

# WORLD WILDLIFE DAY REGIONAL YOUTH SYMPOSIUM 2022

## KEY STATS!

- 5 Youth Volunteers
- 22 Expert Speakers
- 40+ Facilitators
- 200+ Participants
- 13 Nationalities
- 80+ Affiliations from environmental groups, government organizations & academic institutions



## OPENING SEGMENT

### GUEST SPEAKERS



Mr Desmond Lee



Dr Theresa Mundita S. Lim



Ms Ivonne Higuero



Dr Madhu Rao

### OUR KEY TAKEAWAYS

World Wildlife Day is both a celebration and a call to action. Wildlife and nature are extremely important to humans. Key species provide important ecosystem services to people and are an important part of our culture and identity. However, they are under steep declines and serious threats. Biodiversity loss is caused by unsustainable exploitation, habitat and ecosystem destruction. Nature can still be conserved, restored, and used sustainably if we take urgent and coordinated actions.

## TRACK 1: WILDLIFE TRADE

### GUEST SPEAKERS



Prof. Gopalasamy Reuben Clements



Ms Kanitha Krishnasamy



Ms Sallie Yang



Dr Adrian Loo



Dr Giovanni Broussard



Dr Klairoong Poonpon

### OUR KEY TAKEAWAYS

Illegal wildlife trade is a fast-moving and complicated issue to tackle. The rise of the age of internet has also exacerbated the challenges in combating this issue. The fight against illegal wildlife trade requires multinational collaboration across different sectors - governments, NGOs, private organisations and the general public. Additionally, multifaceted strategies should be employed, such as having powerful legislation and boots on ground to enforce these laws.

## TRACK 2: SPECIES RECOVERY

### GUEST SPEAKERS



Ms Nerissa Chao



Mr Vorsak Bou



Dr Kalyar Platt



Mr Low Bing Wen



Dr Wong Siew Te



Dr Andie Ang

### OUR KEY TAKEAWAYS

The conservation of species requires collaboration, community and creativity. It requires the support of the people and we must consider the needs of the communities that are concerned. Soft skills are crucial in engaging and communicating with various stakeholders. Nonetheless, everyone can be involved in conservation regardless of background given the broad skillsets needed in this field. Sometimes, the best solutions may be the simplest.

## TRACK 3: ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION

### GUEST SPEAKERS



Dr Karenne Tun



Dr Frida Sidik



Dr Stephen Elliott



Dr Rahayu Sukri



Mr Muhammad Ridwan



Dr Simplicia A. Pasigolan

### OUR KEY TAKEAWAYS

Restoring entire ecosystems is a difficult and surmounting task. This can be done by leveraging the wider community to be involved. Citizen science is a great way of being able to collect more information and data. We need to work with communities and build on their existing intimate knowledge of the surrounding and make use of novel technologies that can provide insights and allow for better monitoring. Most importantly, we must be adaptable in today's volatile climate.

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