

CBSG UPDATE

Member Announcements

September 2009

CBSG Annual Meeting

The 2009 CBSG Annual Meeting will be held 1-4 October in St. Louis, MO, USA. This year's conference will include working groups on a variety of current topics, including:

- Species conservation planning approaches
- Conservation medicine and disease risk tools
- Developing a framework for how captive elephant management can best serve conservation of the species
- *Ex situ* techniques for plant conservation
- *Ex situ* population management, including issues of population sustainability, group management, and mate choice in conservation breeding programs
- Global Cheetah *in situ* planning
- Conservation breeding in Asian zoos

If you have items you would like to see added to the agenda or would like to convene a working group please contact the CBSG office.

The conference will begin on Thursday, 1 October 2009 with an evening icebreaker and will conclude with a farewell dinner/WAZA icebreaker and the presentation of the 2009 Ulysses S. Seal Award for Innovation in Conservation on Sunday, 4 October 2009. For more information or to register online, visit: www.stlzoo.org/cbsg2009



Recent CBSG Projects

IUCN Red List Training Workshop

CBSG-Brasil Arnaud Desbiez and Patricia Medici attended an IUCN Red List Training Workshop on 18-21 August, 2009. This Training Workshop was organized by the SSC Red List Unit as a response to a request from the ICMBio - Instituto Chico Mendes de Conservação da Biodiversidade - the department of the Brazilian Federal Agency of Natural Resources that is in charge of wildlife conservation and protected areas. ICMBio generously invited Patricia and Arnaud to participate. Species Conservation Strategies were discussed on the last day of the workshop. The Species Conservation Planning Task Force (SCPTF) handbook for Species Conservation Planning and CBSG's Population Habitat Viability Assessment Workshop (PHVA) were discussed.

Workshop for Aquatic Mammals: Whales and seals

CBSG-Brasil Leandro Jerusalinsky facilitated a workshop between September 1-4 in Rio de Janeiro/RJ at the Parque Nacional da Tijuca. The aim of the workshop was to discuss the creation of action plans for the conservation of aquatic mammals (whales and seals). The workshop was organized by ICMBio - Instituto Chico Mendes de Conservação da Biodiversidade. The report will be available soon.



Upcoming Meetings

A National Action Plan for Jaguars in Brazil

A National Action Plan for Jaguars in Brazil is being planned by CENAP (Centro Nacional de Pesquisas para a Conservação dos Predadores Naturais, the governmental research center responsible for all aspects related to carnivore conservation, research and policy-making in Brazil) and Pró-Carnívoros (a Brazilian NGO). They have asked CBSG-Brazil to help facilitate and develop this Action Plan. The Jaguar Action Planning Workshop will be an adaptation of IUCN's Species Survival Commission Species Conservation Planning Task Force (SCPTF) handbook for Species Conservation Planning, CBSG's classic Population Habitat Viability Assessment (PHVA) Workshop, while formatting the report in the ICMBio's (Instituto Chico Mendes de Conservação da Biodiversidade) new format for species action plans. The workshop should take place towards between the 10th -13th of November.



Action planning for the Paraíba river

On the 5th and 6th of November CBSG Brasil Arnaud Desbiez will be participating in a workshop entitled "Strategies for the creation of action plans for the endangered species of the South Paraíba river catchment area". CBSG Brasil was approached by a group composed of governmental, non-governmental and private institutions to give a presentation on action planning methods and help the group elaborate a strategy



Continuing Projects

Rio Grande Silvery Minnow Update

Work continues on developing integrated models of Rio Grande river hydrology and silvery minnow demography, in order to assist the US Fish and Wildlife Service and other stakeholder domains in developing effective population management strategies for the endangered species. Our goal is to complete the analytical phases of the project by the end of summer 2009 so that final project reports will be written by the end of this year.

Whooping Crane Eastern Partnership Program Review

One of our newest projects involves North America's whooping crane. Specifically, the Whooping Crane Eastern Partnership (WCEP) is trying to establish a second migratory population of the species, complementing the existing population that breeds in Canada's Wood Buffalo National Park and resides along the Gulf Coast in the winter. The newest Eastern Migratory Population (EMP) is to nest in Wisconsin and winter in Florida. However, the program has encountered significant difficulties in establishing a breeding population in Wisconsin. Moreover, the diverse group of organizations that make up the Partnership results in a complex decision-making structure that impedes progress on species conservation. To address these difficulties, the Partnership has requested an external review of all aspects of their operations so that they can establish an EMP and, by extension, improve the prospects for range-wide recovery. CBSG has been asked to chair this five-member review panel, which includes experts on crane biology and ecology, captive breeding for recovery, and conservation program evaluation.



