

## Conferences and Events

**8-11 June 2004. Beijing International Symposium on Biological Invasions.** Species Exchanges between Eastern Asia and North America: Threats to Environment and Economy. Institute of Botany, Chinese Academy of Sciences CAS, Xiangshan, Beijing, China. Contact: (in China) Dr. Jianghui Huang Email: [jhuang@ns.ibcas.ac.cn](mailto:jhuang@ns.ibcas.ac.cn) (outside China) Dr. Shili Miao Email: [smiao@sino-eco.org](mailto:smiao@sino-eco.org) Web: <http://bisobi.sino-eco.org/>

**20-23 June 2004. IUCN Regional Biodiversity Programme, Asia - Fourth Regional Session of the Global Biodiversity Forum for Southeast Asia,** Manila in partnership with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR). Contact Bhujang Dharmaji, Tel: 94 11 471 0439, Fax: 94 11 266 2941, Email: [bhujang@sltnet.lk](mailto:bhujang@sltnet.lk) Web: [www.gbf.ch](http://www.gbf.ch)

**20-24 June 2004. Workshop 'Building Capacity for the Global Taxonomy Initiative (GTI) in a larger Europe'.** International Academy for Nature Conservation Isle of Vilm, Germany. Contact: Fabian Haas, Tel: +49 711 8936 172) Email: [haas.smns@naturkundemuseum-bw.de](mailto:haas.smns@naturkundemuseum-bw.de) or Christoph L. Häuser, Tel: + 49 711 8936 223, fax: + 49 711 8936 100 Email: [chaeuser@gmx.de](mailto:chaeuser@gmx.de)

**October 25-27, 2004. Symposium/Workshop on Conservation and Management of Mongolian Gazelles.** Sponsored by the Wildlife Conservation Society, USAID, UNDP-GEF ESBP, WWF, The Convention on Migratory Species, and the Mongolian Academy of Sciences

The Mongolian steppe is the world's largest remaining intact temperate grassland. One of the world's last great migratory wonders, the Mongolian gazelle (*Procapra gutturosa*), still lives on the steppe in numbers that may exceed a million animals. Yet uncontrolled poaching and poorly planned development schemes now threaten the

Mongolian gazelle and the steppe ecosystem. In order to focus attention and develop specific solutions to these problems, an international three-day symposium/workshop will be held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

The main goal of this meeting will be to create recommendations that will ensure long-term sustainable gazelle management. A one-day scientific symposium will discuss recent, on-going, and needed Mongolian gazelle research findings that are critical to inform management decisions, including population size, trends, breeding biology, migration, modeling as a management tool, and the creation of an international Mongolian Gazelle Working Group. This will be followed by a two-day workshop focusing on development and land use issues; legal protection and enforcement; and protected areas and transboundary cooperation with China and Russia, including the potential for creating one or more international gazelle peace parks. Outputs will be a set of recommendations that together will form the framework for a Mongolian Gazelle Management Plan. Keynote Speaker: Dr. George Schaller. For more information, please contact Peter Zahler at [pzahler@wcs.org](mailto:pzahler@wcs.org).

**17-25 November 2004. Third IUCN World Conservation Congress "People and Nature - only one world"** Bangkok, Thailand. Information and on line registration: [www.iucn.org/congress](http://www.iucn.org/congress).

**7-10 December 2004. Biology in Asia - International Conference 2004.** Singapore Contact: Darren Yeo, c/o Raffles Museum of Biodiversity Research, Department of Biological Sciences, National University of Singapore, 14 Science Drive 4, Singapore 117543, Singapore. Email: [dbsbox5@nus.edu.sg](mailto:dbsbox5@nus.edu.sg) Web: <http://www.dbs.nus.edu.sg/sibiolconference/> or <http://www.dbs.nus.edu.sg/sibiolconference/2ndannouncement.pdf>