



Camping Mas Fleuri, Sospel, France
Program

SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

15:00-19:00 **Registration and welcome cocktail**

MONDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

9:00-9:30 **Opening ceremony** (IUCN Otter Specialist Group, Fondation Prince Albert II de Monaco, Parc national du Mercantour, Parco Naturale Alpi Marittime)

9:30 Jamie Copsey (online) - **CPSG species conservation planning: steps through the eyes of beavers in Scotland**

10:00-10:30 Coffee break

Otters and communities

(Chair: Angela Yang)

10:30 Myriam Aarras - **The Human-Wildlife Initiative: Promoting peaceful cohabitation between human activities and wildlife in the Southern PACA region, France**

10:45 Rémy Masséglià, Myriam Aarras - **'The project 'Monitoring of new mammals discovered in the Mercantour'**

11:00 Sanjan Thapa - **Community outreach for otter conservation in Nepal**

11:20 Megan Isadore - **Supporting Conservation, One Otter Sighting at a Time**

11:40 Caroline Leuchtenberger et al. - **Engaging local communities on giant otter conservation through wildlife tourism**

12:00 Angela Yang - **Strengthening regional networks and engaging communities in conservation**

12:20-14:00 Lunch

Threats, conflicts and mitigations

(Chair: Nicole Duplaix)

14:00 James Stevens - **Supporting the conservation community in addressing human-wildlife conflict**

14:20 Thomas L. Serfass et al. - **Conservation Status of the North American River Otter in the United States and Canada: Assessing Management Practices and Public Perceptions of the Species**

14:40 Franck Simonnet, Nathalie De Lacoste - **Conflict mitigation with French fish farmers**

15:00 Andreas Kranz - **Impact of otter culling on brown trout and otter populations in Austria**

15:40 Rekha Mohan et al. - **Singapore, a City of Otters: from national icons to conflict mitigation. Lessons from a decade of urban interactions**

15:40-16:10 Coffee break

16:10 Philip Johns - **Communities, social media and studying otter behavior**

16:30 Mike Bottini - **Enlisting the General Public and Highway Agencies in Otter (*Lontra canadensis*). Distribution surveys and roadkill mitigation measures**

16:50 Dave Webb (online) - **Fishery Conflict Strategies - an example from the UK**

17:10 Gonzalo Medina-Vogel et al. (online) - **First assessment of interaction between otters and salmon farming in Patagonia**

TUESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

Offers across borders: transnational strategies

(Chair: Katrina Fernandez)

9:00 Katrina Fernandez - **Project Lighthouse: Shedding light on three otter species of the Indian subcontinent**

9:20 Margherita Bandini, Carol Bennetto - **Otter Ed: an effort to promote otter awareness worldwide**

9:40 Caterina Ferrari - **LUTRALPS: An Alpine Network to Develop a Common Strategy between Borders**

10:00 Caroline Leuchtenberger et al. - **Giant otter reintroduction in Argentina, from ex-situ to in-situ**

10:20 Coffee break

Red and Green Lists assessment

(Chairs: Syed Hussain, Anna Loy)

10:50 Syed Ainul Hussain, Sayanti Basak (online)- **Assessment of global otter species for IUCN Red List: Challenges and future directions**

11:10 Anna Loy - **The IUCN Green Status of otters: A new tool to evaluate the impact of conservation**

11:30-12:30 **Breakout rooms with continental and species coordinators**

12:30-14:00 Lunch

Otter trade

(Chair: Nicole Duplaix)

14:00 Nicole Duplaix, Paul Todd - **Does CITES stop the illegal otter trade?**

14:30 Yumiko Okamoto - **Otter cafes: Pet Trade in Japan and Asia**

15:00-16:30 **Breakout rooms:** Workshop on illegal otter trade: monitoring and -enforcement

16:30-17:30 **Reconvene for conclusions**

After dinner **Movie time**

Wednesday 21 SEPTEMBER

Action Plans and Conservation Strategies

(Chair: Sanjan Thapa)

9:00 Franck Simonnet, Veronique Barthelemy - **The new French Eurasian otter action plan 2019-2028**

9:20 Anna Loy, Nicole Duplaix - **OSG conservation targets for the next quadriennium and the SIS database**

9:40 Ruchi Badola et al. (online)- **Involving communities in otter (biodiversity) conservation in high human density landscapes: perspectives from the Ganga river basin, India**

10:00-10:30 Coffee break

10:30-12:00 **Breakout rooms:** Workshop on national action plans / SSC targets / mitigation success / local conflict resolution

12:00-13:00 **Reconvene for discussions and conclusions**

13:00-14:30 Lunch

14:30-17:00 **Guided tour to the Roya Valley** (organized by Parc national du Mercantour)

20:00 **Social dinner and silent auction**

Thursday 22 SEPTEMBER

Ex Situ Population Management and Conservation

(Chairs: Jason Palmer)

9:00 Karin R. Schwartz (online) - **ZIMS, Records, and Conservation, Oh My!**

9:20 Aude Desmoulins - **EAZA: new TAG Action Plan/Regional Collection Plan for otters**

9:40 Tim Schikora (online) - **The current status of giant otters kept in zoos worldwide - Insights into the International Studbook**

10:00 Jason Palmer - **The problems of large otter zoo populations**

10:20-10:50 Coffee break

Otters of the World

(Chair Trevor McIntyre)

10:50 Shawn Larson - **Sea otters: Population status worldwide, an update on their recovery and their long history with people and how they shaped Pacific coastal communities**

11:10 Gonzalo Medina Vogel et al. (online) - **Otter Status Report for Central and South America**

11:30 Alejandro E. J. Valenzuela et al. - **Southern river otter (*Lontra provocax*): Conservation actions for this en-dangered species**

11:50 Trevor McIntyre et al. - **Otters in southern Africa: research outputs, ongoing research and knowledge gaps**

12:10 Chabi A.M.S Djagoun et al. - **Otter cultural values and conservation statute amongst major Ethnic Groups in Southern Benin**

12:30-14:00 Lunch

Advanced techniques for otter monitoring

(Chair Anna Loy)

14:00 Pushpinder Singh Jamwal et al. - **Environmental DNA otter monitoring in the Himalayas**

14:20 Nicole Duplaix - **Asian otters and camera trap species identification**

14:40 Benaya Leles et al. - **Group dynamics and habitat use of the Giant Otter, *Pteronura brasiliensis* (Zimmermann, 1780), in seasonally flooded forest in the Araguaia River, Central Brazil: A 10-years study**

15:00-15:30 Coffee break

15:30 Irene C. Weinberger et al. - **Searching for spraints - a comparison of finding efficiency between experts, volunteers & detection dogs**

15:50 Frederick Kistner et al. - **Can you tell the species by a footprint? - Identifying three of the four sympatric Southeast Asian otter species using computer vision and deep learning**

16:10-17:30 **Otter tracks and signs workshop** (Chair Margherita Bandini)

FRIDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

9:00-11:00 **Session leaders panel to discuss Congress highlights.** Where do we go from here? Facilitating com-munity pspartnerships through conservation planning.

11:00-12:30 Nicole Duplaix, Anna Loy - **Final recommendations and closing ceremony**

13:00 Bus leaves for Nice airport and post congress tour to Gran Paradiso NP