General Manager’s Welcome

I take this opportunity to invite and welcome delegates to the International Tree Kangaroo Summit 2016. It has been 18 years since the event has been hosted on our shores.

This event will feature speakers from Tenkile Conservation Alliance, the Tree Kangaroo Conservation Program and plans from CEPA PNG (Conservation and Environmental Protection Authority of PNG) amongst other key PNG organisations.

I do hope that you are able to attend and know that you will leave motivated and encouraged on the part that you and your organizations play in promoting, educating and inspiring in others the conservation of these fascinating creatures.

Michelle McGeorge, General Manager, Port Moresby Nature Park
Registration:

Zoos Victoria has generously offered to assist in the registration of participants outside of PNG. For participants outside of PNG please register via:

Zoos Victoria Sales Team  
Email: zvsales@zoo.org.au  
Phone: +61 3 9284 9406

Organisations within PNG are asked to express interest, register and make payment direct to Port Moresby Nature Park. Contact reservations.pomnp@gmail.com or ph. +675 326 0258 for details and registration form. Payments will be made in PGK.

Please note that registration for all participants will close 25 March, 2016.

Registration Fees:

1. Full registration (overseas participants): AUD$250, payable on lodgment of registration
2. Full registration (PNG-based participants): PGK500 (inc. GST)
3. Single day registration (for PNG-based participants): PGK150 per day (inc. GST)

Full Registration includes:
- Welcome Ice Breaker dinner 6pm, Tues 26 April, 2016
- Farewell Gala dinner 6pm, Sat 30 April, 2016
- Morning & Afternoon Tea, lunches and refreshments throughout the day. (Please clearly notify any dietary requirements to reservations.pomnp@gmail.com)
- Admission and tour of Port Moresby Nature Park
- Conference proceedings
- Summit location transfers (where required)

Separate to the ice breaker and Gala dinner, each evening an optional dinner activity will be planned. Transfers will be provided but meals will be at participants expense.

Further information:

Curt Fowler / Hannah Kusau, Reservations, Port Moresby Nature Park  
Email: reservations.pomnp@gmail.com  
Phone: +675 326 0258
Summit Accommodation:

Holiday Inn Express have offered a fantastic room rate to support our event. A rate of K450 includes breakfast and free Wifi has been arranged. We recommended participants book and stay at Holiday Inn Express or Holiday Inn (standard internet rates apply) which is situated immediately next to Holiday Inn Express.

Please book accommodation as soon as possible as Port Moresby hotels frequently book out during ANZAC Day period. The hotel will hold rooms for the Nature Park until 25 March after which time they will be released. Please secure and confirm your accommodation before this date.

To book email Ms Ida Golu (Hotel Manager) on ida.golu@ihg.com or Nicky Emau (Reservations Manager) on nicky.emau@ihg.com. Mention in your email you are booking for the Port Moresby Nature Park Summit to obtain the discounted rate. We have blocked 20 rooms from Sunday 24 April (until 31 April) for those participants which intend to arrive prior to the conference. Rooms include twin share (x2 single beds) and single occupancy.

If accommodation at Holiday Inn Express sells out we recommend Holiday Inn or Lamana Hotel, which is the next closest hotel (150ms away).

We would also appreciate it if you could advise the Nature Park on reservations.pomnp@gmail.com that you have confirmed your accommodation booking so we can monitor the number of rooms booked to ensure we have blocked enough.

Holiday Inn Express
Islander Drive, Waigani,
Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea
+675 303 2002

Please note the conference site location has not been confirmed. Participants will be notified as soon as we have confirmation.

Arriving in Port Moresby:

All guests are kindly asked to arrive on or before 6pm April 26, 2016 prior to the Ice Breaker event beginning at 6:00pm.

Daily direct flights to Port Moresby from Australia include Brisbane and Cairns through Qantas or Air Niugini (co-shared) or Virgin Blue.

There are direct flights also from Sydney, Singapore and Hong Kong however these are not on a daily basis. Air Niugini is the main carrier from these destinations.
Visas:

Visas on arrival are available to passport holders EXCLUDING Australian Passport holders who must obtain their visas in advance however we recommend participants obtain visas prior to departure from your home country.

Visitor visas are appropriate (also referred to as a tourist visas) as there will be no business engagement however we recommend you review [www.immigration.gov.pg](http://www.immigration.gov.pg). Visa application forms can also be obtained from their website [http://www.immigration.gov.pg/form-downloads.html](http://www.immigration.gov.pg/form-downloads.html) under ‘Entry Permit’ Form

Should anyone require assistance please contact the Nature Park. For those based in Australia, the Brisbane Consul has a good reputation for visa processing but allow at least 3 weeks to obtain your visa.

Airport Transfers:

Jackson’s International Airport is located 15 - 25 minutes from Downtown Port Moresby. All transfers to and from the airport are the responsibility of the guest but can be made direct through your hotel accommodation provider to ensure a secure transfer.

Prior bookings are essential and can be made when booking accommodation. All main hotels have staff stationed with signs after you exit customs and enter into the main airport arrivals area. Vehicles are clearly marked with hotel logos.

We do not recommend car hire during your visit as roads and directions are not always clearly marked and some areas should be avoided.

Transfers required during the summit for scheduled events and activities will be organized by Port Moresby Nature Park and is included in the registration fee.

Calls for Abstracts & Program:

Calls for Abstracts will be separately forwarded to participants. Submission deadline is 15 Feb, 2016 with authors notified on 5 March, 2016. Abstracts are to be electronically submitted to Jacque Blessington on jacsprat65@aol.com

A complete program outline will be issued to participants closer to the event, anticipated to be late March/early April.
Book Drive:

In PNG, majority of children do not have access to books as schools do not have libraries. Port Moresby Nature Park has partnered with the Digicel Foundation to provide books to schools.

We are calling on all participants to bring to the Summit Junior non-fiction books that are in new or excellent condition. We are particularly driven to distribute books focused on the natural sciences, wildlife and the environment to inspire in children the understanding to care and conserve the natural environment.

Most participants can travel with 23-30kgs of checked in luggage so we would appreciate if you could use the opportunity and fill your bags with books to give to PNG schools. If you or your zoo wishes to run a bigger book drive, Port Moresby Nature Park can make arrangements to freight your books to PNG through established freight sponsors.

During the Summit we plan to present all donated books to the Digicel Foundation who will talk to us about where the books will be distributed and what our impact will be.

Pre-Conference Sightseeing Experiences:

Port Moresby Nature Park has arranged 3 pre-conference sightseeing experiences for those that would like to arriving in PNG earlier to have the chance to see more of this amazing country prior to the conference. Any interested participants should contact reservations.pomnp@gmail.com as soon as practical so we can assist with bookings and planning.

Excursion 1: 3 night Tufi Experience including Village Stay, Oro Province
Cost: K1955.00 (incl. accommodation, flights, meals, McLaren Cultural Tour)
When: Friday 22 April – Mon 25 April, 2014

Following your arrival into Port Moresby we will assist you with transfers to the domestic lounge to check into your flight for Tufi, Oro Province Departing 14:30. After a short 1½ hr flight you will arrive at Tufi Resort to enjoy a welcome drink and evening relaxing overlooking magical fiords and ocean views. Night one: Sleep Tufi Resort
Day 2: The day will include the fantastic McLaren Cultural Tour including a boat ride to one of the local villages, transfer onto traditional boat and then paddle upstream for a cultural experience to learn traditional activities like sago-making, net and spear works, tapa printing, face and body tattooing. Also an opportunity to buy souvenirs direct from the artisans.

Lunch will be had back at the resort with afternoon to enjoy the resort and fiords with unlimited use of snorkeling equipment and canoes. Additional activities which you may wish to enjoy (additional costs will apply) include: diving, fishing, guided bush and nature walks, trekking and bird watching.

In the afternoon you will be guided to a village surrounding Tufi to spend the night in a traditional village, experiencing the real cultural and hospitality of Papua New Guineans. Night 2: Village

Day 3: Following a night in a traditional village, guests will return to the resort and have the opportunity to utilize the facilities, or enroll in one of the optional extra activities (as above). Night 3: Tufi Resort

Day 4: Return on your morning flight to Port Moresby arriving at 10:20am. To be transferred to your hotel (hotel at your own cost). Participants can opt to join the afternoon activity of Excursion 2 to PNG Adventure Park or take free time at the hotel.

Notes:
- Costs inclusive of: Return domestic flights POM-Tufi-POM, x2 night accommodation Tufi Resort, x1 night accommodation Village Stay, all chef prepared meals (continental breakfast, lunch & 3-course dinner each day), airport transfers in Tufi, unlimited use of snorkel equipment and canoes, and McLaren Cultural Tour. Note min 6 people required to experience the McLaren Cultural Tour. Should numbers not be met K190 will be credited by Tufi for participants to use towards another activities offered by the resort.
- Costs not included: drinks, additional meal requests, other activities (bird watching, etc), accommodation in Port Moresby (the Nature Park will obtain a group discount in Port Moresby once numbers known - Plan for aprox K450 per night, per room).
- It is possible to fly from Australia on Friday, 22 April on the 7:55am Air Niugini/co-share Qantas flight departing Brisbane and make the domestic transfer to Tufi. Tufi resort advises against taking a later flight from Australia on that day as you may miss the connecting flight.
- More information on Tufi can be found on their website http://www.tufidive.com or see TripAdvisor for visitor comments
- Highly recommended for those that want a traditional PNG experience
Excursion 2: ANZAC Day Dawn Service, Breakfast and afternoon site-seeing for PNG Adventure Park
Cost: K100 ANZAC Service, K30 Adventure Park
When: 25 April, 2016

Participants that arrive and stay Sunday 24 April, 2016 can attend an optional experience of ANZAC Day Dawn Service at Bomana War Cemetery. Waking early for a 4am departure from your Hotel the Nature Park will transfer participants on the 30min drive to Bomana War Cemetery. The service is organized by the POM RSL and jointly hosted by the Australian, New Zealand and PNG Governments.

The service is a comprehensive Anzac Day service and a moving tribute to the men and woman of Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea that made the ultimate sacrifice and for those that served their country in all the Military Services.

At the conclusion of the service all will be transferred to Port Moresby Nature Park for breakfast (included in the cost) before a trip to the PNG National Museum & Art Gallery and return to your hotel around 11am for rest.

At 2pm, Port Moresby Nature Park will collect participants for an optional visit to PNG Adventure Park, 14 Mile. This Park was opened in 2011 and includes a wildlife park, theme park and National Orchid Garden. This site is home to over 40 tree kangaroos (Dorias, Matchies, Goodfellow, Grizzled tree kangaroos). Whilst not a ZAA participating zoological institute participants will see a large number of PNG native animals.

Transfer back to your hotel for free time.

Excursion 3: Site-seeing Day to Varirata National Park (K100)
When: 26 April, 2016

Participants that have arrived prior to 26 April, can enjoy an optional early morning trip into Central Province to Varirata National Park, 64kms from Port Moresby. Covering an area of 1,000 hectares, the Varirata National Park is known to see at certain times of the day, birds of paradise, wallabies and deer. At the end of the trail the lookout presents a panoramic view of Port Moresby and the coastline.
Morning tea will be provided on the tour. Lunch will be had during the trip at one of the hotel restaurants on route. Participant to pay own cost for lunch.

Return to Port Moresby and drop off to hotel mid-afternoon prior to registration and Summit Ice Breaker event.

Note: Due to the wet season we cannot guarantee access to Varirata NP. In this event another suitable site visit will be organized to another destination such as Sogeri or Loitaki. To be determined and confirmed closer to the event.

Independent Travelling & Sightseeing Pre/Post Summit

Should any participants wish to do post sightseeing or independent travel we recommend visiting the PNG Tourism Promotion Authority Website for a list of tour operators and destinations. Trans Niugini Tours is a well-respected tour operator.

Popular Port Moresby based activities include: the Bomana War Cemetery, Port Moresby Nature Park (which will be included during the summit), the National Museum & Art Gallery (note closed on weekends) and PNG Adventure Park at 14-Mile (which has a large collection of tree kangaroos and birds of paradise).

For further information visit:

- [http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g294118-Activities-Port_Moresby_Papua_Region.html](http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g294118-Activities-Port_Moresby_Papua_Region.html)
- [http://www.papuanewguinea.travel/ncd](http://www.papuanewguinea.travel/ncd)

Safety and security:

Despite lots of negative press, there are lots of positive experiences to be had in Port Moresby but like all major cities in the world safety precautions should be taken.

The best piece of advice we can give is to trust your instinct and don’t put yourself in situations where you feel uneasy.

Some basic safety rules which we advise participants to follow include:

- Arrange transfers in advance with your hotel or Port Moresby Nature Park
- Unless you are very familiar with Port Moresby we do not recommend walking in the streets, and definitely at night.
- Leave your valuables in your hotel safe whenever possible.
- Ensure you have arranged your health and travel insurance coverage.
- Where possible do not travel alone but if so, advise the hotel of your movements and expected return time. Alternatively, Port Moresby Nature Park can be your contact point.