

# BIAZA Field Conservation & Native Species Conference



Rewilding



## 29th – 31st January 2020 - Preliminary Programme

### DAY 1: NATIVE SPECIES

- 8.30- 9.00 Registration / tea & coffee  
9.00 – 9.10 Welcome & housekeeping  
9.10 – 9.20 Introduction to Chester Zoo

#### Session 1 : Invited Speakers

- 9.20 – 10.00 **Plenary : Rewilding Britain**  
*Alastair Driver – Director of Rewilding Britain*
- 10.00 – 10.30 **Keynote: State of Nature Report 2019**  
*Daniel Hayhow – RSPB*
- 10.00 – 11.00 **Manchester Mosses Project**  
*Jo Kennedy – Lancashire Wildlife Trust*
- 11.00 – 11.30 Tea & coffee break

#### Session 2 : Rewilding Your Zoo

- 11.30 – 11.50 **Local Environmental Centres for Zoos and Rewilding**  
*Tom Hunt - ALERC*
- 11.50 – 12.00 **Grab That Gap Launch**  
*BIAZA*
- 12.00 – 12.30 **How Four Million People were Engaged by Wildflowers and Fungi**  
*Philip Turvil – Royal Botanic Gardens Kew*
- 12.30 – 13.30 Lunch
- 13.30 – 15.00 **Practical Workshop (TBC)**
- 15.00 – 15.20 Tea & coffee break

#### Session 3 : Rewilding & Reintroduction

- 15.30 – 16.00 **Moving martens : Native species recovery in the Forest of Dean**  
*Cat McNicol – Gloucester Wildlife Trust*
- 16.00 – 16.15 **Successful captive breeding of a critically endangered native invertebrate; the pine hoverfly**  
*Helen Taylor – RZSS*
- 16.15 – 16.30 **The return of red-billed choughs to Jersey: lessons learnt**  
*Elizabeth Corry - Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust*
- 16.30 -16.45 **Do bats go to the zoo? Bat community detection and habitat use at the Knowsley Estate**  
*Naomi Davies – Knowsley Safari*
- 16.45 – 17.00 **Habitat and foodplant research for the Barberry Carpet Moth**  
*Will Millard – John Innes Centre & Drayton Manor*

## DAY 2: REWILDING

8.30- 9.00 Registration / tea & coffee

9.00 – 9.05 Welcome & housekeeping

### Session 1 : Perspectives on Rewilding

9.05 – 9.15 Introduction to the day

9.15 – 10.00 **De-domestication and the ‘kept-wild’: scaling up trophic rewilding**

*Paul Jepson – Ecosulis and the University of Oxford*

10.00 – 10.30 **Rewilding and organisation : Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust**

*Richard Young – Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust*

10.30 – 11.00 **The ecology of rewilding and the restoration of keystone species**

*Chris Sandom - University of Sussex*

11.00 – 11.30 Tea & coffee break

11.30 – 12.00 **The political, social and cultural dimensions of rewilding**

*George Holmes - University of Leeds*

12.00 – 12.30 **Rewilding people - connecting people to nature**

*Joelene Hughes – RSPB*

12.30 – 13.00 **Panel session with plenary and keynote speakers**

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

### Session 2 : Rewilding Projects

14.00 – 14.15 **The North West Rare Plant Initiative**

*Joshua Styles*

14.15 – 14.30 **Bison in the Blean: the big dream!**

*Vicki Breakell – Wildwood Trust*

14.30 – 14.45 **White Storks Taking Flight - reconnecting with a wilder Britain.**

*Lucy Groves - Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust & Knepp Estate*

14.45 – 15.00 **There’s no place like home: working with in-country captive populations for re-wilding success**

*Bridget Johnson – Knowsley Safari*

15.00 – 15.15 **Wildcat conservation centre & reintroductions to Scotland**

*David Barclay – RZSS Highland Wildlife Park*

15.15 – 15.45 Coffee & tea break

### Session 3 : Conservation & Research

16.00 – 16.15 **IUCN Guidelines in a local context**

*Sarah Dalrymple – Liverpool John Moores University (TBC)*

16.15 – 16.30 **BIAZA Reintroduction Advisory Group**

16.30 – 17.00 **Discussion Session – Reintroduction and beyond: The role of zoos and aquariums in (re)wilding**

19.00 – 23.00 Conference dinner at Chester Zoo

## DAY 3: FIELD CONSERVATION

- 8.30- 9.00 Registration / tea & coffee
- 9.00 – 9.05 Welcome & housekeeping
- 9.05 – 9.30 BIAZA FCC Updates

### Session 1 : International Conservation

- 9.30 – 9.45 **Restoring the critically endangered mountain chicken in the face of chytridiomycosis**  
*Jeff Dawson – Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust*
- 9.45 – 10.00 **Tools and techniques for African penguin conservation**  
*Ali Cotton – Bristol Zoological Society*
- 10.00 – 10.15 **Preventing forest fires to protect critical orangutan habitat in Central Kalimantan, Indonesian Borneo**  
*Suzanne Turnock – Borneo Nature Foundation*
- 10.15 – 10.30 **Developing Vulture Safe Zones to conserve critically endangered Asian vultures**  
*Campbell Murn – Hawk Conservancy Trust*
- 10.30 – 11.00 Tea & coffee break
- 11.00 – 11.15 **The Bug Issue**  
*Tyrone Capel – BIAZA TIWG & ZSL Whipsnade Zoo*
- 11.15 – 11.30 **Reintroduction of the Bermudan snail**  
*Gerardo Garcia – Chester Zoo*
- 11.30 – 11.45 **Vole out of water : the history and restoration potential of fossorial water voles in the UK**  
*Peter Cooper – Derek Gow Consultancy*
- 11.45 – 12.00 **Wild Planet Trust** TBC
- 12.00 – 12.15 **Into the blue with the BIAZA marine mammal surveys**  
*Ben Murcott – Drayton Manor*
- 12.15 – 12.30 **We need to talk....**  
*Amy Cox – RZSS*
- 12.30 – 13.30 Lunch
- Workshop**
- 13.30 – 15.30 **Wilding : A Masterclass on Communication & Engagement**  
*Diana Pound – Dialogue Matters*
- 15.30 – 15.40 **Conference Finish**