerable through habitat degradation and climate change. The well-being of people, wildlife and their shared habitats are inextricably connected and it is crucial to have in-depth understanding of their relationships to enable all three to thrive.

In this symposium, researchers from Oxford Brookes University's Humans, Animals & Environment Research Group, and external collaborators, will present a series of case studies that bridge social and ecological disciplines to explore the intricacies of these relationships. Our speakers will discuss topics examining the roles of wildlife in human livelihoods, adaptive agriculture to enhance wildlife habitats, and how social and cultural values regarding specific animal groups affect their treatment, health and well-being. The symposium aims to identify common threads between the individual case studies to highlight the interconnectedness of human and animal well-being within the context of anthropogenically altered habitats.

### **Abstracts:**

Leprosy in chimpanzees: A One Health approach to promote sustainable coexistence between humans & primates in Cantanhez National Park, Guinea-Bissau

*Kimberley J. Hockings*<sup>1</sup> (1. University of Exeter)

More than farmland: Local values and attachments in a proposed wildlife corridor

*Francesca de Chenu*<sup>1</sup> (1. Oxford Brookes University)

Understanding Shipibo-primate relations in a changing Amazon

*Evelyn Daniela Anca*<sup>1</sup> (1. Durham University)

More than trees: Conservation in a changing world needs many approaches

*Miya Warrington*<sup>1</sup>, *Michael Griesser*<sup>2</sup> (1. Oxford Brookes University, 2. University of Konstanz)

Civet trade: Untangling human-civet relations through a One Health perspective

*Jes Hooper*<sup>1</sup> (1. The University of York)

Developing students' socio-emotional competencies for effective human-wildlife fieldwork

*Amanda Webber*<sup>1</sup>, *Mark Steer*<sup>1</sup>, *Jean Freddy Ranaivoarisoa*<sup>2</sup> (1. University of the West of England (UWE), 2. University of Antananarivo)

Farming and forests: Understanding the links between yields, habitat complexity, biodiversity, and people's ecospiritual beliefs in Bali's community-managed coffee and cocoa agroforests

*Vinni Jain*<sup>1</sup>, *Marco Campera*<sup>1</sup>, *Andrew Jones*<sup>1</sup> (1. Oxford Brookes University)

# SYMPOSIUM DETAILS:

## **Serious games for coexistence: Immersive tools to transform human–nature relationships and mediate conservation conflicts**

16 June 2026 | 16:00 - 18:00 | T-4B | Location TBD

**Session Chairs:** Nolwenn Drouet-Hoguet (French Biodiversity Agency OFB), Katrina Marsden (Adelphi)

**Session Description:** As human–wildlife interactions intensify across many regions, conservation conflicts are increasingly shaped by social values, land-use priorities, and levels of trust between stakeholders. Addressing these challenges requires tools that foster dialogue, empathy, and collaborative problem-solving. Serious games, role-playing activities, board simulations, and digital or hybrid formats—offer structured yet creative spaces where participants can explore social–ecological dynamics, test management options, and envision pathways toward coexistence.

This organized session will highlight how serious games emerge as effective facilitation and learning tools within conservation practice. Bringing together researchers, practitioners, and facilitators, it will question how these approaches may support negotiation, strengthen human–nature relationships, and help co-design coexistence strategies across a variety of socio-ecological contexts.

Several illustrative examples from diverse social–ecological contexts will be presented to explore how game-based approaches can support collective learning and foster coexistence.” A short hands-on demonstration will allow attendees to experience selected game mechanics or role-play elements, illustrating how design choices shape learning, dialogue, and decision-making. The session will conclude with a collective exchange on the advantages and limitations of different game formats as tools for coexistence and conflict transformation. Participants will discuss conditions that enhance game effectiveness—such as empathy-building, safe dialogue spaces, and the ability to reveal assumptions—as well as potential limitations, including oversimplification, power asymmetries, or the need for skilled facilitation. The discussion will also address evaluation approaches, including behavioural indicators, emotional engagement, and how outputs from gameplay can inform policy, governance, or community action.

### **Abstracts:**

Coexistence game: A CIRAD/FAO game-based approach that offers insights into how game-based approaches can strengthen understanding of local Human wildlife conflicts (HWC) in Southern Africa  
*Faizan Usman*<sup>1</sup>, *Colas Guillon*<sup>1</sup>, *Sebastien Le Bel*<sup>1</sup> (1. French Agricultural Research Centre for International Development)

A role-playing game to experience collaboration with non-humans: The example of the game “Ubuntu”  
*Gaidet Nicolas*<sup>1</sup> (1. French Agricultural Research Centre for International Development (CIRAD))

Dealing with differences: Can wolf and people coexist? A role play game in EU Large carnivore platform  
*Katrina Marsden*<sup>1</sup>, *Christiane Röttger*<sup>2</sup> (1. Adelphi, 2. adelphi global)

Serious games and companion modelling for human–wildlife coexistence: A state of the art on learning, well-being, and governance  
*Céline Fromont*<sup>1</sup>, *Christophe Le Page*<sup>1</sup>, *Raphaël Mathevet*<sup>2</sup> (1. SENS, CIRAD, 2. University of Montpellier)

Simulating human–wildlife coexistence: A role-playing game based on a multi-agent model to support wild boar governance and human well-being  
*Céline Fromont*<sup>1</sup>, *Eric Baubet*<sup>2</sup>, *François Bousquet*<sup>1</sup>, *Simon Chamaillé-Jammes*<sup>3</sup>, *Jules Dezeure*<sup>3</sup>, *Coralie Mounet*<sup>4</sup>, *Sonia Saïd*<sup>2</sup>, *Christophe Le Page*<sup>1</sup>, *Raphaël Mathevet*<sup>5</sup> (1. SENS, CIRAD, 2. French Biodiversity Agency (OFB), 3. CEFÉ, CNRS, UM, IRD, EPHE, 4. UMR 5194, PACTE Laboratory, CNRS, 5. University of Montpellier)

# SYMPOSIUM DETAILS:

## Rewilding in practice: Navigating human-wildlife conflict and building coexistence

17 June 2026 | 13:15 - 14:45 | W-2A | JHB Chakrabarti

**Session Chair:** Stephen Carver (University of Leeds)

### Session Description:

Rewilding has emerged as a transformative approach to restoring ecological processes, biodiversity, and resilience in landscapes degraded by human activity. However, as highlighted in the newly published IUCN Guidelines for Rewilding (2025), rewilding is not simply about ecological restoration—it is deeply intertwined with social, cultural, and economic dimensions. One of the most pressing challenges is managing human-wildlife conflict (HWC) and fostering coexistence in and around rewilded landscapes. This panel will explore how rewilding initiatives can foster coexistence rather than exacerbate tensions, drawing on European and North American case studies, policy frameworks, and innovative governance models.

The Pathways Europe Conference theme—Human Dimensions of Wildlife Management—aligns closely with the core principles of rewilding. Rewilding often involves the reintroduction, translocation or recovery of species, including large carnivores and herbivores, which can trigger conflicts over livestock depredation, crop damage, and perceived threats to human safety. Hawkins et al. (2025) emphasize that rewilding must be adaptive, inclusive, and context-specific, integrating ecological goals with human well-being. Similarly, the IUCN Guidelines advocate for participatory governance, equitable benefit-sharing, and proactive conflict mitigation strategies.

As Europe and North America advance ambitious rewilding projects—from lynx and beaver recovery to wolf and bison reintroductions—the question is not whether conflicts will arise, but how they can be anticipated and managed to achieve coexistence. This panel will address the social science and policy dimensions of rewilding, focusing on tools and approaches that reconcile conservation objectives with local livelihoods and cultural values.

### Objectives:

1. Examine the drivers and dynamics of HWC in rewilding contexts—including ecological, economic, and psychological factors.
2. Discuss best practices for conflict mitigation and coexistence, such as compensation schemes, community-based monitoring, and adaptive management.
3. Explore governance models that embed local voices and rights in rewilding decision-making.
4. Identify research gaps and policy needs for scaling coexistence-oriented rewilding across Europe and beyond.

### Abstracts:

Are rewilding practitioners implementing optimal strategies to mitigate conflict and encourage coexistence?

*Faye Whiley*<sup>1</sup> (1. University of Kent; The Lifescape Project)

Reframing coexistence in rewilding landscapes: From conflict management to ecological integrity  
*Jessica Fallon*<sup>1</sup> (1. Wild Legacy)

Rewilding for coexistence: Integrating communities, wildlife, and landscapes in practice  
*Ian Convery*<sup>1</sup> (1. University of Cumbria)

# SYMPOSIUM DETAILS:

## **Knowledge types and knowledge flows in collaborative governance arrangements for human–carnivore coexistence**

17 June 2026 | 13:15 - 14:45 | W-2B | Union Hall

### **Session Chairs:**

Alexandros Poulakis (CALLISTO-Wildlife and Nature Conservation Society), Auvikki de Boon (Umeå University), Tasos Hovardas (CALLISTO-Wildlife and Nature Conservation Society), Camilla Sandström (Umeå University)

### **Session Description:**

While business-as-usual approaches to human–carnivore coexistence emphasize stakeholder participation, they often fail to acknowledge all types of knowledge, which may or may not circulate in ways that support mutual understanding, trust, policy implementation, and collective action. The proposed workshop will introduce, test through participant feedback, and optimize a novel framework for understanding knowledge types and knowledge flows in collaborative governance arrangements for human–carnivore coexistence.

The workshop targets scientists, conservation practitioners, wildlife managers, and local stakeholders working in contexts such as carnivore–livestock systems, protected areas, and wildlife law enforcement. Participants will work with diagnostic tools—structured worksheets and visual mapping templates (paper-based)—developed by CALLISTO – Wildlife and Nature Conservation Society (Greece) within the EU Horizon Europe project Co-creating coexistence (CoCo; Grant Agreement 101181958). These materials help elaborate on dynamics of knowledge flows: (1) how existing knowledge diffuses; (2) how different knowledge types are integrated into management and policy; and (3) how new knowledge is produced.

Using these materials, participants will trace how knowledge moves (or fails to move) between actors such as field experts, local stakeholders, NGOs, and policy authorities. They will refer to familiar contexts to discuss how knowledge is shared, where it gets blocked, and how it can become more usable for practice and policy.

In small groups, participants will exchange experiences on challenges they have faced—for example, when monitoring information did not reach decision-makers, when experiential knowledge was not considered in management plans, or when communication between practitioners and authorities was weak. They will collaboratively explore ways to foster knowledge sharing, such as joint monitoring efforts, informal exchange platforms, trusted intermediaries, and context-appropriate communication practices.

Participants will leave with a diagnostic tool to map knowledge flows and blockages, applicable in their own fieldwork, meetings, or project planning.

# SYMPOSIUM DETAILS:

## What does 'success' in Conservation Translocations look like for people and wildlife?

17 June 2026 | 15:00 - 16:30 | W-3A | JHB Chakrabarti

### Session Chairs:

Adriana Consorte-McCrea (IUCN/SSC CTSG Human-Wildlife interactions Working Group), Filippo Marino (IUCN/SSC CTSG Human-Wildlife interactions Working Group), Sarah Crowley (University of Exeter)

### Session Description:

Conservation practice increasingly employs translocations (the human-mediated movement of living organisms) to address biodiversity challenges. Conservation translocations (CTs) involve the long-term re-establishment of endangered wildlife to their former range, having a wildlife, an environmental and a human dimension, which is not always planned into projects. Human-Wildlife Interactions (HWIs) can be both positive and negative, influenced by context and by previous experience, trends in society and individual processes. They combine material and non-material dimensions that may change over time, and may be rooted in people-people conflicts or conflicts between conservation and other competing human interests. It has been suggested that the success of a CT should be measured by the positive outcomes for both people and nature. These may include establishing a wild-born population, consolidating positive HWI, and promoting wellbeing of local people.

The IUCN/SSC CTSG Human-Wildlife Interactions Working Group has designed guidelines on HWI in CT to help embed HD dimensions into all stages of a project. The People and Conservation Translocations (PaCT) network proposes a new framework for evaluating HD in CTs, focussing on motivations for translocations and their diverse associated outcomes. The IUCN/SSC CTSG HWIWG and PaCT are collaborating to propose an organized session that addresses the question:

- What does 'success' in CT look like for people and wildlife?

This session invites case studies from CTs to present and discuss their experience with HD, the proposed or experienced outcomes of their projects and their frameworks for evaluating success in relation to both wildlife and people. Case studies will be discussed in view of the IUCN CTSG Guidance for HWI in CT and the PaCT report as frameworks that support planning, decision making and evaluation of projects to help them approach and address human dimensions within the particular context of CTs towards positive outcomes for people and biodiversity.

### Abstracts:

Renewed coexistence as a conceptual reframing of animal reintroductions to foster sustainable human-wildlife coexistence

*Roger Auster<sup>1</sup>, Alan Puttock<sup>1</sup>, Stewart Barr<sup>1</sup>, Richard Brazier<sup>1</sup> (1. University of Exeter)*

Red kites as a conservation success: Temporal and social dimensions of emerging human-wildlife interactions

*James Hoggett<sup>1</sup>, Matt Heydon<sup>1</sup>, Delphine Pouget<sup>1</sup>, Jeremy Sabel<sup>1</sup> (1. Natural England)*

How do English translocators understand success, and what does this mean?

*George Holmes<sup>1</sup>, Filippo Marino<sup>2</sup> (1. University of Leeds, 2. IUCN/SSC CTSG Human-Wildlife interactions Working Group)*

Measuring success beyond survival: Social and ecological dimensions of pine marten reintroductions to Wales

*Jenny Macpherson<sup>1</sup>, David Bavin<sup>2</sup>, Charlotte Boddy<sup>3</sup>, Sarah Crowley<sup>4</sup> (1. Vincent Wildlife Trust, 2. The National Trust, 3. University of Oxford, 4. University of Exeter)*

# SESSION DETAILS:

## Wolf-Human Conflict, I

**15 June 2026 | 9:30 - 11:00 | M-1A | JHB Main Lecture Theatre**

Carnivore coexistence and human well-being: A case study of wolf restoration in Colorado, USA

*Kevin Crooks<sup>1</sup> (1. Colorado State University)*

Shepherds' assessments of the effectiveness and feasibility of herd protection measures against wolf predation in Lower Saxony, Germany

*Elena Kortmann<sup>1</sup>, Eick von Ruschkowski<sup>2</sup>, Jacqueline Loos<sup>3</sup>, Michael Schoon<sup>4</sup> (1. Leuphana University Lüneburg, 2. Alfred Toepfer Academy for Nature Conservation, 3. University of Vienna, 4. Arizona State University)*

The nature-nature cure; Or, how wolves didn't save Yellowstone

*Rogelio Luque Lora<sup>1</sup> (1. University of Edinburgh)*

Traditional knowledge and wolf coexistence in Italy

*Carlos Javier Durá Alemañ<sup>1</sup>, Francisco Almarcha<sup>2</sup>, Lucca Rossi<sup>3</sup>, Mario Massucci, Silvia Dalmaso<sup>3</sup>, Irene Pérez-Ibarra<sup>4</sup>, Miguel Delibes-Mateos<sup>1</sup>, Jenny Anne Glikman<sup>1</sup>, Fernando E. Garrido<sup>1</sup>, José Ignacio Morales-Mata, Zebensui Morales-Reyes<sup>5</sup> (1. Instituto de Estudios Sociales Avanzados IESA CSIC, 2. Universidad de Alicante, 3. University of Turin, 4. Universidad de Zaragoza, 5. Universidad de La Laguna)*

Hidden attitudes, experience, and stress responses in human-wolf encounters

*Svenja Capitain<sup>1</sup>, Magdalena Boch<sup>2</sup>, Gwendolyn Wirobski<sup>3</sup>, Catherine-Noémie Alexandrina Guran<sup>4</sup>, Claus Lamm<sup>2</sup>, Sarah Marshall-Pescini<sup>1</sup>, Friederike Range<sup>1</sup> (1. University of Veterinary Medicine, 2. University of Vienna, 3. Université de Neuchâtel, 4. Medical School Hamburg)*

Enacting wolf territory: Inventorying practices and knowledge in the county administrative boards (CABs) in Southern Sweden

*Matt Tuggey<sup>1</sup> (1. Göteborgs Universitet)*

## Wolf-Human Conflict, II

**15 June 2026 | 11:15 - 12:45 | M-2A | JHB Main Lecture Theatre**

Ballot box conservation and the politics of trust: Governance challenges in Colorado's wolf reintroduction

*Kelly Dunning<sup>1</sup>, Steelle Searce<sup>1</sup> (1. University of Wyoming)*

Historicity, agricultural, hunting, and conservation influences on human-wolf coexistence trajectories in the Bauges Mountains

*Antonin Lenoir Corbani<sup>1</sup>, Richard Dumez<sup>2</sup>, Gaspard Renault<sup>2</sup>, Nolwenn Drouet-Hoguet<sup>3</sup>, Coralie Mounet<sup>4</sup> (1. Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, 2. Eco-Anthropologie, 3. French Biodiversity Agency OFB, 4. PACTE Laboratory)*

How to foster nature connectedness amid safety concerns: Challenges for forest kindergartens in times of the wolf's return

*Luise Werland<sup>1</sup> (1. RPTU)*

Hybrid mountains: Shepherds, wolves, and dogs in the Aspromonte of Southern Italy

*Annelie Sjölander-Lindqvist<sup>1</sup>, Claudio Marciano<sup>2</sup> (1. University of Gothenburg, 2. Università degli Studi Mediterranea di Reggio Calabria)*

When the wild enters the city: Social representations of wolves in urban spaces

*Valeria Salvatori<sup>1</sup>, Simone Basile<sup>2</sup>, Barbara de Mori<sup>2</sup> (1. Istituto di Ecologia Applicata, 2. Università of Padova)*

European students' connectedness to nature and emotional appraisal of wolf-dog hybrids

*Maria Johansson<sup>1</sup>, Andres Ordiz<sup>2</sup>, Carles Villa<sup>3</sup>, Morteza Nadari<sup>4</sup>, Paolo Ciucci<sup>5</sup>, Annelie Sjölander-Lindqvist<sup>6</sup> (1. Lund University, 2. Universidad de León, 3. Spanish National Research Council, 4. Sakarya University, 5. University of Roma La Sapienza, 6. University of Gothenburg)*

# SESSION DETAILS:

## Implementing local and indigenous knowledge into wildlife management

15 June 2026 | 9:30 - 11:00 | M-1B | JHB Chakrabarti

Guardians Beyond the Fortress: Indigenous Knowledge as a Collaborative Pathway to Biodiversity Conservation

*Sibulele Peter*<sup>1</sup> (1. Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality)

Applying a human-rights based approach to human wildlife conflict in the trans-Himalayas as a conflict mediation and action planning method

*Shweta Shivakumar*<sup>1</sup>, *Munib Khanyari*<sup>2</sup>, *Ruth Pinto*<sup>3</sup>, *Kulbhushansingh Suryawanshi*<sup>1</sup> (1. Nature Conservation Foundation, 2. Institute of Environmental Science and Technology (ICTA-UAB), 3. International Institute for Environment and Development)

Evaluating conservation in shared landscapes through two decades of local ecological knowledge

*Chloe Chesney*<sup>1</sup>, *Guillermo Porriños*<sup>2</sup>, *Iaia Tawél Camará*<sup>3</sup>, *Mamadou Cassamá*<sup>3</sup>, *Tânia Minhós*<sup>1</sup>, *Kimberley J. Hockings*<sup>4</sup>, *Elena (Hellen) Bersacola*<sup>5</sup>, *Amélia Frazão-Moreira*<sup>1</sup> (1. NOVA University of Lisbon, 2. University of Lisbon, 3. Cantanhez Chimpanzee Project, 4. University of Exeter Ecology, 5. University of Exeter)

Broken continuities: Large carnivores, Indigenous rights, and justice in northern resource frontiers

*Simon Larsson*<sup>1</sup>, *Annelie Sjölander-Lindqvist*<sup>2</sup> (1. Uppsala University, 2. University of Gothenburg)

Game masters and territorial care: Indigenous approaches to wildlife stewardship in the Amazon

*Michael Esbach*<sup>1</sup> (1. Colorado State University)

Reconstruction of ecological calendars for climate change adaptation in the Indian Himalayas

*Shraddha Panda*<sup>1</sup> (1. Hokkaido University)

## Rewilding, reintroduction, and restoration

15 June 2026 | 9:30 - 11:00 | M-1C | JHB Snow Room

Rewilding in practice: Post-reintroduction human-wildlife relations in the desert area

*Noa Bloch*<sup>1</sup> (1. The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Wildlife-smart communities: Lessons from the field and recommendations for replication in Europe

*Amy Duthie*<sup>1</sup> (1. Rewilding Europe)

Managing conflict during the reintroduction of an avian apex predator, the white-tailed eagle (*Haliaeetus albicilla*) to central southern England

*Steve Egerton-Read*<sup>1</sup>, *Leanne Sargeant*<sup>1</sup>, *Susan Smith*<sup>1</sup>, *Imogen Lloyd*<sup>1</sup>, *Tim Mackrill*<sup>2</sup>, *Zoe Smith*<sup>2</sup>, *Roy Dennis*<sup>2</sup> (1. Forestry England, 2. Roy Dennis Wildlife Foundation)

Balancing benefits and risks associated with ecological restoration: socioeconomic implications and perceived zoonotic disease risks in temperate and tropical regions

*Martina Panisi*<sup>1</sup>, *Mwajabu Selemani*<sup>2</sup>, *Adam John Fell*<sup>3</sup>, *Teclamani Sirilo Mayeji*<sup>2</sup>, *Edson Baraka*<sup>2</sup>, *Alfan Rija*<sup>2</sup>, *Sandra Engstrom*<sup>3</sup>, *Lucinda Kirkpatrick*<sup>4</sup>, *Apia Massawe*<sup>2</sup>, *Nils Bunnefeld*<sup>3</sup>, *Ana Nuno*<sup>1</sup> (1. NOVA University of Lisbon, 2. Sokoine University of Agriculture, 3. University of Stirling, 4. Bangor University)

Why and how is rewilding being implemented in Britain?

*Lauren Barnes*<sup>1</sup> (1. University of York)

Same people, different carnivore

*Kaitlyn Reed*<sup>1</sup> (1. Colorado State University)

# SESSION DETAILS:

## Community empowerment for coexistence solutions

**15 June 2026 | 11:15 - 12:45 | M-2B | JHB Chakrabarti**

Human-bear interactions in the Andes: Evidence, expert insights, and management challenges

*Roxana Andrea Rojas Vera Pinto<sup>1</sup>, Ruben Bernardo-Madrid<sup>2</sup>, Manuela Gonzalez-Suarez<sup>1</sup> (1. University of Reading, 2. Estación Biológica de Doñana-CSIC)*

Coexistence with vertebrate fauna in Amazonian Quilombola Territories

*Yuri Nascimento do Nascimento<sup>1</sup>, William Carvalho<sup>2</sup>, Thaís P. Alencar-Silva<sup>1</sup>, Marcelo Martins Ferreira<sup>3</sup>, Dalila Silva Mello<sup>1</sup>, Angélica Yanten<sup>1</sup>, Giulliana Appel<sup>4</sup>, Lia N. Kajiki<sup>5</sup>, Juan Carlos Vargas-Mena<sup>4</sup>, Karen Mustin<sup>6</sup> (1. Universidade Federal do Amapá, 2. Universidad Autonoma de Madrid, 3. Instituto Nacional de Pesquisas da Amazônia, 4. Instituto Tecnológico Vale, 5. Universidade de Brasília, 6. Universidad Complutense de Madrid)*

Human-wildlife coexistence and social context: Evidence from farmer communities in Southern Sri Lanka  
*Anuradhi Jayasinghe<sup>1</sup>, Georgette Burns<sup>1</sup>, Johanna Nalau<sup>1</sup>, Duan Biggs<sup>2</sup> (1. Griffith University, 2. Northern Arizona University)*

Human-nature relations along the German Baltic Coast

*Miriam Niewöhner<sup>1</sup>, Maraja Riechers<sup>1</sup>, Wolf-Christian Lewin<sup>1</sup>, Harry Vincent Strehlow<sup>1</sup> (1. Thünen Institute of Baltic Sea Fisheries)*

Community empowerment and participatory monitoring to strengthen human-wildlife coexistence in the AmistOsa Biological Corridor, Costa Rica

*Hellen Solís<sup>1</sup>, Mileyner Magaly Quesada Morales<sup>1</sup>, Rocío Seisedos<sup>2</sup> (1. University of Costa Rica, 2. Soy Conservación)*

Linking Process and Outcomes for Biocultural Conservation: Insights from the High Himalaya

*Saloni Bhatia<sup>1</sup>, Dilip Kumar Mekala<sup>1</sup>, Stanzin Namgai<sup>2</sup>, Abeer Gupta<sup>3</sup>, Matthieu Salpeteur<sup>4</sup>, Kiran Asher<sup>5</sup> (1. Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment, 2. University of Ladakh, 3. Achi Association, 4. Institut de Recherche pour le Développement, 5. University of Massachusetts-Amherst)*

Overcoming negative attitudes: Initial positive evidence from communities coexisting with endangered endemic species in Lake Titicaca, Peru

*Jhazel Quispe<sup>1</sup>, Daniel Villar<sup>2</sup>, Gariz Riveros<sup>1</sup>, Patrick Quispe<sup>1</sup>, Alexander Almonte<sup>1</sup>, Roberto Elias-Piperis<sup>3</sup> (1. Natural Way Peru, 2. University of Oxford, 3. Denver Zoo Conservation Alliance)*

## Wild cat-human conflict

**16 June 2026 | 9:30 - 11:00 | T-1A | JHB Snow Room**

Human dimensions of Eurasian lynx across Europe

*Faye Whiley<sup>1</sup>, Daniel Ingram<sup>1</sup>, Joseph Tzanopoulos<sup>1</sup> (1. University of Kent)*

Coexisting with mountain lions in rural Nevada

*Isabelle Staph<sup>1</sup>, Ryan Sharp<sup>1</sup> (1. University of Tennessee, Knoxville)*

Spatiality of landscape transformations causing human-leopard conflict and mitigation strategies for coexistence in the Western Ghats, India

*Ravindra Jaybhaye<sup>1</sup> (1. Savitribai Phule Pune University)*

Coexistence as a Moving Target: Lion Recovery, Local Perceptions, and Governance in the Asiatic Lion Landscape—A 15-Year Study

*Meena Venkat<sup>1</sup> (1. Carnivore Conservation & Research)*

Mitigation strategies and community perceptions of human-leopard coexistence in Himachal Pradesh, India  
*Devender Kumar<sup>1</sup> (1. Wildlife Institute of India)*

Applying structured decision making to support human-lion coexistence around Khutse Game Reserve, Botswana

*Bethany Smith<sup>1</sup>, Genevieve Finerty<sup>2</sup>, Mmadi Mogolodi Bokang Reuben<sup>3</sup>, Thalassa McMurdo Hamilton<sup>4</sup>, John Ewen<sup>4</sup> (1. Institute of Zoology, 2. Leopard Ecology & Conservation, 3. Department of Wildlife & National Parks, 4. Zoological Society of London)*

# SESSION DETAILS:

## **Ethics and emerging challenges in wildlife management**

**15 June 2026 | 13:45 -15:45 | M-3B | JHB Chakrabarti**

One million black bears and counting: Why is bear trophy hunting increasing when it doesn't promote coexistence?

*Wendy Keefover<sup>1</sup>, Naomi Louchouart<sup>1</sup>, Samantha Hagio<sup>1</sup> (1. Humane World for Animals)*

Cultivating diverse fish and wildlife agencies to support wildlife and human well-being

*Karen Bailey<sup>1</sup>, Rebecca Ward<sup>2</sup>, Nia Morales<sup>3</sup>, Anna Lavoie<sup>2</sup>, Rina Hauptfeld<sup>4</sup>, Tara Teel<sup>2</sup>, Leeann Sullivan<sup>5</sup>, Michael Manfredo<sup>2</sup> (1. University of Colorado Boulder, 2. Colorado State University, 3. University of Florida, 4. Ocean Associates, 5. Boston College)*

A framework for ethical analysis in conservation practice

*Barbara de Mori<sup>1</sup>, Pierfrancesco Biasetti<sup>2</sup>, Steven Seet<sup>3</sup>, Thomas Hildebrandt<sup>2</sup> (1. Università of Padova, 2. Leibniz Institute for Zoo and Wildlife Research, 3. Leibniz Institute for Zoo and Wildlife Research; Padua University)*

Management of invasive species in Europe: How to integrate human dimensions?

*Friederike Gethöffer<sup>1</sup>, Claudia Grünwald<sup>2</sup> (1. Alfred Toepfer Academy for Nature Conservation, 2. Creating Solutions for Nature & People/People & Nature)*

International support for wildlife Management on private lands in South Africa

*Elizabeth Pienaar<sup>1</sup> (1. The University of Georgia)*

Living in a multidimensional landscape of fear: Emotional dimensions of human-wildlife coexistence in northern Botswana

*Julia Brekl<sup>1</sup> (1. University of Cologne)*

Rapid and participatory population assessment to scale up conservation of the critically endangered harlequin frog (*Atelopus varius*) in Costa Rica

*Rocío Seisdedos<sup>1</sup>, Diego Gómez-Hoyos<sup>1</sup>, Óscar Ortiz-Elizondo<sup>2</sup>, Adán Ortiz-Jiménez<sup>3</sup>, Jenni Ortiz-Figueroa<sup>4</sup> (1. Soy Conservación, 2. Refugio Natural Örkö Bata, 3. Brigada de Monitoreo Biológico Participativo Puliska, 4. Asociación de Desarrollo Integral Indígena de Salitre)*

Empathy in action: Assessing the impact of animal welfare clubs on club members and local communities in Kenya

*Robai Makunda<sup>1</sup>, Brenda Oliwa<sup>1</sup> (1. Africa Network for Animal Welfare)*

## **Livestock-predator conflicts**

**16 June 2026 | 9:30 - 11:00 | T-1C | JHB Main Lecture Theatre**

Risk reduction, rangeland use, and the future of carnivore coexistence

*Craig Packer<sup>1</sup> (1. University of Minnesota)*

Livelihoods, mobility, and lived experiences of human-carnivore coexistence in Bhutan

*Letro Letro<sup>1</sup>, Sangay Wangchuk<sup>1</sup>, Ana Horta<sup>1</sup>, Jen Bond<sup>1</sup> (1. Charles Sturt University)*

"Two-foot, four-foot jaguar": Broadening conservation-based crime prevention to reduce the strain of human cattle theft on livestock owners dealing with carnivore depredation

*Jessica Kahler<sup>1</sup>, Matt Hallett<sup>2</sup>, Alyssa Melville<sup>3</sup>, Sarina Kawall<sup>1</sup> (1. University of Florida, 2. University of Florida; Jacksonville Zoo; Rupununi Wildlife Research Unit, 3. South Rupununi Conservation Society)*

What pastoralism and bears share: When humans and animals shape landscapes of coexistence

*Alice Ouvrier<sup>1</sup>, Ruppert Vimal<sup>2</sup>, Manon Culos<sup>1</sup>, Dr. Juliette Young<sup>1</sup> (1. INRAE, 2. GEODE UMR5602)*

Farm practices and farm-level drivers of livestock losses to large carnivores across Europe

*Angela Ruiz<sup>1</sup>, Martin Mayer<sup>2</sup>, Daniel Martín Collado<sup>3</sup>, Alberto Bernues Jal<sup>4</sup>, Isabel Casasús<sup>4</sup>, John Linnell<sup>2</sup> (1. Independent researcher, 2. University of Inland Norway, 3. Agrifood Research and Technology Centre of Aragon, 4. Department of Animal Science, Agrifood Research and Technology Centre of Aragon)*

A European typology of pastoral systems to understand livestock-large carnivore interactions

*Ana Grau<sup>1</sup>, Alberto Bernues Jal<sup>1</sup>, Isabel Casasús<sup>1</sup>, John Linnell<sup>2</sup>, Eduardo Torres<sup>3</sup>, Daniel Martín Collado<sup>1</sup> (1. Department of Animal Science, Agrifood Research and Technology Centre of Aragon, 2. University of Inland Norway, 3. Centro de Investigacion Tecnológico Aragaria de Aragon)*

# SESSION DETAILS:

## **Narratives and human dimensions psychology**

**16 June 2026 | 13:45 - 15:45 | T-3A | JHB Snow Room**

Beyond wildlife values: Integrating social dominance theory into human-wildlife relations

*Kyle Smith<sup>1</sup>, Roger Faust<sup>2</sup>, Lauren Hopkins<sup>1</sup>, Meggan Craft<sup>1</sup> (1. University of Minnesota, 2. Carleton College)*

Imagined wildlife: Unnatural discourse in the age of anthropogenic landscapes

*Barbara Jones<sup>1</sup> (1. Environmental Anthropologist/Author)*

Beyond "wild" and "liminal": How terminology shapes human-animal relations and management practices

*Susan Boonman-Berson<sup>1</sup>, Tanja Straka<sup>2</sup> (1. Bear at Work, 2. Freie Universität Berlin; University of Applied Sciences Weihenstephan-Triesdorf)*

Wildlife narratives: The potentialities of language and wildlife agency

*Yanzhiyi Huang<sup>1</sup> (1. University of Edinburgh)*

Moral and stakeholder disagreements related to management of feral animals

*Christian Gamborg<sup>1</sup>, Clare Palmer<sup>2</sup>, Janne Winther Christensen<sup>3</sup>, Alistair Lawrence<sup>4</sup>, Peter Sandøe<sup>1</sup> (1. University of Copenhagen, 2. Texas A&M, 3. Aarhus University, 4. Scotland's Rural College)*

Stereotype dimensions in spontaneous judgments about animals: The predominance of relational nature and physical capacity

*Néstor Cano<sup>1</sup>, Verónica Sevillano<sup>1</sup>, Raquel Perez<sup>2</sup> (1. Universidad Autonoma de Madrid, 2. Universidad Complutense de Madrid)*

From perceptions to pathways: Sustainable human-beaver coexistence in anthropogenic landscapes

*Britt van Zelst<sup>1</sup>, Koen Arts<sup>1</sup>, Sven Teurlincx<sup>2</sup> (1. Wageningen University & Research, 2. Netherlands Institute of Ecology)*

## **Urban coexistence and tolerance**

**16 June 2026 | 16:00 - 18:00 | T-4C | JHB Main Lecture Theatre**

Wildlife manager perceptions of human-carnivore interactions in four urban areas of the United States of America

*Anita Morzillo<sup>1</sup>, Olivia Bradberry<sup>1</sup>, Anne Short Gianotti<sup>2</sup>, Kelli Larson<sup>3</sup>, Julie Young<sup>4</sup>, Maureen Murray<sup>5</sup> (1. University of Connecticut, 2. Boston University, 3. Arizona State University, 4. Utah State University, 5. Lincoln Park Zoo)*

Developing an interspecies etiquette for multispecies urban futures

*Erica von Essen<sup>1</sup> (1. Stockholm University)*

Living alongside urban carnivores: Understanding their impact on citizens' welfare

*Mélissa Gagnière<sup>1</sup>, Martin Walter Seltmann<sup>1</sup>, Timo Vuorisalo<sup>1</sup> (1. University of Turku)*

When wildlife moves in: Mapping Building Use and Human Tolerance for Evidence-Based Design

*Bethany Kiss<sup>1</sup>, Sarah Bekessy<sup>1</sup>, Wolfgang Weisser<sup>2</sup>, Brandon Mak<sup>2</sup>, Fabio Sweet<sup>2</sup>, Nita Lauren<sup>3</sup> (1. The University of Melbourne, 2. The Technical University of Munich, 3. RMIT University)*

Wild boar, urban governance, and human well-being: Policy pathways for coexistence

*Raphaël Mathevet<sup>1</sup>, Eric Baubet<sup>2</sup>, François Bousquet<sup>3</sup>, Simon Chamaille-Jammes<sup>1</sup>, Jules Dezeure<sup>1</sup>, Céline Fromont<sup>3</sup>, Christophe Le Page<sup>3</sup>, Coralie Mounet<sup>4</sup>, Sonia Saïd<sup>2</sup> (1. University of Montpellier, 2. French Biodiversity Agency, 3. SENS, CIRAD, 4. UMR 5194, PACTE Laboratory, CNRS)*

Ethical demands shaping human-carnivore coexistence in urban environments

*Simone Basile<sup>1</sup>, Valeria Salvatori<sup>2</sup>, Mireille Gonzalez<sup>3</sup>, Stewart Breck<sup>3</sup>, Barbara de Mori<sup>1</sup> (1. Università degli studi di Padova, 2. Istituto di Ecologia Applicata, 3. Colorado State University)*

Testing risk perception theory in the context of human-carnivore coexistence

*Arianna Mistry<sup>1</sup>, Kelli Larson<sup>1</sup>, Owen Bachhuber<sup>1</sup>, Tiziana Gelmi-Candusso<sup>2</sup>, Mason Fidino<sup>2</sup>, Anne Short Gianotti<sup>3</sup>, Anita Morzillo<sup>4</sup>, Abby Rutrough<sup>1</sup>, Julie Young<sup>5</sup>, Maureen Murray<sup>2</sup> (1. Arizona State University, 2. Lincoln Park Zoo, 3. Boston University, 4. University of Connecticut, 5. Utah State University)*

Resolving the conflict between infectious disease and beneficial urban nature

*Katherine Robertson<sup>1</sup>, Sarah Bekessy<sup>2</sup>, Holly Kirk<sup>3</sup>, Jacinta Humphrey<sup>2</sup> (1. The University of Melbourne, 2. RMIT University, 3. Curtin University)*

# SESSION DETAILS:

## Agency management insights from the US

17 June 2026 | 10:15 - 12:15 | W-1A | JHB Chakrabarti

Advancing human–bear coexistence through the BearWise messaging framework

*Bryant White*<sup>1</sup> (1. Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies)

Evaluating waterfowl harvest composition under two-tier regulations in Nebraska and South Dakota

*Ava Britton*<sup>1</sup>, *Christopher Chizinski*<sup>1</sup>, *Mark Vrtiska*<sup>1</sup> (1. University of Nebraska-Lincoln)

Public concerns and testing participation related to Chronic Wasting Disease in Nebraska

*Christopher Crowder*<sup>1</sup> (1. Nebraska Game and Parks Commission)

From motivation to method: How hunter goals shape education pathways in a two-tier system

*Madelynn Vasquez*<sup>1</sup>, *Christopher Chizinski*<sup>1</sup>, *Matt Gruntorad*<sup>1</sup>, *Mark Vrtiska*<sup>1</sup>, *Ava Britton*<sup>1</sup> (1.

*University of Nebraska-Lincoln)*

Not all human-bear conflicts are created equal: A case study of coastal U.S. wildlife managers

*Victoria Reibel*<sup>1</sup>, *Shari Rodriguez*<sup>1</sup> (1. Clemson University)

Improving antlerless deer harvest through hunter-landowner perspectives

*Corbin Harnden*<sup>1</sup>, *Emily Pomeranz*<sup>1</sup>, *Dwayne Etter*<sup>2</sup>, *Brent Rudolph*<sup>2</sup> (1. Michigan State University, 2. Michigan Department of Natural Resources)

Reservoirs and recreationists: Matching angler typologies to lake choices

*Sarah Ulrichsen*<sup>1</sup>, *Christopher Chizinski*<sup>1</sup>, *Susan Steffen*<sup>2</sup>, *Daniel Uden*<sup>1</sup> (1. University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2. Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks)

## Trust, education and information flow

17 June 2026 | 10:15 - 12:15 | W-1B | Union Hall

Public education considerations and the concept of mindfulness in two case studies of human-wildlife interaction: black bears in Riding Mountain National Park, Manitoba, Canada, and urban crocodiles in Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico

*Christopher D. Malcolm*<sup>1</sup>, *Rosa M. Chavez Dagostino*<sup>2</sup>, *Daniela P. Campama Gonzalez*<sup>3</sup>, *Josie V. Sallows*<sup>4</sup> (1. Brandon University, 2. Centro Universitario de la Costa; Universidad de Guadalajara, 3. Assiniboine College, 4. Brandon University and Parks Canada)

Stakeholder engagement in wild boar management strategies under an ASF outbreak and future vaccination scenarios

*Carme Rosell*<sup>1</sup>, *Joana Colomer*<sup>1</sup>, *Gustau Romero*<sup>2</sup>, *Kevin Morelle*<sup>2</sup>, *Joan Marull*<sup>2</sup>, *Jose Angel Barasona Garcia-Arevalo*<sup>4</sup> (1. MINUARTIA; University of Barcelona, 2. MINUARTIA, 3. Max Planck Institute of Animal Behavior, 4. University Complutense de Madrid)

Who makes IAS policy work? The role of informal actors in information flows in Poland

*Agata Pietrzyk-Kaszynska*<sup>1</sup>, *Agnieszka Olszanska*<sup>1</sup> (1. Polish Academy of Sciences)

The role of tailored communication and trust stewardship in promoting human-beaver coexistence

*Megan Jones*<sup>1</sup>, *Brian Erickson*<sup>2</sup> (1. USGS; Oregon State University, 2. Oregon State University)

From agonistic to antagonist logic of trust: Trust discourse in Swedish wildlife management

*Rikard Hedling*<sup>1</sup>, *Lars Hallgren*<sup>1</sup>, *Hanna Bergeå*<sup>1</sup>, *Anke Fischer*<sup>1</sup> (1. Swedish University of Agricultural Science)

Between conservation and achievement: Hunters' values and sustainability certification as a governance tool in recreational hunting

*Olmo Linares Escudero*<sup>1</sup>, *Mario Soliño*<sup>2</sup>, *Juan Carranza*<sup>1</sup>, *María Martínez-Jauregui*<sup>3</sup> (1. University of Córdoba, 2. Instituto de Investigaciones Marinas, 3. Instituto de Ciencias Forestales)

# SESSION DETAILS:

## Wellbeing and nature connections

**17 June 2026 | 10:15 - 12:15 | W-1C | JHB Snow Room**

Non-timber forest products as a tool for large-scale private lands and wildlife conservation  
*Kelsey Jennings<sup>1</sup>, Ashley Dayer<sup>1</sup>, Katie Holland<sup>2</sup>, Steve Hagenbuch<sup>3</sup> (1. Virginia Tech, 2. Georgetown University, 3. Audubon)*

Bird diversity, human well-being and cognition: Advancing human dimensions of wildlife research  
*Christoph Randler<sup>1</sup> (1. University of Tübingen)*

Enhancing nature experience in protected areas: Development and validation of a nature experience quality scale

*Nitzan Dan-Rakedzon<sup>1</sup>, Nurit Lissovsky<sup>1</sup>, Assaf Shwartz<sup>1</sup> (1. Technion)*

Connection to nature as a double dividend for human well-being and biodiversity-supportive attitudes and behaviour

*Assaf Shwartz<sup>1</sup> (1. Technion)*

Intentional encounters with wildlife improve human well-being in urban settings

*Tanja Straka<sup>1</sup>, Florian Ruland<sup>2</sup>, Clara Schwedler<sup>2</sup>, Luiza Olos<sup>3</sup>, Jan Keller<sup>4</sup> (1. Freie Universität Berlin; University of Applied Sciences Weihenstephan-Triesdorf, 2. Freie Universität Berlin, 3. Center for Academic Advising; Freie Universität Berlin, 4. Heidelberg University)*

From encounters to coexistence: Integrating human-wildlife interactions into marine spatial planning

*Yaara Grossmark<sup>1</sup>, Adi Barash<sup>2</sup>, Barak Azrieli-Zohar<sup>2</sup>, Michelle Portman<sup>1</sup> (1. Technion, 2. Sharks in Israel)*

Rooted in nature: Educational approaches that connect people, pollinators, and wellbeing

*Crystal Anderson<sup>1</sup>, James Anderson<sup>1</sup>, David White<sup>1</sup>, Jeffrey Hallo<sup>1</sup>, Jess Hartshorn<sup>2</sup> (1. Clemson University, 2. Central State University)*

Untangling attitudinal drivers and wellbeing outcomes linked to residential wildlife gardening

*Abigail Rutrough<sup>1</sup>, Kelli Larson<sup>1</sup>, Elizabeth Corley<sup>1</sup> (1. Arizona State University)*

## Agricultural-wildlife conflict

**17 June 2026 | 15:00 - 16:30 | W-3B | Union Hall**

A quarter century on the edge: Shifting frontiers of human-wildlife conflict in Chitwan National Park, Nepal

*Abhinaya Pathak<sup>1</sup> (1. Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation)*

Entangled processes of socio-materialities and new geography of human-wildlife interactions in the Nepal Himalaya

*Binod Adhikari<sup>1</sup> (1. Swedish University of Agricultural Science)*

Comparative assessment of two mitigation strategies for reducing human-elephant conflict in Assam, India

*Parthankar Choudhury<sup>1</sup> (1. Assam University)*

The human-green monkey (*chlorocebus sabaeus*) interface in St. Kitts and Nevis: A summary of 15 years of mixed methods data and discussion of potential management strategies

*Kerry Dore<sup>1</sup> (1. Millbrook School)*

Wildlife conservation vs. agricultural livelihoods: Land use conflicts between Saiga antelopes and farmers in West Kazakhstan

*Serik Orazgaliyev<sup>1</sup> (1. Nazarbayev University)*

# SESSION DETAILS:

## **Compensation and overlooked costs in wildlife management**

**17 June 2026 | 15:00 - 16:30 | W-3C | JHB Snow Room**

Beyond the obvious: Understanding overlooked costs of conflicts with wildlife

*Vinay Kumar<sup>1</sup>, Saloni Bhatia<sup>1</sup> (1. Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE))*

Beyond "It Pays, It Stays": Ethics, trust, and the spatial politics of community natural resource access in southern Africa

*Kristie Gill<sup>1</sup>, Elizabeth Pienaar<sup>1</sup>, Nate Nibbelink<sup>1</sup> (1. The University of Georgia)*

When compensation fails to buy tolerance: How compensation policy reshapes human-wild boar coexistence in China

*Mengxi Kou<sup>1</sup>, Stefanie Döringer<sup>2</sup>, Jinglin Yu<sup>3</sup>, Yifu Wang<sup>3</sup>, Wanting Peng<sup>4</sup>, Hannes Koenig<sup>5</sup>, Marco Heurich<sup>6</sup> (1. Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, 2. Bavarian Forest National Park, 3. Chinese University of Hong Kong, 4. Tongji University, 5. Humboldt Universität Zu Berlin, 6. Albert Ludwigs University of Freiburg)*

Conservation performance payments after success: Lessons from Sámi reindeer herding and wolverine recovery in Sweden

*Hanna Pettersson<sup>1</sup>, Malin Aronsson<sup>2</sup>, Jens Persson<sup>2</sup> (1. University of York, 2. Swedish University of Agricultural Science; Grimsö Wildlife Research Station)*

People, pangolins and protection: Community insights on Temminck's pangolin (*Smutsia temminckii*) in the Ruaha-Rungwa ecosystem, Tanzania

*Courtney Hughes<sup>1</sup>, Michael Kimaro<sup>1</sup>, Charles Mgeni<sup>1</sup>, Fenrick Msigwa<sup>1</sup>, Nyemo Chilagane<sup>1</sup>, Hillary Mrosso<sup>1</sup>, Simon Chidodo<sup>1</sup>, George Bunyata<sup>1</sup>, Rose Kicheleri<sup>2</sup>, Elisante Kimambo<sup>1</sup>, Joseph Kangile<sup>2</sup>, Camille Warbington<sup>1</sup> (1. Tanzania Research and Conservation Organization, 2. Sokoine University of Agriculture)*

# POSTER SESSION | JHB TERRACE

## MONDAY, 15 JUNE 2026 | 18:30 - 20:30

### **Is it working? Evaluating Human-Elephant Conflict Mitigation in Northwest Tanzania**

Courtney Hughes<sup>1</sup>, Fenrick Msigwa<sup>1</sup>, Hillary Mrosso<sup>1</sup>, Nyemo Chilagane<sup>1</sup>, Michael Kimaro<sup>1</sup>, Leandra Merz<sup>2</sup> (1. Tanzania Research and Conservation Organization, 2. San Diego State University)

### **Human-Wildlife Conflict between Small Carnivores and Small Livestock in the Rupununi, Guyana**

Sarina Kawall<sup>1,2,3</sup>, Matt Hallett<sup>1,4</sup> (1. University of Florida; 2. Jacksonville Zoo; 3. Rupununi Wildlife Research Unit 4. Fundación Cóndor Andino)

### **Wildlife Value Orientations to predict attitudes of a lynx reintroduction**

Faye Whiley<sup>1</sup>, Daniel Ingram<sup>1</sup>, Robert D Fish<sup>2</sup>, Douglas C MacMillan<sup>1</sup>, Joseph Tzanopoulos<sup>1</sup> (1. University of Kent; 2. Imperial College London)

### **Season-ahead early warnings of human-elephant conflict**

Carleen Schwarz<sup>1</sup>, Manuela González-Suárez<sup>1</sup>, Rob Boyd<sup>2</sup>, Vicky Boulton (1. University of Reading, 2. UKCEH)

### **Quantifying the barrier effects of linear infrastructure on large herbivores: A comparison of expert-based and data-driven connectivity models in Sweden**

Jakob Pelle Rauch<sup>1</sup>, Cecilia Håkansson<sup>1</sup>, Linus Hasselström Langer<sup>1</sup>, Oleksii Pasichnyi<sup>1</sup> (1. KTH Royal Institute of Technology)

### **From land to sea: Adapting terrestrial human-wildlife conflict tools for marine coexistence**

Yaara Grossmark<sup>1</sup>, Michelle Portman<sup>1</sup> (1. Technion)

### **Local ecological knowledge reveals the distribution of cryptic nocturnal wildlife**

Chloe Chesney<sup>1</sup>, Iaia Tawél Camará<sup>2</sup>, Mamadu Cassamá<sup>2</sup>, Amélia Frazão-Moreira<sup>1</sup>, Tânia Minhós<sup>1</sup>, Kimberley J. Hockings<sup>3</sup>, Elena (Hellen) Bersacola<sup>3</sup> (1. NOVA University of Lisbon, 2. Cantanhez Chimpanzee Project, 3. University of Exeter)

### **Public opinions and results from a deterrent experiment on European otters in Norway**

Oddgeir Andersen<sup>1</sup>, Marius Kambestad<sup>2</sup>, Steven Guidos<sup>1</sup>, Erlend Mjelde Hansen<sup>2</sup>, Arild Landa<sup>1</sup>, Bendik Olai Nordstrand Berg<sup>3</sup> (1. Norwegian Institute for Nature Research, 2. Norwegian Research Centre, 3. Kristiansand Zoo)

### **Urban nature, wildlife, and mental well-being: Evidence gaps from a global systematic review and meta-analysis**

Yulia Furshik<sup>1</sup>, Assaf Shwartz<sup>1</sup> (1. Technion)

### **Spatial analysis of human-wildlife conflict and strategies for its mitigation in Udaipur District, Rajasthan, India**

Seema Jalan<sup>1</sup>, Anjali Kunwar Deora<sup>1</sup> (1. Mohanlal Sukhadia University)

### **When wildlife moves in: Mapping building use and human tolerance for evidence-based design**

Bethany Kiss<sup>1</sup> (1. The University of Melbourne)

# POSTER SESSION | JHB TERRACE

## MONDAY, 15 JUNE 2026 | 18:30 - 20:30

### **A management-based perspective of wild boars mobility in Montpellier, France's 7th's most inhabited city**

Jules Dezeure<sup>1</sup>, Raphaël Mathevet<sup>1</sup>, Gustave Fradin<sup>1</sup>, Samuel Perret<sup>1</sup>, Laurine Barachin<sup>1</sup>, Eric Baubet<sup>2</sup>, Sonia Saïd<sup>2</sup>, Simon Chamaillé-Jammes<sup>1</sup> (1. University of Montpellier, 2. French Biodiversity Agency)

### **Local community use of natural resources in north-western Saudi Arabia: Insights for wildlife conservation and sustainable utilization**

Martina Panisi<sup>1</sup>, Magdy El-Bana<sup>2</sup>, Ahmed Alansari<sup>2</sup>, Omar Al Attas<sup>2</sup>, Ahmed Alghamni<sup>2</sup>, Mohammed Darwish<sup>3</sup>, Nouf Aljohany<sup>1</sup>, Shouq Aljohany<sup>1</sup>, Abdullah Alkubaidi<sup>2</sup>, Hani Alsinani<sup>2</sup>, Fulvio Licata<sup>1</sup>, Diogo Ferreira<sup>1</sup>, José Carlos Brito<sup>1</sup> (1. Universidade do Porto, 2. Red Sea Global, 3. National Wildlife Centre)

### **Rightful place for animals and humans in marginal territories: Coexistence of farmers and jaguars in French Guiana**

Armand Ziller<sup>1</sup>, Marianne Palisse<sup>1</sup>, Guillaume Odonne<sup>1</sup> (1. Laboratoire Ecologie, Evolution, Interactions des Systèmes amazoniens)

### **Voices from the dock: A case study of environmental concerns from Florida's fishing community**

Christopher Crowder<sup>1</sup>, Geoffrey Cook<sup>2</sup>, Vanessa Parks<sup>3</sup> (1. Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, 2. University of Central Florida, 3. RAND)

### **Recreation first, wildlife second? Visitor motivations and conservation attitudes in local natural areas**

Tami Ransom<sup>1</sup> (1. Salisbury University)

### **The common kingfisher in Germany: Human perceptions, emotions and its role as flagship species**

Amy Elizabeth Morice<sup>1,2</sup>, Jonathan Jeschke<sup>1,2</sup>, Tanja Straka Freie<sup>1,3</sup> (1. Freie Universität Berlin; 2. Leibniz Institute of Freshwater Ecology and Inland Fisheries, 3. University of Applied Sciences Weihenstephan-Triesdorf)

### **Angler motivations for participating in a guided fishing trip in Nebraska, USA**

Austin Stafford<sup>1</sup>, Christopher Chizinski<sup>1</sup> (1. University of Nebraska-Lincoln)

### **EviWild: Evidence for wildlife damage mitigation**

Ann Eklund<sup>1</sup>, Jens Frank Swedish<sup>2,3</sup> (1. Halmstad University, 2. University of Agricultural Science; 3. Grimsö Wildlife Research Station)

### **Urban spatial design and planning as if human-plant-wildlife-habitat relations mattered**

Laura Musacchio<sup>1</sup> (1. University of Minnesota)

### **Does compensation foster coexistence? A global synthesis of attitudes toward wolves**

Anna Planella Bosch<sup>1</sup>, José Vicente López Bao<sup>1</sup> (1. University of Oviedo)

### **Emerging socio-ecological threats to wild cats in the Guiana Shield: Stakeholder perspectives from Suriname, Guyana, and French Guiana**

Alice Lily Armstrong<sup>1</sup> (1. University College London)

# POSTER SESSION | JHB TERRACE

## MONDAY, 15 JUNE 2026 | 18:30 - 20:30

### **The impact of forest quality and size on Temminck's Red Colobus (*Ptilocolobus badius temminckii*) abundance, distribution and forest use in a conservation priority area - Sambel Kunda, The Gambia**

Rebecca Sweet<sup>1</sup> (1. Teesside University)

### **GPS collar data predicts impact of fences on human-elephant conflict in North Luangwa, Zambia**

Maren M. Lechner<sup>1</sup>, Egil Dröge<sup>1</sup>, Richard Peel<sup>2</sup>, Natasha Wallum<sup>1</sup> (1. University of Oxford, 2. North Luangwa Conservation Programme; Frankfurt Zoological Society)

### **Society for Human Dimensions of Wildlife (SHDW) Information**

Eick von Ruschkowski<sup>1</sup> (1. Alfred Toepfer Academy for Nature Conservation)

### **Society for Human Dimensions of Wildlife (SHDW) Needs Assessment**

Eick von Ruschkowski<sup>1</sup> (1. Alfred Toepfer Academy for Nature Conservation)

### **Human-Elephant Conflict at Outamba Kilimi National Park, Sierra Leone**

Sarah Bell<sup>1,2</sup>, Paul Robinson<sup>1</sup>, Muhammed Bah<sup>1</sup> (1. Pan Verus Project, 2. Oxford University Museum of Natural History)

### **Private land conservation & landholder wellbeing: Evidence from a global exploratory scoping review**

Ella Schirru<sup>1</sup>, Diane Jarvis<sup>1</sup>, Georgia G. Gurney<sup>1,2</sup>, Vanessa M. Adams<sup>2</sup> (1. James Cook University, 2. University of Tasmania)

### **Coexisting with the conflict at Jim Corbett National Park, India**

Sabmeet Singh<sup>1</sup> (1. Krishna Group of Colleges)

### **Human-wildlife conflict and coexistence: A case study from Rishikesh, India**

S.K. Sharma<sup>1</sup> (1. North Point Academy)

### **Efficacy of single strand fencing in mitigating conflict**

Maurice Schutgens<sup>1</sup>, Claudel Tshibangu<sup>1</sup>, Eric Chehoski<sup>1</sup>, Miren Schleicher<sup>1</sup>, Hans Pascal Ekorezock Ndong<sup>1</sup>, Maximilian David Graham<sup>1</sup> (1. Space for Giants)

### **How "happy" are Germany's pigeons?**

Brandon Mak<sup>1</sup>, Otto Kalliokoski<sup>2</sup>, Beate Apfelbeck<sup>3</sup> (1. Technical University of Munich, 2. University of Copenhagen, 3. University of Salzburg)

### **Nature disconnection, wellbeing and livelihood transitions in Pulicat's changing coastal ecosystem**

Ganga Shreedhar<sup>1</sup> (1. London School of Economics and Political Science)

# POSTER SESSION | JHB TERRACE

## MONDAY, 15 JUNE 2026 | 18:30 - 20:30

### **Context-dependent behaviour and connectivity in human-modified landscapes: A multi-region study of European brown bears**

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### **Assessing biodiversity in trail corridors and implications for outdoor recreation**

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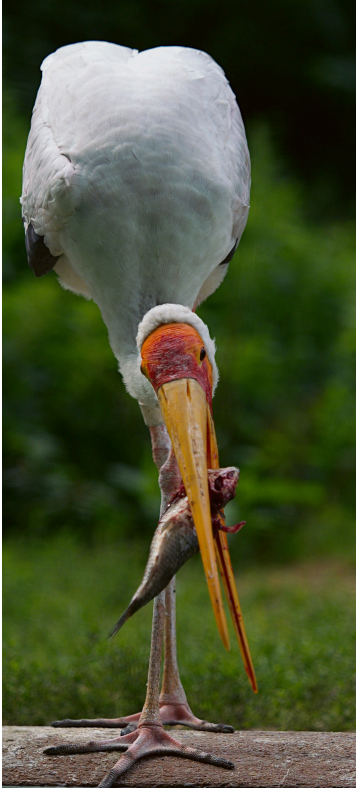
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Vrtiska	Mark	W-1A	Young	Juliette	T-1C, T-2C, T-3C
Vuorisalo	Timo	T-4C	Yu	Jinglin	W-3C
Wallum	Natasha	Poster	Ziller	Armand	Poster
Wang	Yifu	W-3C	Žunna	Agrita	M-4A
Wangchuk	Sangay	T-1C			
Warbington	Camille	W-3C			
Ward	Rebecca	M-3B			
Warrington	Miya	T-4A			
Waters	Sian	M-2C, M-3C, M-4B			
Webber	Amanda	T-4A			
Weisser	Wolfgang	T-4C			
Werland	Luise	M-2A			
Weymouth	Adam	M-3A			
Whiley	Faye	T-1A, W-2A, Poster			
White	Bryant	W-1A			
White	David	W-1C			
Whitehead	Toryn	M-3D			
Wiesel	Ingrid	Poster			
Winther Christensen	Janne	T-3A			



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