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Dr Clare Campbell
Director, Wildlife Asia

Wildlife Asia: Engaging the Australian public on wildlife conservation issues through authentic delivery of effective conservation action

Tuesday 1 September 2015 at 1.00pm
Room 1.81, Anatomy, Physiology & Human Biology Building North
The University of Western Australia (off Hackett Entrance No. 2)

The Seminar: As we move through the 21st Century, conservation of wildlife has become a flagship for change, as the destruction of rainforest becomes a major driver of global warming. Whilst talk of broad-scale solutions dominate political agendas, we continue to see very little on ground action, or the necessary effective large scale activities from either governments or large well established Non-Government Organisations (NGO). Projects that genuinely support this required change are often undertaken by small species specific NGOs, many of whom fight to protect small habitat areas critical to their focus species.

Protection of forest is critical to life and the current rate of destruction cannot be sustained. This is not only scientifically proven but to the average person is plainly apparent as the consequences of global warming devastate communities. We know it needs to stop and on a personal level most of us are prepared to start making those small changes. But will it be too little too late?

Wildlife Asia is a collaboration between grass roots but highly effective conservation organisations. These organisations have grown and developed as both lean and efficient, generating significant funding for species focused projects throughout South East Asia. Recognising the need to address the large-scale conservation initiatives, it made sense to create an over-arching brand which provided the opportunity to present to donors a broader focused delivery and more appealing sponsorship and donation options.

With this brand comes a message of collaboration, hope and broad-scale vision that small steps can bring about big change.

The Speaker: Clare is the Director of Wildlife Asia, Chairperson of the Asian Rhino Project, President of the Silvery Gibbon Project, Treasurer and Conservation Fund Committee Member of The Orangutan Project and is a member of the IUCN Asian Rhino Specialist Group and Primate Specialists Group, Section on Small Apes. Clare has extensive experience in zoos, in particular the management of captive primates. She has worked with Exotic species for over 15 years, undertaking species management roles and forging links between ex-situ and in-situ conservation activities. Clare has a particular passion for gibbons and has been instrumental in the development of conservation strategies, especially for the rehabilitation and reintroduction programs for the Javan gibbon. She is committed to developing and assisting with more collaborative and holistic in situ conservation projects in Indonesia and South East Asia. Clare holds B.Sc. in Zoology/Marine Biology and Post Graduate Certificate in Captive Vertebrate Management and was awarded James Cook University Alumni of the Year for Science in 2013 for her contribution to wildlife conservation.