

Conservation and Restoration of Endangered Species

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Even with never-ending conservation inputs, endangered species of plants and animals are still increasing. Levels of conservation inputs may not match with magnitudes of factors contributing to endangerment. Asia is not only an area with highest level of conservation problems but she can also offer novel ways for the solutions. Conservation initiatives at site-based levels should be encouraged as precursors for new approaches of conservation.

In this talk, initiatives to conserve, restore (both naturally and man-assisted) and manage 2 endangered gibbons and gaur in Thailand will be given. These initiatives offer variation in approaches to solve conservation problems. To maintain these initiatives, networking at site-based levels may offer more success. Top-down selection can stimulate higher levels of conservation actions but it can also stop local initiatives as well as distort conservation actions. Asia and the Pacific Rim should accumulate lessons learned on local initiatives of conservation actions and demonstrate more conservation success.

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