

Iran Colloquium Presents

Iran's Wildlife: Challenges and Opportunities



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Iran has faced considerable environmental challenges over the last thirty-five years and the impact of these environmental crises on wildlife and habitat has been particularly harsh. With limited budgetary resources and a relatively small field staff, Iran's Department of Environment has been fighting a losing battle. Local NGOs have stepped up to help face the challenge but are also severely limited by their financial resources and management capabilities. In this talk, Morad Tahbaz, co-founder of the The Persian Wildlife Heritage Foundation, will talk about the environmental challenges faced in Iran, followed by a discussion on the history of wildlife preservation in Iran, and then delve into Iran's biodiversity and wildlife in some detail, with a particular focus on the challenges they face. He will also consider how some NGOs, namely the Persian Wildlife Heritage Foundation and Persian Wild Life are working to help reverse some of the ongoing negative trends.

Morad Tahbaz

Persian Wildlife Foundation

Morad Tahbaz is the co-founder of the Persian Wildlife Heritage Foundation in Iran and founder of the Persian Wildlife Foundation in the United States. He graduated from Colgate University in 1977 with a degree in Liberal Arts and from Columbia University with an MBA in 1983. His passion for wildlife and nature began at age 9 when he first subscribed to the National Geographic. It has continued to this day. He is regular donor to many international conservation foundations and also heads the Iranian delegation to the International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation (CIC). He is a life member of the Wild Sheep Foundation and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation as well as the Cat Specialist Group of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

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Luce Hall, Room 203, 34 Hillhouse Avenue

Light lunch will be provided

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