

Wednesday the 19th of October 2022, 15:15-17:30

Session Title: Developing Guidelines for the Human-Wildlife Interactions in Conservation Translocations

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Session Abstract (<300 words):

Conservation translocation is a widely used management intervention to restore locally extinct or augment severely depleted species. Human dimension issues that influence the achievement of these aims are encountered at five different stages of the project life cycle: 1) Planning, 2) Initiation, 3) Implementation, 4) Ending, and 5) Post-exit stage. Overlooking such dimension may jeopardise the success of the project. Understanding and addressing human-wildlife interaction issues improve community involvement, peers' acceptance and the support from various interest groups.

In this workshop we propose to discuss participants' experiences in human dimensions related to each of the 5 stages of a project's life cycle. Discussions aims to expand on findings from the IUCN/SSC CTSG HWIWG 2022 [Guidelines to Facilitate Human-Wildlife Interactions in Conservation Translocations](#), to identify best practice and key issues for each stage to inform planning and promote wildlife conservation, collaboration amongst groups and coexistence.

Workshop Proposal: 3:15-5:30 pm (15 minutes break built in) 120 minutes

Introduction and framework (30 minutes): presenters will introduce the 5 stages of the conservation translocation project lifecycle.

Working in groups (60 minutes: 30 +15 minutes break + 30): participants will be allocated to one table dedicated to each one of the 5 stages proposed by the framework, if the number of participants allows. To make sure we have a few participants working together on each table we may also group the stages into:

- 1) Planning Stage
- 2) Initiation and Implementation Stages
- 3) Ending and Post-Exit Stages

The 3 workshop facilitators will move from table to table to provide support and partake in the ongoing discussions.

A copy of the guidance will be handed to each participant, and it will make the bases for the discussion. Each participant will have the opportunity to talk about how the guidance relates to their own experiences, and how it may be applicable to their own practice. They will be invited to comment on the actions proposed by the Guidelines, and to identify: 1) key barriers and 2) key opportunities in relation to best practice concerning the human dimensions of such stage.

Participants will be asked to contribute to the discussion based on their expertise/background, as students, researchers or practitioners.

Final discussion (15-30 minutes): a participant from each table will be invited to convey their conclusions; participants will have an opportunity to pose questions and discuss key issues concerning all stages of the project cycle.

Output:

Inform expanded guidelines for the CTSG.