

# CPSG Training Opportunities

16th & 17th of October, 2018

## Registration Form

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AVANI Riverside Bangkok Hotel and  
Anantara Riverside Bangkok Resort  
Bangkok, Thailand

Course Fee \$100US

As part of CPSG's pledge to help build capacity for species conservation planning, we are offering training opportunities ahead of our Annual Meeting.



## Offered Courses

- An Introduction to Facilitating Species Conservation Planning Processes
- An Introduction to Wildlife Disease Risk Analysis (DRA)
- Applying the IUCN Guidelines for Ex Situ Management for Species Conservation

The courses are open to attendees of the CPSG Annual Meeting as well as all other interested conservation professionals (new or experienced). Each course will be delivered by experienced trainers and professionals from the conservation field.

The course fee covers the venue hire plus coffee breaks, lunch each day, note pads and pens, and Wi-Fi. All participants will also receive a signed IUCN SSC CPSG course completion certificate.

Questions? Please email Jamie Copsey at [jamie@cpsg.org](mailto:jamie@cpsg.org)

# An Introduction to Facilitating Species Conservation Planning Processes

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(send to [Jamie@cpsg.org](mailto:Jamie@cpsg.org))

**INSTRUCTORS:** Jamie Copsey and Anne Baker

**DURATION:** 2 days

**AIM:** This workshop is designed to provide an overview of some of the facilitation skills that can be applied to help you guide working groups through a species conservation planning process. We will focus in on the interpersonal skills that can help you to help groups make good decisions and do so in a way that brings others with them.



**OVERVIEW:** At some point in our professional lives, we are likely to be asked to facilitate a working group, potentially within a species conservation planning process. We may seek this role, particularly if we are keen to get conservation projects off the ground, and so get some decisions made. Rarely can we make these decisions on our own, either because we lack the power to do so, or because it is ethically right that we involve others in the decision-making process.

Bringing groups of people together inevitably means you also bring together different perspectives, values, technical abilities and skills. These differences can be crucial in making good decisions, but they can also be a challenge to manage! Facilitation can help groups navigate their way through this process, introducing different rational and interpersonal skills to solve problems, make decisions and develop plans. In this introductory workshop we will provide an overview of facilitation, introduce you to some helpful thinking tools and in particular focus in on some interpersonal skills (such as listening!) to help you help others be more effective in their group work.

**LEVEL:** This is an introductory course and so is particularly designed for those who have not received any prior training in facilitation or need a refresher.

**RESOURCES:** A Facilitator's Handbook is in development and will be made available to participants in advance of the course. We also encourage participants to purchase A Facilitator's Guide to Participatory Decision-Making by Sam Kaner (2007) as a useful resource for facilitation tools and processes.

# An Introduction to Wildlife Disease Risk Analysis (DRA)

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(send to [Jamie@cpsg.org](mailto:Jamie@cpsg.org))

**INSTRUCTORS::** Richard Jakob-Hoff and  
Phil Miller

**DURATION:** 2 days

**AIM:** Using real-life scenarios this interactive workshop is designed to familiarize participants with the Disease Risk Analysis (DRA) process and how to apply it to situations in which wildlife populations are impacted by disease or contribute to the spread of disease.



**OVERVIEW:** Expanding human populations and associated landscape changes are resulting in closer interactions between people, domestic animals and wildlife. This proximity increases opportunities for disease transmission scenarios with potential negative impacts on biodiversity conservation, public health and economics. Estimating the level of disease risk and need for risk management is complicated by the relative scarcity of information about the dynamics of disease in wildlife. The OIE/IUCN-endorsed DRA process provides a science-based, multi-stakeholder process for working with uncertainty to estimate and prioritize wildlife-associated disease risks and develop informed risk management strategies. This process has been applied to a wide range of scenarios including:

- Wildlife translocations;
- Development of breed-for-release quarantine and health screening protocols;
- Planning response strategies to mass mortalities in free-ranging wildlife; and,
- Assessment of disease transmission risks from wildlife to human and domestic animal populations.

This workshop will give participants an appreciation of the power of this collaborative process to minimize uncertainty, identify key information gaps and prioritize research while gaining broad stakeholder support for implementation of risk mitigation strategies.

**LEVEL:** This is an introductory course and so is particularly designed for those who have not received any prior training in wildlife disease risk analysis or need a refresher.

**RESOURCES:** The course is based on the OIE/IUCN Manual of Procedures for Disease Risk Analysis, a free pdf copy of which can be downloaded at <http://www.cpsg.org/content/iucn-manual-procedures-wildlife-disease-risk-analysis>

# Applying the IUCN Guidelines for Ex Situ Management for Species Conservation

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**INSTRUCTORS:** Kathy Traylor-Holzer and  
Kristin Leus

**DURATION:** 2 Days

**AIM:** This course is designed to teach participants how to evaluate the conservation needs of species, and to identify and evaluate any recommended roles(s) of *ex situ* management as part of the One Plan Approach to species conservation.



**OVERVIEW:** Evaluating if and how *ex situ* management and activities can contribute to species conservation can be challenging. Preconceived ideas on *ex situ* activities, lack of knowledge on species conservation needs, and lack of a logical decision process may lead to decisions that do not maximize effective conservation. This course will lead participants through the five steps of the decision-making process outlined in the recent revised IUCN Guidelines for the Use of Ex Situ Management for Species Conservation. This process is most effective as a collaborative discussion between *in situ* and *ex situ* partners, and can inform conservation strategies for wild populations as well as collection planning and species programs in zoos, aquariums and other *ex situ* facilities. Lectures, group discussions and practice exercises will guide participants through this decision process. Participants will learn how to:

- Develop a status assessment and threat analysis for both *in situ* and *ex situ* populations;
- Identify potential conservation roles for *ex situ* management;
- Assess program characteristics required to meet potential roles;
- Conduct a feasibility assessment for potential *ex situ* activities; and,
- Recommend *ex situ* management actions, if any, to support species conservation.

**LEVEL:** This course is targeted for anyone involved in species conservation planning as well as those responsible for implementation of *ex situ* activities recommended in conservation plans.

**RESOURCES:** The course is based on the IUCN SSC Guidelines for the Use of Ex Situ Management for Species Conservation, which can be downloaded in several languages at: <http://www.cpsg.org/iucn-ssc-ex-situ-guidelines>