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INFORMED CONSENT

Voluntary participation: Your participation is entirely voluntary. You may skip any question or stop at any time without providing a reason or facing any negative consequences.

Anonymous data collection: No personal information will be shared with third parties.

Purpose of data use: The data will be used solely for study and evaluation purposes to improve the ETHAS framework and ethical self-assessment practices in conservation studies. Data will not be shared outside the project team.

Data storage and protection: You will be asked about experience with ethical self-assessments, views on ETHAS, media communication needs, and some personal and demographic information [e.g., age, gender, affiliation] necessary for the study. All data will be processed in compliance with the EU General **Data Protection Regulation (GDPR, EU Regulation 2016/679)**. Collected data will be stored securely in accordance with GDPR principles and will be deleted after the completion of the analysis and reporting phase. Researchers have taken all necessary precautions to minimize potential risks, and there are no known risks associated with participating in this study. **Please see the INFORMATION ON DATA PROTECTION at the bottom of this document.**

Dissemination of Result: The study results will be communicated in aggregated form through scientific publications, reports and public presentations.

Withdrawal rights: You have the right to withdraw from participation at any time without penalty. If you wish to withdraw after submitting your responses, please contact us to request data removal (if technically feasible, since no personal identifiers are collected).

Time to complete questionnaire

The estimated time for the completion of this questionnaire is maximal 20 minutes.

Respondent requirements

Only people over 18 years old can participate in this study.

Who Will Have Access to the Collected Data?

The data will be processed and analysed only by members of our research team, including:

- Barbara de Mori (Unipd) - Project and data management supervisor
- Steven Seet (Unipd) - Project and data management curator

Contact Information

If you have any questions about the study, your data, or your rights under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), please contact:

Project Contact Person: Steven Seet; cand. PhD

Institution or Organization: Padua University, Conservation and Research Fund, Leibniz-IZW

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INFORMATION ON DATA PROTECTION

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) – EU Regulation 2016/679, art. 13

1. Data Controllers

- University of Padua – Via 8 Febbraio, 2 – 35122 Padova, Italy, Represented by the Rector - Email: urp@unipd.it – Certified email (PEC): amministrazione.centrale@pec.unipd.it
- Conservation and Research Fund e.V. – Matestr. 23 – 13125 Berlin, Germany, Represented by the President – Email: seet@cr-fund.org.
- Leibniz Institute for Zoo and Wildlife Research – Alfred-Kowalke-Str. 17 – 10315 Berlin, Germany – Represented by the scientist – Email: seet@izw-berlin.de.

2. Data Protection Officer (DPO) – For any issues related to the processing of your personal data, you may contact the Data Protection Officers the University of Padua (Giorgio Valandro email: privacy@unipd.it); the Conservation and Research Fund e.V. (Steven Seet email: seet@cr-fund.org) or the Leibniz Institute for Zoo and Wildlife Research (DID Dresdner Institut für Datenschutz, Stiftung bürgerlichen Rechts, Kirstin Beyer and Max Just email: datenschutz@fv-berlin.de)

3. Purpose of the Data Processing – The study is conducted for scientific research purposes and is not intended for commercial use. Eventual sensitive information that may appear in responses will be processed anonymously exclusively for the purpose of the presented research and will not be shared with third parties or external collaborators.

4. Legal Basis for Processing – The legal basis for processing data is: Your freely given, specific, informed, and unambiguous consent (Art. 6(1)(a), Art. 9(2)(a) GDPR); Processing necessary for scientific research purposes.

5. Data Retention – Data will be stored for a period of 5 years after project completion, for transparency, verification of results, and potential scientific publication. After this deadline, data will be securely deleted.

6. Data recipients – Only the research teams at the University of Padua, the Conservation and Research Fund e.V. and the Leibniz Institute for Zoo and Wildlife Research will have access to data. No personal data will be transferred outside the European Union (EU).

7. Your Rights under the GDPR – You may, at any time withdraw your consent at any time (without affecting the lawfulness of processing before withdrawal). You can access University of Padua's Data Protection section at these links: <https://www.unipd.it/informativa-sul-trattamento-dati-personali> and <https://www.unipd.it/en/privacy>

8. Recipients of the Data – Only the research team at the University of Padua will have access to personal identifying data. Collaborators from external institutions will have access only to pseudonymized or aggregated research data. No personal data will be transferred outside the European Union (EU).

9. Your Rights under the GDPR – As a participant, you have the right to: Access your personal data collected during the interview; Request correction or deletion of your data; Withdraw your consent at any time, without affecting the lawfulness of data processing carried out before the withdrawal; You may file these requests by writing an email to the project's coordinator at barbara.demori@unipd.it or project's contact person at seet@cr-fund.org (full contact information written below) your requests will be treated within 10 working days from when they were received. If you withdraw your consent, the interview notes and any associated personal data will be

permanently deleted upon request, unless already anonymized and used in aggregated form. You may also lodge a complaint with the Italian Data Protection Authority (Garante per la protezione dei dati personali - www.garanteprivacy.it).

You can also write an email to the project's coordinators at barbara.demori@unipd.it or ethicslab.bca@unipd.it and seet@cr-fund.org. To exercise your rights, you can also contact the data protection officers of the University of Padua (Giorgio Valandro email: privacy@unipd.it). Additionally, you have the right to lodge a complaint with supervisory authority. in Italy, this is the Italian Data Protection Authority (email: protocollo@gpdp.it).