



BATS IN THE MEDIA

How can we ensure balanced & accurate reporting?

Online panel discussion / webinar

31 July 2020, 16.00 (GMT), [URL](#)

INVITED PARTICIPANTS



DAN RISKIN

Dr Riskin, our moderator, is a producer and science communicator - most notably as the host of Daily Planet (Discovery Channel Canada) & Monsters Inside Me (Animal Planet) and as author of the 2014 bestseller, Mother Nature is Trying to Kill You.

He is also a bat expert who studied bat biomechanics for his PhD. As Adjunct Professor at University of Toronto, he advances knowledge of the evolutionary biology of bats.

"My name's Dan. I love bats. Everything here has grown from that."



TIGGA KINGSTON

Dr Kingston, a Professor at Texas Tech

University, is a leading (and beloved) researcher when it comes to bat conservation ecology. She is also the global expert on the bats of SE Asia.

She makes a real difference, inspiring and galvanising researchers around the world via diverse initiatives. These include founding the South East Asian Bat Conservation Research Unit (SEABCRU) and co-founding GBatNet. Dr Kingston also co-chairs the IUCN SSC Bat Specialist Group.



ALEX MORSS

Ms Morss' educational background

reflects her commitment to science and communication, given her training in biology, ecology and journalism.

As an ecology consultant, Ms Morss has worked extensively with bats. As a writer, she has worked for diverse media outlets, including the BBC and the Guardian.

All these activities align with her mission to defend Nature - a commitment for which she is recognised as one of Avon Wildlife Trust's Wildlife Champions.



ADAM HART

As a Professor at University of Gloucester, Dr

Hart studies entomology, ecology, with a focus on ants and the African savanna, and citizen science.

He is also an expert science communicator, including as presenter for the BBC's Science in Action radio show and many documentaries.

The outstanding nature of his contributions is evidenced by his being named as a Royal Society of Biology's Science Communicator of the year and a Fellow of the Royal Entomological Society.

DETAILS

While we acknowledge that the basic premise for the panel (the portrayal of bats by the media) is global, logistical & common language constraints may limit participants to English speakers in certain time zones. But ALL are welcome.

The session starts at 16.00 GMT (09.00 in the western Americas to 21.00 in Central Asia), using the Zoom platform.

Click [here](#) to join.

The passcode is 808781.

You will be able to participate (pose questions) by typing in the Zoom chat window.

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