

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION EXPO

OCTOBER 12, 2019



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Wildlife Conservation Network

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10AM-6PM

**MISSION BAY CONFERENCE CENTER
SAN FRANCISCO, CA**

There's no doubt about it, this year's Wildlife Conservation Expo will be our most diverse and exciting yet. The Expo highlights conservation heroes working on the frontlines to save endangered species and their habitats. Journeying from the peaks of the Andes, the tropical rainforests of Central Africa and beyond to convene in San Francisco, these wildlife trailblazers will chronicle the latest about their captivating work.

We are privileged to open our Expo experience with a Friday evening talk from the esteemed Dr. Jane Goodall, DBE, founder of the Jane Goodall Institute and UN Messenger of Peace. Dr. Goodall will inspire us all with her hopes and visions for the future of wildlife and our planet.

At Expo, WCN's Conservation Partners will share gripping stories of life alongside the most extraordinary wildlife species. Whether it's the heart-warming shyness of spectacled bears, the remarkable intelligence of elephants, or the powerful grace of cheetahs, you are bound to fall in love with these incredible creatures. Complementing our traditional presentations, we will also offer three thematic sessions to explore fascinating topics crucial to conservation.

This year we will welcome several guest speakers to the Expo stage: experts championing orangutan conservation in Borneo, protecting Malaysia's marine mammals, including dolphins and dugongs, and saving Costa Rica's colorful macaws. Partners and grantees will also share their latest stories from our Crisis and Recovery Funds—focused on ensuring a future for elephants, lions, and now, pangolins.

There is so much happening in conservation at a time when protecting wildlife is most critical. Expo will be a fun, meaningful way for leaders in conservation to engage one-on-one with wildlife enthusiasts like yourself to make a positive impact for species around the world.

We hope to see you there.



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ACROSS 37 COUNTRIES
OVER 6 CONTINENTS

60 EXHIBITORS

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION NETWORK

PARTNERS

Wildlife Conservation Network saves endangered species around the world by supporting independent wildlife conservationists with the funding and training they need to succeed. WCN’s Conservation Partners form the very heart of our network.



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Peter Blinston
PAINTED DOG CONSERVATION
ZIMBABWE

After watching a documentary on painted dogs over 30 years ago, Peter was determined to save them. Since then his leadership has helped anti-poaching units find and dispose of thousands of snares. His team has also established educational bush camps that take children into the field to see wildlife, many for the first time. Painted Dog Conservation’s efforts are proving successful, with painted dog populations growing within the areas where they operate.

11:30AM FISHER BANQUET ROOM



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Dr. Pablo Borboroglu
GLOBAL PENGUIN SOCIETY
WORLDWIDE

Penguins have always been important in Pablo’s life. He founded the Global Penguin Society to study and protect all 18 species of penguins in the Southern Hemisphere. Pablo works closely with communities, local governments, and other conservation groups to establish guidelines for penguin conservation. So far, over 32 million acres of marine and coastal protected areas have been created, thanks to his tireless efforts. Pablo is a 2018 Whitley Gold Award winner and a recipient of the 2018 National Geographic/Buffer Awards for Leadership in Conservation.

5:15PM FISHER BANQUET ROOM



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Robyn Appleton & Francis Aurich
SPECTACLED BEAR CONSERVATION
PERU

Robyn fell in love with spectacled bears over ten years ago at a bear research symposium where she realized how little was known about the species. Since then Robyn and her team were the first to fit a GPS collar on a spectacled bear in Peru and they continue to improve our knowledge of these bears through scientific research. SBC also provides education and outreach to local communities. Robyn will be joined onstage by Francis Aurich, a WCN scholar who has been volunteering and working with SBC since she was 13 years old.

4:00PM FISHER BANQUET ROOM

Dr. Colleen Begg
NIIASSA LION PROJECT
MOZAMBIQUE

Colleen, Keith, and their family live and work in one of the world’s last remaining great wilderness areas, leading a team of 100 Mozambicans in Niassa National Reserve, Mozambique. Niassa Lion Project has 12 different programs that range from anti-poaching and education to building community partnerships and livelihoods. Building these relationships with local communities is key as it helps people and lions live together and thrive.

2:30PM ROBERTSON AUDITORIUM



Ewaso Lions

Resson Kantai Duff & Jeneria Lekilelei
EWASO LIONS
KENYA

Resson and Jeneria are dedicated to saving Kenya’s lions. Resson joined Ewaso Lions (EL) as deputy director in 2018, supporting EL’s founder & executive director Shivani Bhalla. She is the youngest member to be elected by the Board of Conservation Alliance of Kenya, giving EL a voice in the national conservation agenda. As field operations and community manager, Jeneria’s vast knowledge about lions and ability to diffuse human-lion conflict is essential to EL’s mission. Jeneria is a National Geographic Emerging Explorer, Disney Conservation Hero, and the recipient of the African Ranger Award.

4:00PM FISHER BANQUET ROOM



Emmanuel Keller

Dr. Rachel Graham
MARALLIANCE
BELIZE AND THE WESTERN CARIBBEAN

Rachel has been fascinated by the ocean ever since her childhood in Tunisia. She has worked with fishers to establish effective conservation goals for over 20 years. In 2011, Rachel won the Whitley Fund for Nature Gold Award, and in 2014 she founded MarAlliance to promote impactful and inclusive grassroots science and conservation of marine wildlife, including sharks, rays, and threatened finfish.

5:15PM FISHER BANQUET ROOM



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Diane Wilson



Dr. Rodney Jackson

SNOW LEOPARD CONSERVANCY ASIA AND EASTERN EUROPE

Dr. Rodney Jackson, director of the Snow Leopard Conservancy (SLC), is a leading expert on the snow leopard, having devoted over 30 years to conserving this elusive cat in South and Central Asia. SLC aims to advance community-based stewardship of the snow leopard through education, research, and grassroots conservation.

1:30PM ROBERTSON AUDITORIUM

Rebecca Klein & Jane Horgan

CHEETAH CONSERVATION BOTSWANA BOTSWANA

Rebecca founded Cheetah Conservation Botswana (CCB) to protect Botswana's important cheetah population. Rebecca and the CCB team—including Jane Horgan, CCB's engagement and awareness coordinator—work with the local community, especially farmers, to reduce incidents of human-cheetah conflict through a range of programs, including livestock guarding dog deployment and training, educational bush camps for local schools, and national radio outreach on predator co-existence issues.

11:30AM ROBERTSON AUDITORIUM

Belinda Low Mackey

GREVY'S ZEBRA TRUST KENYA

Belinda, co-founder of Grevy's Zebra Trust (GZT), is a native Kenyan dedicated to saving the highly endangered Grevy's zebra; the world's largest zebra species found only in Kenya and Ethiopia. In partnership with communities, conservancies, county governments and the Kenya Wildlife Service, GZT has implemented effective conservation strategies that engage people sharing Grevy's zebra range, to protect and monitor this endangered species and the resources it depends on. GZT's Grevy's Zebra Scouts program involves women and men from local Samburu communities in conservation.

4:00PM ROBERTSON AUDITORIUM

Dr. Jorgelina Marino

ETHIOPIAN WOLF CONSERVATION PROGRAM ETHIOPIA

Dr. Jorgelina Marino has been working with Ethiopian wolves for over 20 years. She serves as the research director of the Ethiopian Wolf Conservation Program (EWCP), an organization—founded and directed by Dr. Claudio Sillero—that focuses on saving this rarest of canids. Working closely with local communities and partners, EWCP plays a crucial role in fending off infectious disease outbreaks and expanding its wolf conservation efforts across Ethiopia.

2:30PM FISHER BANQUET ROOM



Neil Midlane



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Andrey Gilev & Karina Karenina

Dr. Peter Lindsey

LION RECOVERY FUND AFRICA-WIDE

Peter began working with African wildlife in 1993 and has extensive experience with an array of conservation issues ranging from predator conservation, to threats facing predators and other wildlife, to wildlife ranching and community conservation, and to Africa's vast protected area network. Prior to joining WCN, Peter worked as a policy coordinator for Panthera's Lion Program. Today, as the director of the Lion Recovery Fund, Peter is using his unique 'big picture' perspective to help save lions across Africa.

2:30PM ROBERTSON AUDITORIUM

John Lukas & Lucas Meers

OKAPI CONSERVATION PROJECT DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

For over three decades, the Okapi Conservation Project (OCP) has combated threats to the survival of okapi by supporting the efforts of wildlife rangers to control illegal mining, deforestation, and poaching within the Okapi Wildlife Reserve. John Lukas, OCP founder and president, with support from program officer, Lucas Meers, applies a holistic approach to okapi conservation—promoting local and national understanding of and appreciation for okapi, their habitat, and the Reserve, while assisting communities with developing sustainable ways to co-exist with endangered wildlife.

**2:30PM FISHER BANQUET ROOM
4:00PM ROBERTSON AUDITORIUM**

Dr. Laurie Marker

CHEETAH CONSERVATION FUND NAMIBIA

Laurie is recognized as one of the world's leading experts on cheetahs and a pioneer in the field of cheetah conservation. Cheetah Conservation Fund works closely with local farmers to understand the root of human-cheetah conflict and to mitigate it through innovative programs, such as their livestock guarding dogs, education and outreach initiatives, and their Bush Project, which harvests excess thorn bush and turns it into clean-burning fuel logs—a renewable energy source for rural Namibians without electricity.

10:00AM FISHER BANQUET ROOM

Dr. EJ Milner-Gulland

SAIGA CONSERVATION ALLIANCE CENTRAL ASIA

In 2015, a disease rapidly killed over half of the world's remaining saiga. The saiga are recovering and Saiga Conservation Alliance (SCA) is helping protect the remaining population from poachers. EJ co-founded SCA in 2006; she has conducted extensive research on the illegal wildlife trade and uses her research to design, monitor, and evaluate effective conservation interventions to address the poaching crisis. SCA's community outreach, women's empowerment, and children's environmental education programs are critical in helping protect the saiga antelope.

4:00PM ROBERTSON AUDITORIUM



Juan Reppucci



M. DuClaud

Rocío Palacios

ANDEAN CAT ALLIANCE

ARGENTINA, BOLIVIA, CHILE, AND PERU

The Andean Cat Alliance (AGA) works in four countries throughout the Andes, protecting the most endangered cat in the Americas. With less than 1,400 adult cats remaining, few know this elusive animal exists. Rocío, general co-coordinator at AGA, works tirelessly alongside the rest of AGA's team to ensure that their vision is achieved through multinational programs that have a long-lasting, impactful effect on Andean cat conservation.

10:00AM FISHER BANQUET ROOM

Frank Pope & David Daballen

SAVE THE ELEPHANTS

KENYA

Save the Elephants (STE) is a leader in the effort to fight the elephant ivory crisis sweeping across Africa. Together with WCN they created the Elephant Crisis Fund to address poaching, trafficking, and demand for ivory. STE was founded by Dr. Iain Douglas-Hamilton during his pioneering career spanning more than 50 years in elephant research and conservation. Frank Pope now serves as the CEO of Save the Elephants. Frank will be joined onstage by David Daballen, STE's head of field operations.

5:15PM ROBERTSON AUDITORIUM



Emmanuel Keller



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Dr. Jim Sanderson & Tiasa Adhya

SMALL WILD CAT CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

WORLDWIDE

Small wild cats are threatened by habitat loss, indiscriminate killing, and conflict with humans. Jim Sanderson, founder & director of the Small Wild Cat Conservation Foundation, leads the way in protecting these endangered cats by working with local partners to identify and mitigate these threats. He will be joined onstage by one of their local partners, Tiasa Adhya, a WCN scholar who works with fishing cats in India.

1:30PM ROBERTSON AUDITORIUM

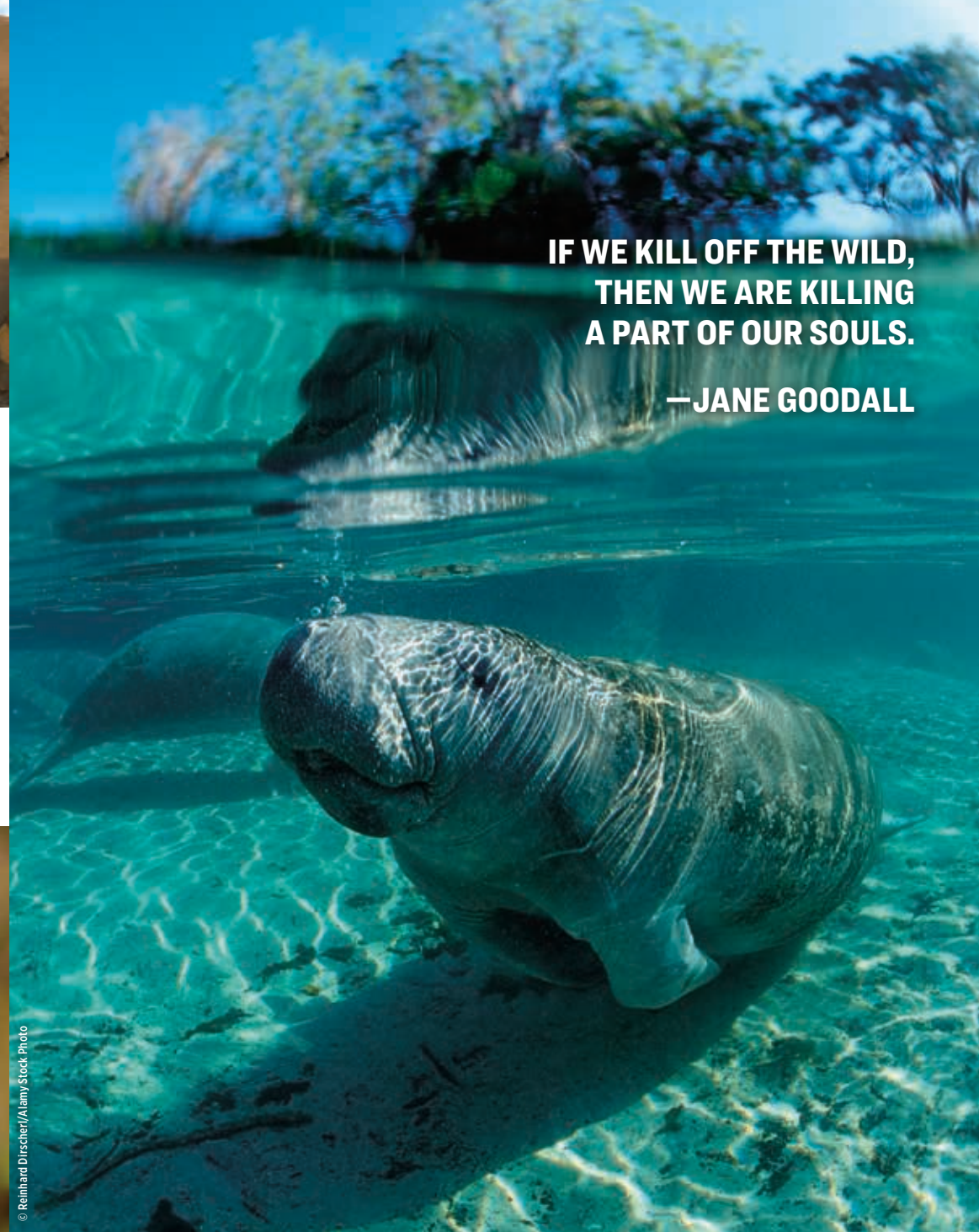
Johanna Vega & Juan Carlos Barrios

PROYECTO TITI

COLOMBIA

Under the leadership of Rosamira Guillen and with support from Proyecto Titi's subdirector of social programs, Johanna Vega, Proyecto Titi recently purchased 187 acres of land, doubling the size of their biological reserve, and helping to create critical corridors for cotton-top tamarins. Their projects continue to expand throughout the country, protecting forests and showing hundreds of children and adults the value of this endangered little monkey, endemic to Colombia. Johanna will be joined onstage by Juan Carlos, coordinator of Proyecto Titi's Forest Restoration Program.

2:30PM FISHER BANQUET ROOM



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**IF WE KILL OFF THE WILD,
THEN WE ARE KILLING
A PART OF OUR SOULS.**

—JANE GOODALL

We are grateful to this year's Wildlife Conservation Expo sponsors



GUEST SPEAKERS

This fall, we are excited to welcome inspiring guest speakers to Expo who will share their stories about protecting some of the world's rarest species.



Andrey Gudkov

Marc Ancrenaz & Afbam “Bam” Abulani
HUTAN-KINABATANGAN ORANGUTAN CONSERVATION PROGRAM
MALAYSIAN BORNEO

Orangutans, Asia's only great ape, are globally classified as endangered due to habitat destruction, fragmentation, and poaching. HUTAN conserves orangutans by surveying and monitoring orangutans, creating solutions for better management of palm oil plantations, working with communities to ensure local development is compatible with long-term conservation of orangutans and their habitat, and working to influence wider policy.

11:30AM ROBERTSON AUDITORIUM



Darren Pietersen

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TIKKI HYWOOD FOUNDATION
PANGOLIN CRISIS FUND GRANTEE
ZIMBABWE

The Tikki Hywood Foundation strives to bring awareness and sound conservation practice to the plight of lesser known and endangered animals globally, such as the African pangolin. They undertake public awareness, train law enforcement, conduct research, and rehabilitate pangolins that have been confiscated from the illegal trade. They also engage with other organizations and governments throughout Africa to highlight the plight of pangolins, raise awareness of their conservation status, and educate them as to the need for conserving pangolins.

10:00AM ROBERTSON AUDITORIUM



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Dr. Louisa Ponnampalam
MARECET
MALAYSIA

Dr. Louisa Ponnampalam co-founded the MareCet Research Organization, Malaysia's first nonprofit organization dedicated to the research and conservation of marine mammals and their environment. Her research on endangered dugongs and their seagrass habitats is being used to establish a protected area, which would provide valuable habitat for dugongs in Peninsular Malaysia. MareCet is also using their research in dolphin distribution, abundance, social structure, and behaviors and their understanding of human-dolphin interactions to inform conservation efforts. Additionally, they work with authorities and local communities to reduce the impact of human activities on dolphins and porpoises. Louisa is a Member of the IUCN Species Survival Commission's Cetacean Specialist Group.

1:30PM FISHER BANQUET ROOM



Dr. Sam Williams & Maricela Pizarro-Porter
MACAW RECOVERY NETWORK
COSTA RICA

With just 1,500 individuals left, the magnificent great green macaw teeters on the edge of extinction. Macaw Recovery Network (MRN)—founded by Dr. Sam Williams—collaborates with partners across the parrots' range to boost their population in the short term while protecting and reconnecting habitat for the long term. They hope to see thriving populations of these charismatic birds flying over protected forests throughout their range. Sam will be joined onstage by Maricela Pizarro-Porter, a Costa Rican biologist working with MRN to protect macaws and their habitat.

11:30AM FISHER BANQUET ROOM

FRIDAY SPECIAL EVENT

AN EVENING WITH DR. JANE GOODALL

The esteemed Dr. Jane Goodall, DBE, founder of the Jane Goodall Institute and UN Messenger of Peace, will start off Expo weekend with a special Friday evening talk. She will share fascinating stories about her early days studying wild chimpanzees in Gombe National Park and she will also speak about why, despite the challenges facing our planet today, she continues to be ever hopeful about the future of wildlife, wild places, and mankind.

Jane has been a champion for wildlife and a conservation leader for decades. She spends 300 days a year traveling and inspiring people around the world to take up the challenge of making the world a safer place for all sentient beings. She believes everyone has a role to play in conserving the natural world and can make a difference.

Friday, October 11, 2019
6:00-7:30PM
Masonic Auditorium
San Francisco

EXPO FEATURE EVENTS

CONSERVING ENDEMIC SPECIES

Colombia's tropical forests are the charismatic cotton-top tamarin's only home; the Democratic Republic of Congo is the only place where one can find the elusive okapi; and the Ethiopian Highlands are the only place where the rare Ethiopian wolf lives and raises its young. All of these animals are endemic species, found only in specific geographic locations. In this session, our Conservation Partners will speak about the challenges and opportunities of working with endemic wildlife.

Speakers: *John Lukas (Okapi Conservation Project), Dr. Jorgelina Marino (Ethiopian Wolf Conservation Program), Johanna Vega & Juan Carlos Barrios (Proyecto Titi).*

WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMS

Women living in the communities where conservationists work, play an integral role in protecting wildlife. They spread the message of conservation in their homes and villages and help change people's negative perceptions about wildlife. In this session, our Conservation Partners will highlight how empowering local women through economic programs has enabled them to better protect Grevy's zebras, okapi, and saiga antelopes.

Speakers: *Dr. EJ Milner-Gulland (Saiga Conservation Alliance), Lucas Meers (Okapi Conservation Project), and Belinda Low Mackey (Grevy's Zebra Trust).*

NEXT GENERATION OF CAT CONSERVATIONISTS

From habitat destruction to poaching, wild cats large and small are under serious threat globally. In this session, our Conservation Partners will speak about their work to advance the next generation of cat conservationists. These up-and-coming wildlife champions work to protect wild cats in their home countries and have a deep understanding of the challenges threatening these species. By mentoring them and investing in their projects, our Partners are helping secure a future for wild cats.

Speakers: *Dr. Rodney Jackson (Snow Leopard Conservancy), Dr. Jim Sanderson & Tiasa Adhya (Small Wild Cat Conservation Foundation).*



SPEAKER SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 12, 2019

TIME	ROBERTSON AUDITORIUM SECOND FLOOR	FISHER BANQUET ROOM GROUND FLOOR
10:00-11:00	Charles Knowles, WCN WELCOME Darren Pietersen Pangolin / Pangolin Crisis Fund	Dr. Jean-Gaël Collomb, WCN WELCOME Dr. Laurie Marker Cheetah (Namibia) Rocío Palacios Andean cat
11:00-11:30	BREAK	
11:30-12:30	Rebecca Klein & Jane Horgan Cheetah (Botswana) Dr. Marc Ancrenaz & Ahbam “Bam” Abulani Orangutan	Dr. Sam Williams & Maricela Pizarro-Porter Macaw Peter Blinston Painted dog
12:30-1:30	LUNCH BREAK ~ Boxed lunch for purchase*	
1:30-2:00	NEXT GENERATION OF CAT CONSERVATIONISTS: <i>Snow Leopard Conservancy, Small Wild Cat Conservation Fund</i>	Dr. Louisa Ponnampalam Dugong and dolphin
2:00-2:30	BREAK	
2:30-3:30	Dr. Colleen Begg Lion (Mozambique) Dr. Peter Lindsey Lion Recovery Fund	CONSERVING ENDEMIC SPECIES: <i>Okapi Conservation Project, Ethiopian Wolf Conservation Program, Proyecto Tití</i>
3:30-4:00	BREAK	
4:00-5:00	WOMEN’S EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMS: <i>Saiga Conservation Alliance, Okapi Conservation Project, Grevy’s Zebra Trust</i>	Robyn Appleton & Francis Aurich Spectacled bear Resson Kantai Duff & Jeneria Lekilelei Lion (Kenya)
5:00-5:15	BREAK	
5:15-6:00	Frank Pope & David Daballen Elephant / Elephant Crisis Fund	Dr. Rachel Graham Shark and ray Dr. Pablo Borboroglu Penguin

* A boxed lunch is available for purchase at the event for \$15. Vegetarian and vegan options will be available. Other refreshments will be for sale in the café until 4:00pm.

The Expo is full of interesting, inspirational presentations by conservationists from around the world. In between sessions, please walk around and talk with the conservationists and the dozens of exhibitors sharing information about their worthy wildlife-related causes.

For the latest Expo updates, please visit wildnet.org/events

HOW TO PURCHASE TICKETS

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Friday, October 11
An Evening With
Dr. Jane Goodall

Floor Tickets:
\$80 General Admission
\$40 Students

Balcony Tickets:
\$50 General Admission
\$25 Students

6:00 to 7:30pm
Masonic Auditorium
1111 California Street
San Francisco, CA

Saturday, October 12
Wildlife Conservation Expo

General Admission \$100
Student \$50

10am to 6pm
Mission Bay Conference Center
1675 Owens Street
San Francisco, CA
(Easily accessible to parking and public transit.)

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Volunteer
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