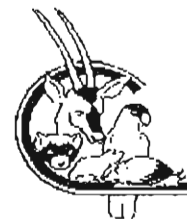




ZOO / WILD NETWORK NEWS



The Zoo Outreach Organisation (ZOO) and Wildlife Information Liaison Development (WILD) are registered Societies working together on various projects and in association with the IUCN SSC Conservation Breeding Specialist Group and its regional network CBSG, South Asia. Under the auspices of these organizations and associates, we have formed several taxon-based networks for animal groups which do not get much attention from the conservation community, either *ex situ* or *in situ*; e.g., small-bodied vertebrates as well as invertebrates.

The networks we run are Invertebrate, Amphibian, Reptile, Chiroptera, and Rodent. All of these networks have official links with IUCN Species Survival Commission with some being actual specialist groups in themselves chaired and run from our office (such as the IUCN SSC South Asian Invertebrate Specialist Group) and others being regional representatives of specialist groups (e.g. Amphibian, Reptile, Chiroptera, Rodent and Insectivore). We organise specialised conservation and training workshops under these networks. The workshops are funded by conservation organizations and zoos from around the world.

ZOO also hosts regional branches of international associations and societies. These relationships are informal in nature but are intended to do important things, such as introduce people from India, South Asia and even other regions of Asia to the international community. Notable among these are the International Zoo Educator Association which is represented by ARNIZE, and WWINOSA, the Wildlife Welfare Information Network of South Asia, sponsored by the Universities Federation for Animal Welfare and the International Bear Foundation IBF. These networks work with our other networks creating educational programmes themed around subjects and taxon groups so that zoo managers can be involved in some of our programmes through education programmes for their public and by being appraised of new developments and publications in the field of wildlife welfare.

Several exciting network events are coming up during the 2nd half of 2002 which are described below. If you are interested in any of these programmes (particularly education) email us at <zooreach@vsnl.com>

Calendar

24 - 28	June 2002 -	Field Techniques and Taxonomy Workshop for Amphibians
1 - 5	July 2002 -	Conservation Assessment and Management Plan (CAMP) Workshop for South Asian Amphibians
22 - 26	July 2002 -	Field Techniques, Taxonomy, Captive Display and Management Workshop for Rodents, Insectivores, Scandentia and other small bodied mammals
4 - 8	November 2002	Conservation Assessment and Management Plan (CAMP) Workshop for South Asian Rodents, Insectivores and other small bodied mammals.
early	December 2002	Conservation Assessment and Management Plan (CAMP) Workshop for Andaman and Nicobar Endemic Species
August - December -		Education Programmes -- materials available
Chiroptera (Bats) --		Bat Club Kits Zoo Education Kits Bat CAMP Report Summary Teacher Training Workshop Toolkits
Primates of South Asia --		Zoo Education Kits Primate CAMP Report Summary Teacher Training Workshop Toolkits
Amphibians --		Zoo Education Kits
Bears --		Zoo Education Kits

