ZSL SYMPOSIUM
CHANGING THE SYSTEM – A NEW APPROACH FOR OCEAN CONSERVATION

WEDNESDAY 27TH – THURSDAY 28TH APRIL 2022

THIS SYMPOSIUM WILL BE HELD ONLINE AND THE TIMINGS SHOWN IN THIS PROGRAMME ARE IN UK BRITISH SUMMER TIME (GMT + 01:00)

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY 27TH APRIL 2022

09:00 VIRTUAL LOBBY OPEN
09:15 WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

SESSION 1: A SYSTEM CHANGE APPROACH TO CONSERVATION

09:25 The emerging science and practice of systemic change - and what it could mean for conservation
Dr Anna Birney, School of System Change

09:40 #OneLess - changing an entire city for the sake of the ocean
Shauna Jordan, Zoological Society of London

09:55 The Art and Craft of Systems Change
Shauna Mahajan, WWF

10:10 A Life Less Ordinary: Ganga Praharis for River Conservation
Dr Ruchi Badola, Wildlife Institute of India Team and Ganga Praharis

10:25 PANEL SESSION Q&A

10:45 RAPID RESEARCH SPOTLIGHT FILM
Alasdair Davies, Arribada Initiative and Dr Emily Duncan, University of Exeter

10:50 MORNING BREAK & VIRTUAL NETWORKING

SESSION 2: OCEAN PLASTIC AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

11:20 Seagrasses trapping plastic - a surprising ecosystem service
Anna Sanchez-Vidal, University of Barcelona, Spain
11:35  Potential impacts of beach plastics for sex determination of sea turtle hatchlings
Dr Nicole Esteban, Swansea University, United Kingdom

11:50  Marine plastic litter: from bottles to seabirds
Dr Maëlle Connan, Nelson Mandela University, South Africa

12:05  Assessing the health impact of plastic ingestion and exposure on the Galápagos marine iguana (Amblyrhynchus cristatus)
Juan Pablo Muñoz-Pérez PhD (c), University of the Sunshine Coast and Galapagos Science Center, Ecuador

12:20  PANEL SESSION Q&A

12:40  RAPID RESEARCH SPOTLIGHT FILM: Microplastics in the Ganges River
Dr Gawsia Wahidunnessa Chowdhury, Department of Zoology, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh

12:45  LUNCH BREAK

SESSION 3: SOLVING THE PLASTIC CRISIS – NEW APPROACHES TO HUMAN SYSTEMS

13:45  Breaking the plastic wave - a smart, sustainable, and circular plastic economy
Simon Reddy, Director, The Pew Charitable Trusts

14:00  Circular cities in India: Approaches for effective Solid Waste Management to reduce leakages
Swati Singh Sambyal, UN-Habitat (United Nations Human Settlements Programme) India Country Office

14:15  Exploring Bottom-up Solutions for Plastic Pollution
Dr Sonia Dias, Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing (WIEGO)

14:30  Not just a Material: Highlighting the Social Relations of Plastic
Dr Tridibesh Dey, University of Exeter

14:45  PANEL SESSION Q&A

15:05  RAPID RESEARCH SPOTLIGHT FILM: Pervasive plastics on a remote island
Darcy Philpott, Ascension Island Conservation and Fisheries, Ascension Island Government

15:10  CLOSING COMMENTS

15:15  VIRTUAL SOCIAL/NETWORKING

17:00  VIRTUAL LOBBY CLOSED

END OF DAY 1
DAY 2: THURSDAY 28TH APRIL 2022

09:00   VIRTUAL LOBBY OPEN
09:15   WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

SESSION 4: POLARISING PLASTIC

09:25   Ocean plastic pollution: A convenient but distracting truth?
Professor Richard Stafford, Bournemouth University, United Kingdom

09:40   Plastic pollution: a gateway to other ocean threats
Clare Brook, Blue Marine Foundation

09:55   Talk title TBC
Amado P. Blanco, Net-Works Regional Manager for Southeast Asia, ZSL Philippines and Coast 4C

10:10   TBC

10:25   PANEL SESSION Q&A

10:45   RAPID RESEARCH SPOTLIGHT FILM: Solving plastic pollution to tackle bigger issues of ocean health for blue communities
Sabine Pahl, University of Vienna, Austria and GCRF Blue Communities

10:50   MORNING BREAK & VIRTUAL NETWORKING

SESSION 5: CLIMATE AND PLANETARY BOUNDARIES

11:20   Climate and plastic - the forgotten link
Helen Ford, Operation Wallacea and University of Nottingham, United Kingdom

11:35   Beyond COP26 – what does this mean for ocean biodiversity, plastic pollution and the climate crisis?
James Smith, International Marine Environment, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs, United Kingdom

11:50   TBC

12:05   ECOBOATS' - a circular economy approach to climate change adaptation
Ismael Essome, Madiba & Nature

12:20   PANEL SESSION Q&A

12:40   RAPID RESEARCH SPOTLIGHT FILM
SESSION 6: FROM SCIENCE, TO POLICY, TO IMPACT

14:15  Talk title TBC
Gemma Harper and Jason Weeks, Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC)

14:30  A supply chain approach to tackling pellet loss
Tanya Cox, Fauna and Flora International

14:45  TBC

15:00  Impactful Campaigns to influence Change
James Wakibia, Eco-Rethink Organization

15:15  Talk title TBC
Marce Gutiérrez-Graudinš, Azul

15:30  PANEL SESSION Q&A

15:50  RAPID RESEARCH SPOTLIGHT FILM

15:55  CLOSING COMMENTS

16:05  VIRTUAL SOCIAL/NETWORKING

17:00  VIRTUAL LOBBY CLOSED

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