

## 4th World Congress on Mountain Ungulates

### Caprinae Specialist Group (CSG) of the Species Survival Commission of IUCN

*Greetings to you from Munnar,  
in Kerala, southern India.*

On behalf of the High Range Wildlife & Environment Preservation Association (HRW&EPA), I am pleased to inform you that the 4th World Congress on Mountain Ungulates, organised by the Caprinae Specialist Group (CSG) of the Species Survival Commission of IUCN, will be hosted by the HRW&EPA and held at Munnar, in the state of Kerala in Southern India from September 12-15, 2006.

It has become evident that conservation of mountain ungulates is dependent upon the conservation of mountain eco-systems and must include habitat protection, international co-operation and new ways to look at the economic and social implications of different types of wildlife and management. Caprine biologists from different parts of the world have much to learn from each other. It is therefore time to convene a meeting to examine recent developments in research and conservation of mountain ungulates worldwide.

It will be for the first time in the history of the CSG, that the conference is being held in South Asia. Munnar is home of the endangered Nilgiri Tahr, and is an ideal locale for this prestigious conference. The HRW&EPA, the host for the conference has intimate links with the conservation of the Nilgiri Tahr and has a conservation history dating back to 80 years. The conference is bound to augment our knowledge about Caprinae and in the process give a helping hand in the conservation of the endangered Nilgiri Tahr. The conference will provide a golden opportunity to the wildlife biologists and managers in India to interact with the leading lights in the conservation field.

The conference will focus on all aspects of mountain ungulate biology, management and conservation. The programme will include both oral presentations and posters. Abstracts of the oral presentation will be made available to all participants at the beginning of the conference.

More details of the conference will be available on our website, which will be launched shortly and is being done exclusively for the conference. This mail is more of an information to each of you, who are very special in the field of Conservation, so that you can plan and reserve your valuable time for participating in this conference.

*Warm regards,*

*Mohan C. Varghese,  
Chairman- HRW&EPA.*

## Keeper Exchanges

In an effort to facilitate Keeper Exchanges, the Australian Society of Zookeepers is now providing a "Keeper Exchange" service to people currently employed in a Zoological Institution. This service is not limited to the Australasian region, but is also available to Keepers from overseas institutions wanting to undertake an exchange.

To register your interest in undertaking a Keeper Exchange, simply download the form found at <http://www.aszk.org.au/Keeper%20Exchanges.dwt> fill it out and return it to me by e-mail. Your details will then be added to a database, and when a suitable exchange opportunity becomes available, you will be contacted to ensure that you still want to undertake an exchange. Should you decide to continue with an exchange, you will be sent the contact details of the person seeking to do an exchange with you.

Whilst the ASZK cannot guarantee that a suitable exchange will be found for you, it is hoped that this new service will facilitate these valuable experiences, and thereby contribute to the exchange of experiences and knowledge between institutions.

Should you have any difficulties downloading the form, or for further information, please e-mail me at [Geoff.Underwood@aszk.org.au](mailto:Geoff.Underwood@aszk.org.au)

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Other skills which will be an advantage in the field are : driving, photography, computers, knowledge of wild animal behavior. Salary will depend on individual's skills. Send your bio data with 1) color photo 2) earlier work reports & 3) salary expectation by email to [wsos@vsnl.com](mailto:wsos@vsnl.com)

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