Sustainable *Eel* Group

10 Years of the Sustainable Eel Group. Where next for eel protection?

Outreach Events, see www.sustainableeelgroup.org/10-years-seg	
Sunday 16 June	**Eel Trafficking**, BBC Countryfile, 19.00 BBC1.
Friday 21 June	**Dutch eel barge** Korneliske Ykes II arrives from Heeg (Friesland, Netherlands) at Hermitage Community Moorings, 16 Wapping High Street, London E1W 1NG. *www.hermitagemoorings.com/contact-us* For information on the barge, see *www.palingaak.nl*
Saturday 22 June	**11:00 – 16:00**. Hermitage Moorings Open Day Dutch eel barge Korneliske Ykes II
Sunday 23 June	**11.00-12.00.** The Eel in Crisis – talk by Andrew Kerr (SEG Chairman) at the London Wetlands Centre. Eel art from *@eelsuitcase* and University of Plymouth on public display in the Observatory. These events are open to all for the cost of entry to the Centre (free to Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust members) at the London Wetland Centre, Queen Elizabeth's Walk, Barnes, London, SW13 9WT. *www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/london* **11:00 – 16:00**. Hermitage Moorings Open Day. Dutch eel barge Korneliske Ykes II
Monday 24 June	**TBC.** Release of Thames eels by Zac Goldsmith MP. **18.30-20.30**. Guided tour of the Pool of London from London Bridge, via Fishmongers Hall, Monument, Old Billingsgate Fish Market, Dutch Mooring, Tower of London, St Katherine's Dock and Hermitage Moorings. Led by Dr Fiona Haughey (Intertidal Archaeologist) & Dr Brian Knights (SEG). Cost £10. Meet 18.15 on London Bridge north side outside entrance to Fishmonger's Hall. *www.fishhall.org.uk* Book with Brian Knights (SEG): pandbknights@aol.com
Tuesday 25 June	**06.15.** Billingsgate Fish Market (early morning!) free visit. Introduction by the Chief Inspector followed by an open tour led by Dr. Brian Knights (SEG), including eels. Hearty fish-porter breakfasts are available in the Market cafes! Meet in the 1st floor viewing gallery Billingsgate Market, Trafalgar Way, Poplar, London E14 5ST. *www.billingsgatefishmarket.org* at 06.10. NB Strong non-slip footwear is recommended. Book with Brian Knights (SEG): pandbknights@aol.com **Late morning** (not organised but recommended): Open visit to Greenwich by train or riverboat for sightseeing and eel pie and mash lunch. Greenwich attractions to choose from include the National Maritime Museum, Cutty Sark, Queen's House, Old Royal Naval College & Painted Hall and Royal Observatory. *www.visitlondon.com/things-to-do/place/427248-old-royal-naval-college* **Suggested lunch venue** is Goddards Eel Pie & Mash Shop, 22 King William Walk, Greenwich, London SE10 9HU *www.goddardsatgreenwich.co.uk/our-menu* Travel by train from London or public riverboat, e.g. from Tower Pier by Thames Clippers *www.thamesclippers.com*
Weds 26 June	**19.00** Church Service to remember those who died shipping eel to London from the Netherlands at the Dutch Church (7 Austin Friars, London EC2N 2HA). Eel-themed poetry readings at the Dutch Church. Poetry with Guillemot Press and friends. Luke Thompson will be introducing poets Elisabeth Sennitt Clough, Astra Papachristdoulou and Jerome Fletcher, who will be reading eely poems from The Creel anthology.

Programme

Thursday 27th June

Natural History Museum: Invitation Only

THEME 1:	European Eel - where have we come from and where are we going? Chair: Cy Griffin (Wetlands International & SEG)	
09:00 - 09:15	Andrew Kerr, Chairman (SEG)	Opening address
09:15 – 09:45	Willem Dekker, Director of Science (SEG)	Eel, the Eurofish - Its historical management challenges the future
09:45 – 10:00	Jane Madgwick, CEO Wetlands International	Integrated Approach to Conservation
10:00 – 10:15	Kim Friedman (FAO)	Global view to progressing sustainable eel management and trade in eels
10:15 – 10:30	Florian Stein, Director of Scientific Operations (SEG)	Why are eels trafficked?
10:30 – 10:45	Katarzyna Janiak (European Commission, DG MARE)	EU actions for the recovery of eels
10:45 – 11:30	COFFEE BREAK	Discussions around the display stands
THEME 2:	**The Trafficking of European Eel - the greatest wildlife crime on the Planet?** Chair: Alexander Wever (The Aal Initiative & SEG)	
11:30 – 12:30	EUROPOL, SEPRONA, SEG	PRESS CONFERENCE, Address and then questions to the panel
11:30 – 12:00	Speakers: Jose Moreno (Europol) Jesus Galvez (SEPRONA) Ian Guildford (UKWC)	Screening of BBC Countryfile film on eel trafficking. Three 5 minute presentations to show Progress against trafficking since the EUROPOL Madrid Conference 6th April 2018 Panel discussions
12:00 - 12:30	PANEL DISCUSSION: Questions from the media and audience Press conference closes	Andrew Kerr, Panel Chair; Vin Fleming, CITES UK; Antonio Jimenez, CITES ES; Kim Friedman, FAO; Bryan Landry, USFWS; Jose Moreno (Europol); Florian Stein, SEG; Jesus Galvez (SEPRONA) Ian Guildford (UKWC)
12:30 – 12:45	Olivier Briard, Migradour	Counter Trafficking France
12:45 – 13:00	Bryan Landry, USFWS	North America and the troubles with two species
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH	
14:00 – 14:15	Michelle Owen, TRAFFIC	Wildlife Trafficking in the Aviation Sector
14:15 – 14:30	John Richards, University of Hong Kong	Endangered species for mass consumption: illegal eel in the frozen food aisle
14:30 – 14:45	Orie Shaw, University of Leicester	New tool for enforcements: Handheld Eel-DNA test
14:45 - 15:00	Stephanie Sargeant, University of the West of England	EDNA as an eel population measurement tool
15:00 – 15:15	Andreas Zitek, FFoQSI GmbH	Tracing glass eels by multi-element pattern and strontium isotopes
15.15 - 15:30	Andy Don, Environment Agency	EELS IN THE AZORES: Trapping, Tagging and Tracking
15.30	COFFEE BREAK	
THEME 3:	**Reaching out to tell the wonders of the eel story and the relationship to people** Chair: Florian Stein (SEG)	
16:00 – 16:15	Mark Groen (Ravon)	Citizen Science in NL – outreach is essential to building a new understanding of eel
16:15 – 16:30	Joe Pecorelli, ZSL (TBC)	Citizen Science in the UK
16:30 – 16:45	Harriet Alvis	Spawn to be Wild
16:45 – 17:00	Maarten Stuurman (Dutch Eel Barge Charity)	Dutch Eel Barge history and links to London (old film footage) and invitation to visit and eat eel at the Dutch Mooring
17:00 – 17:05	Andrew Kerr Chairman (SEG)	Closing Remarks Day One

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THEME 4:	**Conservation River and Wetland Restoration** **Chair: David Bunt (SEG)**	
09:00 - 09:15	Kathy Hughes, WWF UK	The Freshwater Fish Migration Crisis - it is not only the eel
09:15 – 09:30	Roxanne Diaz WFMD	River Restoration programmes and the scale of blocked migration path-ways in Europe?
09:30 – 09:45	Tim Thorpe, The Severn Rivers Trust	River Restoration the £20M+ programme on the Severn: the UK's greatest eel river
09:45 – 10:15	James Robinson (WWT) Cy Griffin (Wetlands International)	Wetland management The status of wetlands in Europe
10:15 – 10:30	Janek Simon, Institute of Inland Fisheries Potsdam-Sacrow	The role of re-stocking eels as a recovery measure
10:30 – 10:45	TBC	SEG Ten year awards presentations
10:45 – 11:15	COFFEE BREAK	
THEME 5:	**Eating Eel Responsibly** **Chair: Willem Dekker (Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences & SEG)**	
11:15 – 11:30	MSC or ISEAL TBC	The role of sustainability standards
11:30 – 12:00	David Bunt, (IFM Chair), SEG Operations Director and the leader for the SEG Standard	SEG Standard and ISEAL
12:00 – 12:15	Christine Absil, Goodfish Foundation NL	The Goodfish Guide – what are the criteria and indicators used?
12:15 – 12.30	Alex Koelewijn, DUPAN	The challenge of reinventing the fishery and supply chain across so many borders and boundaries
12:30 – 13:00	Alex Senechal, CUPesca	SEG-Certification lessons to date
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH	
14:00 - 15:00	Panel: Chair: Jane Madgwick, Wetlands International Christine Absil, Good Fish Foundation; Alex Koelewijn, DUPAN; Kim Friedman, FAO of the United Nations; Willem Dekker, SLU Aqua ISEAL or MSC TBC, Alex Senechal, CU Pesca	• What effect will certified, 'responsible' eel have on the total demand on glass eel and eel fisheries? • How to deal with an increase in demand for eel products if certified products cannot fulfill this increased demand? • What if the expected 'net positive effect' of the SES does not occur? • What is the difference between MSC/ASC certification and SEG-certified eel products? How are you going to inform consumers on this? • What if a significant share of the eel supply chain will not attain certification? What is the added value of the SES and what are the effects on the eel supply chain?
15:00 - 15:30	COFFEE BREAK	
THEME 6:	**Expanding sustainability globally** **Chair: Alex Koelewijn (The Dupan Foundation & SEG)**	
15:30 - 16:00	Mitchell Feigenbaum Delaware Valley Fish Company Canada	Developing Sustainable practices
16:00 – 16:30	Vincent Nijman Oxford Wildlife Trade Research Group, Oxford Brookes University	An update on the eel trade in and out of Indonesia and potential for developing sustainable practices
16:30 – 16:45	Willem Dekker and Andrew Kerr	Closing Address
16:45	SINGING SEND OFF	Alicia Lowes *www.alicialowes.co.uk*

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Instructions and information	
Display area bookings	Adjacent to the Lett Theatre for 200 people there is exhibition space. Please contact David Bunt: davidbuntseg@gmail.com
Accommodation	Delegates are invited to book accommodation to suit their own budget in the London area
Outreach events	Outreach events, Monday 24 June to Wednesday 26 June are available to all. For more details visit: *www.sustainableeelgroup.org/10-years-seg* or contact Brian Knights: pandbknights@aol.com
Natural History Museum event	Due to space limitations, access to the event in the Natural History Museum on 27 & 28 June is by invitation only. There are some spaces available, so if you'd like to attend, please contact us and further spaces will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis
Entrance	Entrance to the Natural History Museum is not in the main entrance. Entrance is via the Exhibition Road entrance. For the exact location see *here* and a photo is *here.*
Registration	There is a registration desk inside the entrance. Please register when you arrive and collect a delegate pack
Lunch	Lunch will be at delegates' expense in the Natural History Museum's public restaurant
August	Food unwrapped; Channel 4 tell the eel trafficking story
September	French TV program tells the trafficking story