



IUCN Conservation Translocation Specialist Group Training for Effective Conservation Translocations

Workshop aim:

We aim to create profound benefits for nature and people by saving species and restoring the function of ecosystems. To do so, we aim to support conservation biologists and managers in designing and managing the complexities surrounding conservation translocations in terms of multi-stakeholder interests, biological uncertainties, and risk. We thereby hope to ultimately increase knowledge to plan, courage to act, certainly to secure resources, skill to respond to challenges, and the achievement of successful conservation outcomes.

Learning outcomes:

By the end of the workshop, participants should be able to apply the IUCN Guidelines for Reintroductions and Other Conservation Translocations by:

1. Developing conservation translocation Goals, Objectives, and Actions that are specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, and time-bound.
2. Utilising a range of decision-making tools in order to develop, monitor, and adapt conservation translocation projects to achieve pre-determined objectives.
3. Identifying and managing risks.
4. Drawing on a suite of stakeholder engagement tools (group problem-solving, expert elicitation, etc) to overcome challenges and improve success.
5. Understand and critically judge the conservation translocation plans received as part of an approval process.

4 Day Course Format:

Workshop participants will be required to prepare a summary of a conservation translocation project they are currently involved with prior to the workshop. A small number of these will be selected by the lecturers to be developed within group sessions during the workshop.

Lecturers are leading experts in the field. The four-day course will be a mix of lectures, tools training sessions, and small group activities to practice application of lecture and tools material to participant-suggested case studies.

Lecturers Confirmed for Edinburgh 2026*

- Axel Moehrensclager
- Thalassa McMurdo Hamilton
- Phil Seddon
- Caitlin Andrews
- Stefano Canessa
- Maude Vernet
- John Ewen
- Caio Kenup

*additional lecturers may be added

Costs:

£500* per person

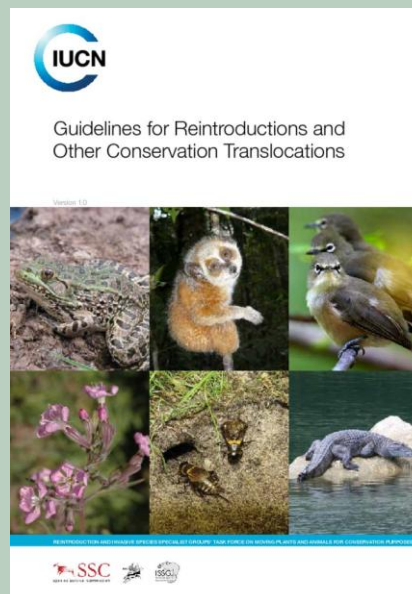
*lunch and morning/afternoon tea and coffee included.

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"Conservation through intervention is now common, but with increasing evidence and appreciation of the risks. Consequently, any conservation translocation must be justified, with development of clear objectives, identification and assessment of risks, and with measures of performance."

IUCN Guidelines on Reintroductions and other Conservation Translocations (2013)



Over 200 conservation translocation professionals trained from over 33 countries

"I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to participate in that training. It was one of the best investments of time in that kind of thing I've made in memory. It was really, really good." **Lead Scientist International Conservation NGO**

"Thank you SO much for keeping me in reserve – the workshops were the most useful 4 days I've spent in a long time!" **Conservation Translocation Project Leader National Conservation NGO**

"Working in the siskin group was my favorite part and provided an example of how everything we learned works together. It was great to meet you and get a chance to work with you, I felt like I came out of the experience looking at the process in new ways thanks to you." **Conservation Translocation PHD Graduate Student**

"I really enjoyed the course and sat through most of it thinking my job would be so much easier if people applied the methods discussed at least to some extent." **Government Technical Specialist**

