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Session type: Interactive Session (90 minutes)

Session Title: Human-Wildlife Interactions in Conservation Translocations: developing

guidelines

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Description:

Reintroductions and rewilding can be powerful tools in biodiversity recovery. We will introduce key Human-Wildlife Interaction issues that take place along the life cycle of a conservation translocation project, from planning to post-exit stages. Participants will be invited to discuss their experiences in HWI related to each of these stages, aiming to expand on findings from the <u>Guidelines to Facilitate Human-Wildlife Interactions in Conservation Translocations</u> (2022) to inform planning and promote wildlife conservation, collaboration amongst groups and coexistence.

Session plan:

Introduction of framework (30 minutes): A copy of the Guidelines paper is available <u>online</u> and we will provide a hard copy for each participant. Different sections will make the bases for the work in group (see below). Presenters will introduce the 5 stages of the conservation translocation project lifecycle, using case studies to illustrate each.

Working in groups (40 minutes): participants will be allocated to one table dedicated to the each stage proposed by the framework:

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

The 3 session facilitators will move from table to table to provide support and partake in the ongoing discussions. Participant will be invited to discuss how the guidance relates to their own experience, research and practice, and will be invited to comment on the actions proposed by the Guidelines, to identify: 1) key barriers and 2) key opportunities in relation to best practice concerning the human dimensions of each stage.

Key findings will be shared with all participants at the end of the session (10 minutes).

Output:

Inform expanded guidelines for the IUCN/SSC CTSG.

Important considerations:

- Our working group is very diverse in gender, cultural backgrounds, ethnicities and age. For this presentation we have 3 women presenting.
- The group is formed by researchers, academics and practitioners