

## IPS ad hoc committee on making capture safer

Direct contact with wild primates can further conservation and research goals and is sometimes needed to remove snares or for medical intervention. The safety and long-term wellbeing of primates that are captured and released back into their natural habitats is a concern for field primatologists. Following a round-table at IPS Chicago 2016, the International Primatological Society created an ad hoc committee to continue to improve methods for the capture and release of primates. The membership of the committee represents expertise in capturing a wide range of taxa and the use of trapping, darting, and hand capture as well as alternatives to capture.

We aim to

1. Build trust and increase sharing of information, including detailed reporting and data collection on the immediate and long-term consequences of capture and release of wild primates. To achieve this goal we are collecting data on primate capture.
2. Provide a mechanism to share experience and protocols for the capture and release of wild primates and develop new protocols where they do not yet exist. Protocols are authored by teams of experts in the capture and release of specific taxa, and subject to ongoing revision in the light of data collection.
3. Have a committee representing all major taxa and we welcome new members.

If you're involved in capturing primates, and have a protocol to share, would like to be involved, or would like to know more, please contact the chair.

If you capture and release primates, please consider reporting your captures to us. The first step is to let us know your plans by filling out a short pre-capture form ([link to follow soon](#)). Once we receive this form, we will email you a link to the appropriate capture form. The data you share will be confidential and will not be shared outside the committee without your permission. We will use them to refine protocols with the aim of making primate capture safer.

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