Disease Risk Analysis for Conservation Translocations Workshop

Disease Risk Analysis (DRA) is an important evaluation of conservation translocations to safeguard the health of animals, humans and the ecosystem both at the source and destination sites.

During this in-person workshop, participants will have the opportunity to gain an understanding of how the DRA method is applied, possible pitfalls and how to address them by tackling real translocation scenarios drawn from ongoing conservation projects. No prior knowledge of DRA is required. Participants will be facilitated by tutors with expertise in assessing risk from disease in conservation translocations in various species, including invertebrates, fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals.

Workshop aims

Our vision is to ensure healthy and abundant free-living wildlife populations result from conservation translocations. To achieve our desired outcome, we aim to provide conservation stakeholders with an insight into the risk analysis of disease threats associated with conservation translocations, and to increase their knowledge on the best practice process of mitigation of those threats to ultimately attain successful conservation outcomes.

Workshop format

This will be a one day in-person workshop that will start with an overview of the topic followed by a practical training session to apply the DRA tool. Workshop registration includes learning/reference materials (provided in advance of the day), light lunch and refreshments.

DATE: **3rd October 2024**
LOCATION: **London Zoo**
PARTICIPANT FEE: **£ 180**
APPLICATION: There are limited spaces available.
If you are interested please email drahs@zsl.org

Workshop facilitators

Tony Sainsbury, a Wildlife Veterinarian, with European College Zoological Medicine specialist status in Wildlife Population Health, and a doctoral degree in wildlife epidemiology, has been working at the Zoological Society of London on the health monitoring of conservation translocations for over 30 years, and leads the Disease Risk Analysis and Health Surveillance (DRAHS) team at ZSL.

Claudia Carraro is a Wildlife Veterinarian and Research Associate at the Institute of Zoology, Zoological Society of London. She joined the DRAHS team in 2017 and her work focuses on assessing the risk from disease and developing mitigation strategies for endangered species conservation translocations. She has been involved in several conservation projects, both in the UK and overseas (Australia, Pacific, Madagascar), ranging from mammals to birds and fish.

Sophie Common joined the DRAHS team in January 2020 as a Wildlife Veterinarian and Research Associate. She has undertaken disease risk analyses for the Eurasian beaver, white-tailed sea eagle and hazel dormouse and developed a disease surveillance programme for Eurasian beaver. She has also assisted with post-release health surveillance of a range of other species. Sophie previously worked as a vet in wildlife hospital and a rehabilitation centre.

Katie Beckmann is a Lecturer in Wildlife Health and Conservation Medicine at the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies, University of Edinburgh, and a European Veterinary Specialist in Wildlife Population Health. She recently completed a PhD thesis about wildlife health (disease) risk analysis and decision-making for conservation translocations and has extensive experience in this field through previous positions at the Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust, UK, and the Zoological Society of London.

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