

RESUME

LEIF ROBERT COCKS

EDUCATION

Masters of Science, the factors affecting the health and well-being of captive orangutans (*Pongo pygmaeus* and *Pongo abelii*), from Curtin University WA.

Post Graduate Diploma in Natural Resources, the effect of zoo visitors on cage utilization of primates, from Curtin University WA.

Bachelor of Applied Science, Biology Degree, from Curtin University WA.

Certificate III in Zoo Keeping, A trade level qualification, from Box Hill Institute.

EMPLOYMENT

CEO, Wildlife Conservation International

2018 to Present

CEO, The Orangutan Project

2011 to 2018

Curator Collections Perth Zoo

10/2011 to 12/2011

Curator Exotics Perth Zoo

01/07/2001 to 10/2011

Acting Director of Life Sciences Perth Zoo

01/2007 to 06/7/07, 08/2006 to 09/2006 and 01/2005 to 11/2005

Supervisor of Primates Perth Zoo

11/1999 to 6/2001

Acting Manager of Policy and Administration Perth Zoo

09/2000 to 11/2000

Acting Curator of Primates Perth Zoo

08/1998 to 11/1999

Senior Keeper Perth Zoo

01/1986 to 08/1998

ZOO AQUARIUM ASSOCIATION (ZAA) POSITIONS

Australian Species Management Program (ASMP) Committee
02/2005 to 12/2011

ZAA Convenor for the Artiodactyl Taxon Advisor Group
04/2002 to 05/2009

Mogo Zoo TAG Representative and Collection Planner
06/2006 to 12/10/07

ZAA Husbandry Advisor to the Primate Taxon Advisory Group
01/2004 to 2011

ZAA Zoo Accreditation Officer
21/3/2007 to 12/2011

ZAA Conservation Fund Steering Committee
21/3/07 to 18/11/07

ZAA Species Coordinator Ring-tailed Lemurs (*Lemur catta*) ASMP (Level 1a)
01/1994 to 06/2003

ZAA Species Coordinator African Painted Dogs (*Lycaonpictus*) ASMP (Level 1a)
01/2009 to 12/2011

World Aquarium and Zoo Association International Species Coordinator, Javan Gibbon (*Hylobates moloch*)
02/1999 to 12/2011

NON GOVERNMENT ORGANISATION POSITIONS

Wildlife Conservation International (CEO)
2018 to Present

The Orangutan Project (Founder and President)
1998 to Present

Great Ape Survival Program (Australasian In Country Contact)
2002 to 2011

Silvery Gibbon Project (Conservation Fund Manager) www.silvery.org.au
2001 to Present

Wildlife Asia (Director) www.wildlifeasia.org.au
2011 to Present

International Elephant Project (President) www.elephant.org.au

2014 to Present

International Tiger Project (President) www.tiger.org.au

2014 to Present

Wildlife Conservation International Canada (Director) www.orangutans.ca

2016 to Present

Orang Utan Republik Foundation (Vice President) www.orangutanrepublik.org

2015 to Present

PT (Ltd.) Alam Bukit Tigapuluh (Technical Advisory Group)

2015 to Present

PT (Ltd.) Harapan Orangutan Perlindungan Ecosystem (Technical Advisory Group)

2015 to Present

Forum for Conservation of Leuser (Technical Advisor)

2017 to Present

Yayasan (Foundation KEHUS) Konservai Ekosistem Hutan Sumatra (Technical Advisory Group)

2016 to Present

OTHER POSITIONS

Perth Zoo Emergency Firearms Team

06/2002 to 12/2011

Adjunct Senior Lecturer Murdoch University

2007

Asian Rhino Project (Member) www.asianrhinos.org.au

HIGHLIGHTS OF EXPERIENCE

Paper in Peer Review Journals

Cocks, L. (2007). Factors influencing the well being and longevity of captive female orangutans (*Pongo pygmaeus*), International Journal of Primatology, Volume 28, Number 2/April, 2007, Springer, Netherlands

Cocks, L. (2007). Captive orangutans: factors affecting mortality, fertility and well being in relation to subspecies differences, International Journal of Primatology, Volume 28, Number 2/April, 2007, Springer, Netherlands.

Cocks, L. and Bullo, K. (2008). The process for releasing a zoo-bred Sumatran orangutan *Pongo abelii* at Bukit Tigapuluh National Park, Jambi Sumatra, International Zoo Year Book 2008, Vol. 42, Zoological Society of London.

Cocks, L. and Collier, J. (2007) The Transportation of Orangutans: Problems and Protocols, *School of Environmental Biology, Curtin University of Technology, W.A. Australia.*

Books Published

Orangutans and their Battle for Survival 2002

Orangutans: My Friends, My Cousins 2016

Finding Our Humanity 2019

University Lecturing and Supervision

Human Biology 101, UWA (Annual Lecture 2001 to 2009)

1st Year Philosophy, Notre Dame University 2003(Ethics and Sentience)

Supervision of UWA Honour Students (2004)

Examination of UWA Honours Students (2004)

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Author of two Orangutan Husbandry Manuals

Author of a Javan Gibbon Husbandry Manual

Author of Primate Taxon Advisory Group Guidelines for Housing and Management of Orangutan

Author of the North American Species Survival Program Guidelines for Housing and Management of Orangutans

Technical Adviser for an Orangutan Documentary

Collaborator on a CD-ROM on Primate Anatomy for University Students

Secretary to the Zoological Gardens Board of Western Australia Effective

Personal Productivity (mentor)

Genetic Analysis Programs- SPARKS/PM2000 (mentor)

Reintroduction of the first two captive born orangutan into the wild (2006 & 2011)

Reviewer for *Folia Primatologica* and *Oryx*