

# Rehabilitation Guidelines for IUCN SSC RSG Working Group

Introduced by Mike Jordan

*Mike Jordan was invited as a resource person for this meeting introduced the theme. He has been requested by IUCN SSC to formulate Rehabilitation Guidelines after consultation with people throughout the world.*

## Introduction :

Rehabilitation is a widely practised act right across the world for a whole series of different local reasons. Often at the core of these reasons are individual animal welfare, but economic damage and even legislation can be the causes. Whilst it is sometimes viewed as being exclusively a welfare issue, the increasing use of rehabilitation as a “solution” to wildlife problems means that in many circumstances; it is either a conservation activity in itself, or has serious conservation implications for existing populations of animals at sites chosen for release. In addition, rehabilitation organizations work around the world under highly differing scenarios and pressures, often with unknown outcome due to lack of monitoring. A project is underway to create IUCN Guidelines for

Rehabilitation. A core group will be formed, representing both conservation and rehabilitation organizations to draft the guidelines. There will be a widespread review process in order to make the end product as inclusive of the differing scenarios and pressures as possible. Thus, the guidelines are envisaged as being a risk assessment based document that details the issues and risks associated with different activities and scales, rather than a prescriptive protocol.

This complex project will necessitate involvement at related conferences/ meetings during the first stages of the preparation to help encourage and guide the exchange of information necessary and technical support required to produce the guidelines. This meeting is one of the first of these.

*This working group report was not ready in time for press. It will be published along with participant presentations next ZP issue (March) and in Reintro Redeux newsletter.*

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## CBSG RSG Meeting Presentations by Resource Persons and Participants

The reintroduction specialist Group IUCN SSC – a brief overview; Starting a reintroduction project - IUCN fundamentals; Rehabilitation of captive wild animals, **Mike Jordan**, Chester Zoological Gardens, Chester, U.K , M.Jordan@chesterzoo.org

CBSG South Asia 'A year with CBSG RSG; & Substandard Zoos: New WAZA Project, **Sally Walker**, Zoo Outreach Organisation, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, India, zooreach@vsnl.com

Reintroduction Specialist Group of South and East Asia, **Sanjay Molur**, Zoo Outreach Organisation, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, India, herpinvert@vsnl.com

Starting a reintroduction project - IUCN fundamentals, **Mike Jordan**, Chester Zoological Gardens, Chester, U.K , M.Jordan@chesterzoo.org

Reintroduction of the freshwater fishes, **A. Gopalakrishnan**, National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources Cochin Unit, Cochin, Kerala, nbfgcochin@eth.net

Existing IUCN guidelines and the need for guidelines for placement of displaced wildlife: Rehabilitation Protocols followed at Wildlife Trust of India, **Kadambari Mainkar**, Wildlife Trust of India, New Delhi, India, kadambari@wti.org.in

Translocation: Experience from the Annamalai hills, **Anand Kumar**, Nature Conservation Foundation, Valparai, Tamil Nadu, India ltnananda@yahoo.com

Menace monkeys' and stray cattle's, **Sanjeev Kumari Paul**, Himachal Pradesh, India, panchrukhinauradheeva@yahoo.com

Troubled translocations in Maharashtra, **Aniruddha Vasudeo Belsare**, Pune, Maharashtra, India, anyadoc@gmail.com

Ecosystems-India: Pigmy Hog conservation Programme, **Goutam Narayan**, Pygmy Hog Conservation Programme, Eco Systems – India, Guwahati, Assam, India, gn@ecosystems-india.org, goutam.narayan@gmail.com

Sea Snake, **Aaron Savio Lobo**, Nature Conservation Foundation, Mysore, Karnataka, India, aaronlobo79@yahoo.co.uk

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Animals in Assam State Zoo, **Sonali Ghosh**, Assam State Zoo cum Botanical Garden, Guwahati, Assam, India, ghoshsonali@gmail.com

Conservation Programme for Pygmy Hog *Sus salvanius*, **Goutam Narayan**, Pygmy Hog Conservation Programme, Eco Systems – India, Guwahati, Assam, India, gn@ecosystems-india.org, goutam.narayan@gmail.com

Participatory conservation: The edible-nest Swiftlet in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, **Ravi Sankaran**, Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, India.