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HALTING THE GLOBAL DECLINE IN AMPHIBIANS: research and practice

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The 2004 Global Amphibian Assessment concluded that amphibians are at greater risk of extinction than either mammals or birds, with a third of all extant and currently described species seriously under threat, and 43% of all amphibian species in decline.

This situation is attributed to habitat loss and alteration, unsustainable trade, invasive species, climate change and disease, particularly the chytridiomycosis fungus, which is a cause of high or complete mortality of populations even in pristine habitats. However, no single factor is responsible for the scale of decline and a combination of threats may be working in synergy.

This symposium will bring together researchers and conservation practitioners to discuss current threats and present potential solutions to this biodiversity crisis.

Speakers will assess the current knowledge of amphibian declines worldwide and detail the methodology employed both *in situ* and *ex situ* to combat losses. The 2008 'Year of the Frog', a global campaign catalyzing required funding and stimulating government and public action, will also be described.

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for one day (or part day) £70 (£35 for students or ZSL Fellows & Friends)

Lunch and refreshments are included. A 3-course dinner with the speakers will be held on the Thursday evening and tickets are an additional £40 per person. Please indicate if you have any special dietary requirements on your registration form.

Relevant posters will be on display throughout the meeting and attendees will have the opportunity to study posters and interact with speakers and delegates during breaks. Please email poster proposals to joy.hayward@zsl.org for consideration by 27 October 2008 (max 250 words). Notification of accepted poster presentations will be given by 31 October 2008.

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