

## 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 are 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 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 the short [pre-capture form](#). 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.

### **We currently hold protocols for the following taxonomic groups:**

- *Aotus* spp
- *Chlorocebus aethiops*
- *Loris* spp
- *Microcebus* spp
- *Propithecus* spp
- *Pan troglodytes*
- *Saguinus* spp

**If you would like to talk with a member of the committee about protocols or other issues concerning the capture and release of primates, please contact the chair and she will put you in contact with an appropriate member of the committee.**

### **Current members include:**

- Tatyana Humle (chair) ([thumle@rewild.org](mailto:thumle@rewild.org))
- Elena Cunningham (co-chair)
- Steve Unwin (co-chair)
- Caroline Asiimwe
- Marc Cattet
- Tony DiFiore
- Alina Evans
- Eduardo Fernandez-Duque
- Luis Fores
- Tony Goldberg
- Ricko Jaya
- Annette Klein
- Fabian Leendertz
- Rebecca Lewis
- Monica Montenegro
- Anna Nekaris
- George Omondi
- Fernando Passos
- Jo Setchell
- Andrea Springer
- Dominic Travis
- Trudy Turner
- Mini Watsa