

Brief Communication:

IUCN Primate Specialist Group Section for Human-Primate Interactions - Update

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The Section for Human-Primate Interactions (SHPI) has been discussing the organisation of inclusive webinars about various aspects of human-primate interactions for some time. With the cancelling or postponement of many conferences due to the pandemic, we quickly organised our first webinar entitled “Cercopithecines, People and Covid-19”. Speakers included Professor Thomas Gillespie who discussed the risks to African and Asian monkeys from the virus. Early career primatologists, Tanvir Ahmed (Bangladesh) and Malene Friis Hansen (Denmark), and Ventie Nawangsari (Indonesia) discussed the impact of the Covid-19 lock down on monkeys in protected and non-protected areas in Asia. The panel was livestreamed via Zoom to our Facebook page where it has had more than 1,300 views from around the world.

Our August webinar “Decolonising Primate Conservation” was a resounding success. The speakers were Seheno Corduant (Madagascar), Michelle Rodrigues (USA), June Rubis (Malaysia) and Jo Setchell (UK). The resulting video has been viewed almost 4500 times and is also being used for teaching purposes at some universities. Our October webinar (co-organised with Lynne R Baker) focused on the Role of Belief Systems in African Primate Conservation. Our speakers were Christopher Dankwah (Ghana), Sery Gonedale Bi (Ivory Coast), Sherrie Alexander (USA), Lynne Baker (USA) and Carolyn Jost Robinson (USA). Our final webinar co-organised with Tara Clarke will focus on the illegal primate trade and take place 12 January 2021 at 2pm GMT. Please contact Sian if you have a suggestion for a webinar topic for 2021. All our webinars inspired much discussion and can be accessed via our website <https://human-primate-interactions.org/webinars/>



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We are now very close to publishing our Best Practice Guidelines for Responsible Images of Non-Human Primates. This document will be available on our website for individuals to sign.

Our website now features occasional blogs about HPI issues <https://human-primate-interactions.org/blog/>. Let us know if you would like to contribute a blog about your HPI work.

We have formed a group specifically to deal with the issues surrounding people and primates in urban, semi-urban and urbanising rural areas. We are interested in hearing from you if you have experience of mitigation or resolution of human-urban primate issues.

We are reviewing our membership for the new IUCN SSC quadrennium which begins in 2021. If you are interested in actively contributing to the work of the section, from a primate range country and are NOT a student please contact us with details of your experience with HPI.

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