



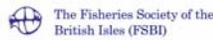
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<b>TUESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2012</b>	
17:00	Symposium Ice Breaker with light buffet at Chester Zoo - drinks on arrival; Opportunity to Register
20:00	Ice Breaker ends



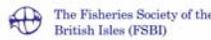
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<b>DAY 1. WEDNESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> MAY 2012</b>		
7:30	Registration opens (please be prompt as schedule is tight); Coffee available, Poster set-up	
<b>Time</b>	<b>Presentation</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
<b>Day 1. Plenary session 1: Strategic Issues in Fish Conservation</b>		
Session Chair: Gordon McGregor Reid, FFSG Chair		
8:30	Introduction: Brief overview of challenges for the FFSG	Gordon McGregor Reid, Chair, FFSG
8:40	Brief introduction to the FSBI and the 6th World Fisheries Congress, Edinburgh and implications for fish conservation	Ian Winfield, President of The Fisheries Society of the British Isles
8:50	Does anyone really care about fishes? Strategic issues in gaining a global profile and support for freshwater fish conservation	Tony Whitten, Regional Director for Asia-Pacific, Fauna and Flora International
9:05	Setting fish conservation in context: the IUCN-SSC global network, the Specialist Groups and water-dependent taxa	Rachel Roberts, Executive Assistant to the IUCN-SSC Chair
9:15	Putting freshwater on the conservation map: the work of the new IUCN-SSC Freshwater Subcommittee	Topiltzin Contreras MacBeath, Chair, IUCN Freshwater Subcommittee
9:25	A decade of progress for the IUCN-SSC Freshwater Biodiversity Unit Global Programme	William Darwall, Head IUCN-SSC Freshwater Biodiversity Unit
9:40	Conservation at the crossroads: Freshwater fish in the UK	Colin Bean, Freshwater Adviser, Scottish Natural Heritage
9:55	'Missing in action': Developing a strategy for the scientific evaluation of freshwater fish extinctions	Melanie L. Stiassny, Head, Division of Fishes, American Museum of Natural History, New York
10:10	Session speakers' Question and Answer session and Housekeeping announcements	
10:25	<b>MORNING BREAK (15 minutes); Opportunity to view posters</b>	
<b>Day 1. Plenary session 2: Fish survival in the geographical regions - Africa, Meso America, South America</b>		
Session Chair: Richard Vari		
10:40	Fish conservation issues in Ghana: polluted freshwater bodies and deforestation	Mamaa Entsua-Mensah, Deputy-Director General, CSIR
10:55	Conservation challenges for fishes of the Gambia river, West Africa	Martyn Lucas, Senior Lecturer, School of Biological and Biomedical Sciences, Durham University
11:10	Central African fish diversity: new initiatives, new challenges and new results	Jos Snoeks, Senior Scientist & Curator of fishes Zoology Department, Royal Museum for Central Africa
11:25	Mexican National Freshwater Fish Survey: the latest results, six hundred species and counting!	Topiltzin Contreras MacBeath, Chair, IUCN Freshwater Subcommittee
11:40	Red List Assessment of Brazilian Fishes: The Ultimate Challenge!	Roberto Reis, Laboratory of Vertebrate Systematics, PUCRS
11:55	Chester Zoo's contribution to regional fish conservation through a small grants program	Katalin Csatadi, Programme Officer, FFSG



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12:10	Session speakers' Question and Answer session (5 - 10 minutes)	
12:20	<b>LUNCH (1 hour only please with prompt return!); Opportunity to view posters</b>	
12:20	<b>FFSG Steering Group + FCSC closed business meeting over lunch</b>	<b>Invitees only</b>
<b>Day 1. Plenary session 3: Action for Sustainability</b>		
Session Chair: Tony Whitten		
13:30	Development of IUCN's 'Species Vulnerability to Climate Change Assessment Framework' for application to freshwater fish.	Jamie Carr, Programme Officer - Global Species Programme; Climate Change, IUCN
13:45	Lessons from the Project Ocean for communicating freshwater conservation and sustainability issues?	Heather Koldewey, Chair of WAZA Aquarium Committee, Jonathan Baillie, Conservation Programmes Dir., ZSL
14:00	Are freshwater fish for the birds? The aquatic sustainability work of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)	Nicolas Tubbs, Tropical Forest Conservation Manager, The RSPB
14:15	Conservation management of a large, iconic, threatened angling species in Australia: the Murray cod	John Koehn, Principal Research Scientist, Arthur Rylah Institute for Environmental Research
14:30	The Mekong Fish Monitoring Network for conservation and sustainability	Harmony Patricio, Conservation Director, FISHBIO and Society for Conservation Biology - Freshwater Working Group Board of Directors
14:45	Opportunities for public aquaria to promote the trade in socially and environmentally beneficial freshwater aquarium fishes	Scott Dowd, New England Aquarium
15:00	Green certification of freshwater ornamental fishes - India's initiatives	E.G. Silas, Vice Chancellor (Ret), KAU
15:15	Session speakers' Question and Answer session (5-10 minutes)	
15:25	<b>AFTERNOON BREAK (15 MINUTES); Opportunity to view posters</b>	
15:40	<b>Day 1. Workshop 1: Green Fish Initiative</b>	David Cooper and co-workers
16:50	Workshop summary/report to plenary: Green Fish Initiative	David Cooper, Special Projects Manager. Mahurangi Technical Institute
17:00	<b>Day 1. Workshop 2: Census of Freshwater Life Project</b>	William Darwall and Heather Koldewey
18:10	Workshop summary/report to plenary: Census of Freshwater Life Project	William Darwall, Head IUCN-SSC Freshwater Biodiversity Unit, Heather Koldewey, ZSL
18:20	Closing remarks/house announcements	Gordon McGregor Reid, Chair, FFSG
18:30	<b>End of Day 1</b>	
19:30	<b>Conference Dinner. Meet in lounge of Crowne Plaza hotel 19:30 for drinks, dinner commences 20:00</b>	



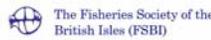
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7:30	Registration opens (please be prompt as schedule is tight); Coffee available, Poster set-up	
<b>Time</b>	<b>Presentation</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
<b>Day 2. Plenary session 4: Specialised habitats, specialised fishes and special problems including for lampreys, cave fish, live-bearers, rapid water and migratory fishes</b>		
Session Chair: Topilitzin Contreras MacBeath		
8:30	Unregulated release problems for Japanese freshwater Fishes: A case study of inappropriate introductions and the conservation response of Japanese zoological institutions [via internet link]	Koki Ikeya, Section Manager , Gifu World Freshwater Aquarium and Kanako Nishimoto, Japanese Association of Zoos and Aquariums
8:45	Report on the Taimen workshop of the IUCN Salmonid Specialist Group	Pete Rand, Chair, Salmonid Specialist Group
9:00	Britain's rarest fish: Monitoring and conservation of vendace ( <i>Coregonus albula</i> ) in the UK	Ian Winfield, Centre for Ecology & Hydrology
9:15	Subterranean fishes of the world: a 2012 perspective	Graham Proudlove, Curator, Manchester Museum, FFSG Special Advisor on Cave Fishes
9:30	Improving our understanding of conservation issues for anadromous western European lampreys	Martyn Lucas, Senior Lecturer in the School of Biological and Biomedical Sciences, Durham University
9:45	'Fishways' as migration mitigation tools in South American large rivers: lessons and challenges for the 21st century	Claudio Baigun, Fish Program Coordinator, Wetlands International LAC
10:00	<b>MORNING BREAK (15 minutes); Opportunity to view posters</b>	
Session chair: Mamaa Entsua Mensah		
10:15	A watershed moment for the Mekong: Dams, climate change and fishing drive the need for comprehensive research and management initiatives.	Michael Cooperman, Research Scientist, Conservation International
10:30	Seamonsters up the creek: critically endangered sawfish in freshwater	Alec Moore, Co-Vice Chair, (Indian Ocean Region), IUCN SSC Shark Specialist Group
10:45	International aquarium community work with threatened live-bearing fish species	Colin Grist, Curator, Blue Planet Aquarium
11:00	Session speakers' Question and Answer session (5 - 10 minutes)	
11:10	<b>Day 2. Workshop 3: Mitigating the impact of dams on migratory and other freshwater fish species</b>	Zeb Hogan and Claudio Baigun
12:20	Workshop summary/report back to plenary: Mitigating the impact of dams	Zeb Hogan and Claudio Baigun, Fish Program Coordinator, Wetlands International LAC
12:30	<b>LUNCH (1 hour only please with prompt return!); Opportunity to view posters</b>	
13:30	Conserving the New Zealand freshwater eels using assisted reproduction	Kurwie Tagried, Scientific Officer, Mahurangi Technical Institute



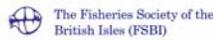
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13:45	<b>Day 2. Workshop 4:</b> IUCN Anguillid Specialist Sub-group of FFSG: Development Planning	Matthew Gollock
14:55	Workshop summary/report back to plenary: IUCN Anguillid Specialist Sub-group	Matthew Gollock, Assistant Manager, Zoological Society of London
<b>Day 2. Plenary session 5: Fish survival in the geographical regions: Europe, Middle East, Australasia, South Asia</b>		
Session Chair: Melanie Stiassny		
15:00	Extinct freshwater fishes of the Western Palaearctic, what can we learn from them?	Jörg Freyhof, Leibniz Institute of Freshwater Ecology and Inland Fisheries
15:15	Freshwater fish conservation in the Arabian Peninsula – deserts and drought	Fareed Krupp, Director, Qatar Natural History Museum
15:30	The status and conservation of freshwater fishes in the Western Ghats Hotspot, India	Rajeev Raghavan, Researcher, Conservation Research Group, Dept of Fisheries, St. Albert's College
15:45	<b>AFTERNOON BREAK (15 minutes); Opportunity to view posters</b>	
16:00	A Review of on-ground recovery actions for threatened freshwater fish in Australia	Mark Lintermans, Associate Professor, Institute for Applied Ecology, University of Canberra
16:15	From drought to flooding rains: native freshwater fish recovery in South Australia -conservation in a changing climate	Arkellah Hall, Manager Conservation Partnerships, DENR, Australia
16:30	A strategy to rehabilitate fishes of the Murray-Darling Basin, south-eastern Australia	John Koehn, Principal Research Scientist, Arthur Rylah Institute for Environmental Research, Australia
16:45	Update on the IUCN Red List assessment for New Zealand freshwater fishes and other freshwater biodiversity	William Darwall, Head IUCN-SSC Freshwater Biodiversity Unit
16:55	Wetland health and IUCN Red List status of South-East Asian fishes from the Mekong Basin and Indo-Burma	Chavalit Vidthaynon, Senior Aquatic Ecology Specialist, Environment Division, Mekong River Commission Secretariat
17:10	Session speakers' Question and Answer session (5 - 10 minutes)	
17:20	<b>Day 2. Workshop 5:</b> Prospects for establishing a global freshwater fish observatory network	Joerg Freyhof, Leibniz Institute of Freshwater Ecology and Inland Fisheries and co-workers
18:30	Workshop summary: global freshwater fish observatory network	Joerg Freyhof, Leibniz Institute of Freshwater Ecology and Inland Fisheries
18:40	<b>Closing remarks</b>	Gordon McGregor Reid, Chair, FFSG
18:45	<b>End of meeting programme</b>	



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<b>POSTER SESSION</b>	
<b>Presentation</b>	<b>Author</b>
Conservation of threatened native freshwater fishes of Karnataka, Southern India	Nagappa Basavaraja, Professor, Karnataka Veterinary, Animal and Fisheries Sciences University, India
European mudminnow ( <i>Umbra krameri</i> ) Conservation Program in Hungary: Initial results of habitat construction and <i>ex-situ</i> conservation	Sándor Tatár, President, Tavirózsa Association of Environmental Protection and Nature Conservation et al.
Eel hybridisation: cryopreserved sperm as a tool for <i>ex-situ</i> conservation of <i>Anguilla anguilla</i>	Tamás Müller, Senior Research Fellow, Szent István University et al.
'Fishways' as a migration mitigation tool in South America	Priscilla Minotti, Wetlands International
Changing fish diversity pattern in the Ganges basin, India	Uttam Sarkar, NBFGR,LUCKNOW
Current pattern of fish diversity, Ganges basin, India	Uttam Sarkar, NBFGR,LUCKNOW
Assessing climate change vulnerability of human-utilized Albertine Rift species, Africa	Willow Outhwaite, TRAFFIC
Aliens in wonderland: exotic fish invasion in the Western Ghats Hotspot, India	Krishnakumar Krishnakaimal, Program Officer, Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment