



What is the future for beavers in Britain?

8 December 2015, 6pm-7.45pm
Huxley Lecture Theatre, ZSL London Zoo

Beavers are ecosystem engineers which, by building dams and channels, create and maintain wetlands. Through these activities, beavers have the potential to increase local biodiversity, reduce downstream flooding, and improve water quality. In Britain, beavers were hunted to extinction hundreds of years ago. Recent interest in rewilding has led to a number of small-scale beaver restoration projects. The outcomes of these projects, combined with a controversial unofficial release of beavers in Devon, raise a number of questions about the future of beavers in Britain. This meeting will discuss whether beavers should be restored in sufficient numbers and across a wide enough area to allow them to fulfil their potential as ecosystem engineers? What would be the consequences of beaver restoration for biodiversity, and for waterway users such as anglers? Could beaver restoration contribute to climate change adaptation by acting as a natural flood defence? And, if beavers become re-established in Britain, would European conservation agreements lead to a legal requirement to conserve them in the long term?

Roisin Campbell-Palmer, Royal Zoological Society of Scotland
Martin Gaywood, Scottish Natural Heritage
Mark Elliot, Devon Wildlife Trust
Pete Brotherton, Natural England

Chaired by: **Rosie Woodroffe**, ZSL

This event is free and open to all. Advance booking is not necessary. Further details can be found at www.zsl.org/science/whats-on

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8 December 2015 at 6.00pm in the Meeting Rooms, Zoological Society of London, Regent's Park, London, NW1 4RY. For more information, please contact Jennifer Howes

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A dinner will follow this Science and Conservation Event and everyone is welcome. Dinner places cost £35 per person (including two glasses of wine). Reservations must be made before 5pm on Tuesday 1 December.

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Please print clearly the names of those attending dinner on 8 December and please indicate any special dietary requirements, including vegetarian:

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telephone number: _____

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We will acknowledge all dinner bookings received.

Food is ordered in advance for exact numbers; we regret that cancellations received on or after 1 December cannot be refunded.

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