

# SSA NEWSLETTER

Newsletter of IUCN Section on Small Apes.

## 8th Asian Primate Symposium



The 8th Asian Primate Symposium took place from the 14th to the 16th of November 2022, in Hanoi Vietnam. The event was organised by Three Monkeys Wildlife Conservancy in collaboration with the Vietnam National University of Forestry under the permit of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development. More than 200 delegates attended the symposium for academic exchange. Scientists and experts shared research results, views and ideas in regards to topics such as the conservation of primates in Asia, ecology, ethology, taxonomy and genetics.



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## The 3rd International Gibbon Husbandry, Health and Conservation Conference

From the 17th to the 18th of November 2022, the 3rd International Gibbon Husbandry, Health and Conservation Conference was held in Hanoi, Vietnam. People from across the globe gathered to discuss all things gibbon- genetics, cognition, acupuncture, reproductive health, captive activity budget, gibbon behaviour and how we can use this to advance their care, ethograms, gibbon management, veterinary specialists discussed gibbon health and disease prevention, species planning, training and conditioning, IUCN release guidelines and action planning, illegal wildlife trade and law enforcement. The conference gave people the opportunity to collaborate, build alliances and strengthen the gibbon community while working on tangible steps towards the conservation of gibbons.

The event was organised by Dr. Susan Cheyne and Holly Thompson in collaboration with Three Monkeys Wildlife Conservancy and the Vietnam National University of Forestry under the permit of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development. SSA would like to thank the organisers of the event along with all the delegates who participated.

Stay tuned for the 3rd International Gibbon Husbandry, Health and Conservation Conference outcome and minutes that are currently being compiled.

Watch this space for the 4th conference to be planned in Laos 2024.



"Our movement is gathering momentum. We stand united against all threats to gibbons. So please – stand with us."

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## Upcoming Events



## IPS-MPS'23

KUCHING • MALAYSIA  
Joint Meeting of the International Primatological Society and the Malaysian Primatological Society

### IPS in Malaysia

From August the 19th- 25th 2023, IPS and Malaysian Primatological Society will be joining in Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia to discuss Primates and People: A New Horizon. This meeting will offer people the chance to participate on multiple different platforms either in person in Kuching, live over the internet or via a recorded presentation.

For more information on how to register and submit a Symposium, Roundtable or Workshop proposal, go to <https://ipskuching.com/>

## Funding Opportunities

### Arcus Foundation- Great Ape Conservation-

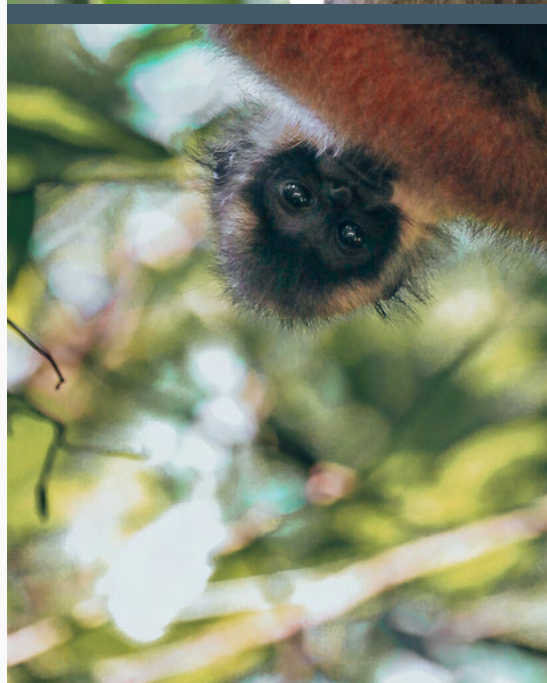
Go to <https://www.arcusfoundation.org/apply-for-a-grant/great-apes-gibbons-program/>

## Other Opportunities

### Acoustic SCR for monitoring gibbons workshop-

Aimed at researchers who wish to monitor and conserve gibbons in their natural habitat, University of St Andrews School of Mathematics and Statistics have developed a free of charge course that helps researchers accurately track gibbon populations. The workshop provides researchers with training material for the use of acoustic spatial capture- recapture (SCR) methods. Such can aid in the investigation of how many gibbons or gibbon groups are in a study area along with the development of gibbon population over time. Even if the researchers overall goal is conservation of study species, the researcher needs to determine quantity of gibbons in an area before conservation strategy can be assessed.

For more information, go to <https://www.scr-acoustic.com/>



## #SingLikeAGibbon campaign-

On International Gibbon day 2022, Gibbon Conservation Society celebrated by introducing the #SingLikeAGibbon campaign. The purpose of this challenge is to use your voice and sing to the world the song of a gibbon, showing people just how unique and varied their song is. More importantly, the challenge was created to make certain that the plight of gibbons doesn't go unheard. If you want to join the movement and raise your voice for gibbons, follow the steps below.

How you can get involved:

1. Pick your favourite gibbon species
2. Post a video of yourself singing like that species of gibbon
3. Challenge at least 3 friends and a celebrity to do the same
4. Use the hashtag #SingLikeAGibbon
5. Tag Gibbon Conservation Society on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, TikTok (@gibbonconservationsociety or @gibbonsociety and Teman Primata on Instagram @temanprimata)

For more information, go to

<https://gibbonconservationsociety.org/singlikeagibbon/>

## Message from Kai Caspar-

Dear colleagues and fellow gibbon enthusiasts, I would like to ask for your input for an ongoing gibbon research project. Together with Pritty Patel-Grosz from the University of Oslo and Camille Coye from the Institut Jean-Nicod, I am currently working on the "twitch dance" displays of crested gibbons of the genus *Nomascus*. I'm sure that many of you will already know what behavior I'm referring to, but if not, please view the video linked in the survey below to get an exact impression of what we're interested in.

We aim to characterize this behavioral pattern in greater depth and want to start off our project by collecting assessments from experts via a brief online survey. We would like to invite you to take part in the survey and/or to pass it on to other people who have experience with crested gibbon behavior. For any further questions, please reach out to Kai via email [kai.robert.caspar@gmail.com](mailto:kai.robert.caspar@gmail.com)

To take part in the survey, please go to

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSekU-Gx4Rg6i7zC2KvcNFZ2wnV\\_CHEOgUI6ThOXlrI\\_Yr9JkQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSekU-Gx4Rg6i7zC2KvcNFZ2wnV_CHEOgUI6ThOXlrI_Yr9JkQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)



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*Voicing Their Silence*

**“It is our goal through this campaign to make them famous. Famous enough that more people will want to save them and organisations like ours get the help we need to keep these animals from going extinct.”**

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# Happy Holidays!

SSA would like to wish the community a Merry Christmas! May this holiday season be filled with warmth, joy and connection as we head into a new year. We want to thank everyone for their hard work and commitment in the conservation of our small apes friends. We look forward to working with you in the following year to build a brighter future. Together, we can make a difference!

Best wishes

SSA community.