

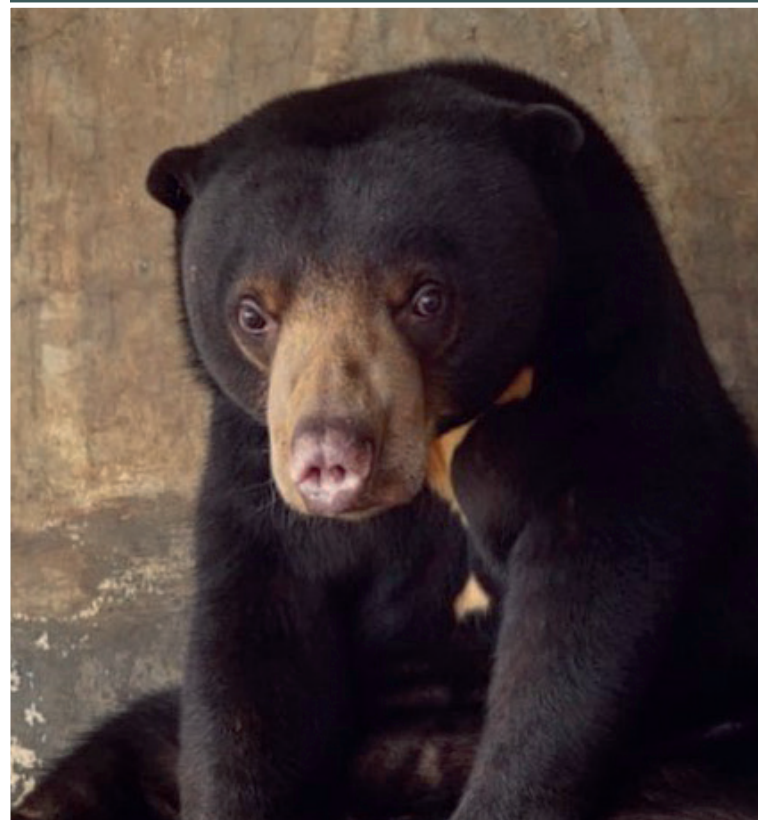


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ICZ Keeper Conservation Committee



The International Congress of Zookeepers (ICZ) represents a resource of over 7,000 keepers worldwide from a number of professional zookeeper organisations.

This includes supporting & empowering keepers involved in conservation projects both ex-situ & in-situ. Keepers show their passion for conservation in husbandry advances and to visitors. Many keepers also volunteer in field conservation, whilst some have begun their own conservation-based projects.

WHAT DOES THE ICZ CONSERVATION COMMITTEE DO?

1. Database

The ICZ holds a database of projects managed by keepers around the world with an objective to share information, encourage involvement or inspire their own project. This information is found on the ICZ website iczo.org.

2. Donation from the ICZ Congress Registrations

The ICZ donates 1 euro from each registration at the ICZ Congress to an NGO.

- In 2015, the 5th Congress in Leipzig, Germany have planted 215 trees in Nusa Penida Island, Bali (Indonesia) to help many endangered bird species.
- In the upcoming 7th Congress in Wellington Zoo (New Zealand) will go directly to West Coast Penguin Trust, to conserve penguins and other seabirds on NZ's West Coast through research, advocacy and practical projects.



3. ICZ Keeper Conservation Grant

Applications accepted from
1 Sept - 31 Dec
annually

We offer an annual conservation grant for keepers undertaking conservation work to the value of \$US1,000. The applications are assessed based on who is most able to make best use of the funds with the most positive outcome for conservation.

- 2015: Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary, Sierra Leone which covered the salary of two keepers for two months during the Ebola crisis.
- 2016: "Ecological Monitoring of Drill for Future Release" by the association "Save the Drill" in cooperation with Limbe Wildlife Centre, Cameroon.
- 2019: "Wildtracks: Conservation, Education & Research", focused on the first released spider monkey group in Belize.
- 2020: "Funds needed for improvement of the old quarantine area at Libassa Wildlife Sanctuary", working for the first and only wildlife rescue centre in Liberia.

For more information on the ICZ Keeper Conservation grant and to download an application, please visit iczo.org.

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* The ICZ defines a zoo as, "An establishment that maintains wild animals typically for visitor engagement, conservation, education & research." The word includes but are not necessarily limited to: zoos, aquaria, dolphinariums, reptile or bird parks, conservation breeding centres, rehabilitation/Rescue centres, safari Parks, wildlife Reserves/Sanctuaries, insectariums/ butterfly parks, bio parks & wildlife Parks.

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