



## BIAZA Mammal Working Group Conference 2024 - Programme



We look forward to welcoming you to the BIAZA Mammal Working Group Conference on 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

### Useful Information

**Raffle** - We will be holding a raffle with proceeds going to the host's conservation charity choice of **Grevy's Zebra Trust** - prizes brought along for this would be greatly appreciated.

**Ice Breaker** - there will be a social gathering at the 'Watermill' pub, Park Lane, Kidderminster, DY11 6TL <https://www.watermillpub.co.uk/> on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April from 6:30pm. Drinks and meals can be purchased individually.

### Accommodation

**Travelodge, Kidderminster, DY11 6TL** <https://www.travelodge.co.uk> (Search "Kidderminster") Distance to the entrance of the safari park is 2.2 miles, approximately a 6 minute drive but please allow for morning traffic. There is free parking onsite and The Watermill Pub is located opposite for evening meals. Prices are currently from £70.99 per night; please see their website.

**Premier Inn, Weavers Wharf, Kidderminster, DY10 1AA** <https://www.premierinn.com/> (Search "Kidderminster") Distance to the entrance of WMSP is 1.8 miles, approximately a 6 minute drive but please allow for morning traffic. This is situated within a shopping complex with multiple amenities and restaurants within walking distance. Parking is chargeable between 08:00 and 18:30. Prices are currently from £96.00 per night and breakfast options available to add from £7.99; please see their website.

**The George Hotel, Bewdley, DY12 2AW**

<https://www.jdwetherspoon.com/hotels/england/worcestershire/george-hotel>

*Limited rooms available.* Distance from the entrance of the safari park is 1.5 miles, approximately a 4 minute drive. Limited free parking spaces for guests when you get a voucher from reception, otherwise public pay and display carpark is available next door (evening tickets £2.00 6pm - 8am). Prices from £59.85 per night for a single room and Wetherspoons breakfast available; please see website.

### How to get to West Midland Safari Park

#### **By Car**

Please enter postcode DY12 1LF when using a SatNav - or use "West Midland Safari Park" if using Google. We are signposted from Junction 4 of the M5, which can be reached by the M6, M40 and M1.

#### **By Rail**

The closest train station to WMSP is Kidderminster with changes from Birmingham Moor Street. Taxis should be readily available outside the station or call Regency Taxis: 01562 66666. This is approximately a 2.5 mile journey.

AGENDA		
Day 1 -Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2024		
TIME	TALK	SPEAKER
08:30	Registration opens	
09:00	Welcome Address	Angela Potter West Midland Safari Park
09.10	BIAZA Mammal Working Group - Who's Who	Jessie Boylan Hertfordshire Zoo/MWG
09.25	BIAZA Update	Nicky Needham BIAZA Office
09.40	Pandering to the Panda	Lauren Thorpe Marwell Wildlife
10.00	It's a Gibbon Thing! Problem Solving a Species-Typical Management Issue	Jim Mackie Zoological Society of London
10.20	Safe 4 - Our Day 1 Corporate Sponsor!	Alan Dudley Safe 4
Refreshment Break 10:25 - 10:45		
10:45	Let the Sun Shine: using UV and infrared lighting in enclosures	Bea Cameron Marwell Wildlife
11.00	<b>KEYNOTE</b> <i>Optimal Wellbeing of Ageing Wild Animals in Human Care</i>	Sarah Chapman Chapman Zoo Consultancy
11.45	Open wound management in primates and other species - how keepers can help wounds to heal faster	Phillipa Dobbs Twycross Zoo
12.05	Assessing Forages: Understanding and navigating choices	Niamh Randall Chester Zoo
12.25	<b>5mins</b>	
Lunch 12:30 - 13:30		
13:30	Tours - West Midland Safari Park	
14.45	Preparations for an EEHV vaccine pilot study	Richard Fraser Chester Zoo
15:00	To shift or not to shift? The importance of enclosure design and training in increasing shifting behaviour	Cassie Jones Hertfordshire zoo
15:10	Raising the profile of rare breed domestics through public engagement	Molly Jacobs Laura Thomas ZSL Whipsnade
15:20	BIAZA Mammal Working Group 'Research Round-up'	Katherine Finch Twycross Zoo
Refreshment Break 15:35-15:55		
15:55	Bye Bye Bears	Fern Brocklesby Jersey Zoo
16.05	Prevention and treatment of wounds on Southern White Rhinoceros caused by Corvids	Connor Corrigan Alex Simpson ZSL Whipsnade Zoo
16.15	Rejuvenating the BIAZA Giraffe Husbandry Guidelines	Lindsay Banks Knowsley Safari park - GSG
16.30	<b>15 min space</b>	
16:45	Final Q&A's and Evening info	
End of Day 1 - 17:00		

AGENDA		
Day 2 -Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2024		
TIME	TALK	SPEAKER
09:00	Welcome Address	Angela Potter West Midland Safari Park
09.10	How to PLEW- using the 'positive life experience workflow' to create a naturalistic habitat for 1.1 rock hyrax ( <i>Procavia capensis</i> ) at Marwell Zoo	Rich Pugsley Marwell Wildlife
09.30	Training great apes to aid in cardiac diagnostics	Phillipa Dobbs Twycross Zoo
09:50	Mission impossible: Life with an anthropophobic Amur tiger	Carrie Arnold Marwell Wildlife
10:15	Waterhouse Feeds - Our Day 1 Corporate Sponsor!	Andrew Waterhouse Waterhouse Feeds
Refreshment Break 10:20 - 10:40		
In situ Conservation Grant Proposals (Sponsored by JCS Livestock)		
10:40	Pygmy Hog Conservation Programme (iucn-wpsg.org)	MWG Ungulate Subgroup
	TBC	MWG Elephant Subgroup
	TBC	MWG Primate Subgroup
	TBC	MWG Small Mammal Subgroup
Votes		
11:20	SloCo/ Drusillas in action.	Gemma Romanis Drusillas Zoo Park
11:35	Implementing a new method of recording female Gelada chest swellings with the use of ID charts at YWP	Jasmine Mead Yorkshire Wildlife Park
11:45	Standardising Safety Practices for Working with Category 1 Carnivores	Olly O'Malley University Centre Reaseheath
Lunch 12:00 - 13:00		
13:00	Tours - West Midland Safari Park	
14.15	Interactive Stations Rotation (stations run simultaneously)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heating &amp; Lighting for Mammals</li> <li>• BIAZA Veterinary Working Group</li> <li>• Small Mammal Surveying Skills &amp; Sexing</li> <li>• Primate Faecal Scores</li> <li>• Category 1 Mammal Management</li> </ul>	BIAZA Mammal Working Group
Refreshment Break 15:30-15:50		
15:50	The Linguistics of Lemurs, the methodology behind mixing a singular male ring-tailed lemur into an established troop of 8, with no consequence.	Anna Johnson Askham Bryan Wildlife Park
16.00	Parasites in common Macropodidae	Catherine Basford University of Liverpool
16.15	Final Q&A's	
	Raffle and Feedback forms	
Conference Close - 16:30		

**Money raised from the raffle will be donated to the host's charity of choice Grevy's Zebra Trust**

