



*of navigating the tides of science
and conservation to build a resilient
future for an exceptional atoll*

The Aldabra Research Station 50th Anniversary Celebration Symposium at the Royal Society

Programme - Thursday 21st April

ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION - 8:30 AM

OPENING - 9:00 AM

Welcome & opening remarks

Professor Yadvinder Malhi - Royal Society

Minister Flavien Joubert - Minister for Agriculture, Climate Change and Environment for Seychelles

Video screening and live link-up to Aldabra

SESSION 1: MANAGING ICONIC SPECIES FOR CONNECTIVITY

Chaired by Dr Frauke Fleischer-Dogley

9:30 AM

Keynote: New directions to managing iconic species

Professor Heather Koldewey

9:50 AM

Understanding movement and population dynamics of Aldabra's green turtles

Cheryl Sanchez

10:00 AM

Aldabra's giant tortoises: how research from Aldabra can assist regional conservation

Luke A'Bear

10:10 AM

Foraging movements and implications for Aldabra's tropicbirds

Dr Annette Fayet

10:20 AM

Aldabra's coral as a source for regional coral recovery

Noam Vogt-Vincent

10:30 AM

Question & Answer Session

TEA BREAK - 10:45 AM

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SESSION 2: RE-FRAMING THE NARRATIVE FOR INVASIVE MAMMAL MANAGEMENT - IMPLICATIONS FOR ALDABRA

Chaired by Sir Tim Smit KBE

- 11:00 AM **Keynote: Using mammal eradications for marine conservation**
Professor Nick Graham
- 11:20 AM **Seabird recovery after invasive mammal eradications**
Professor Matthieu LeCorre
- 11:30 AM **Ecosystem recovery after invasive mammal eradications**
Dr Nik Cole
- 11:40 AM **Lessons from Aldabra's past for boldly envisioning a more resilient future**
Dr Dennis Hansen
- 11:50 AM **Aldabra reimaged**
Dr Nancy Bunbury
- 12:00 PM **Question & Answer Session**

LUNCH BREAK - 12:15 PM

SESSION 3: BRIDGING THE KNOWLEDGE-IMPLEMENTATION SPACE - RESEARCH TO CONSERVATION

Chaired by Professor Stephen Blackmore CBE FRSE

- 13:30 PM **Keynote: Bridging the gap – how research has informed conservation in Mauritius**
Professor Carl Jones MBE
- 13:50 PM **The role of genetic research in conservation action on Aldabra**
Dr Janske van de Crommenacker
- 14:00 PM **Communication for change**
Jeremy Raguain
- 14:10 PM **From marine mapping to Aldabra MPA expansion**
Dr Philip Haupt
- 14:20 PM **Overcoming barriers to island ecosystem management**
April Burt
- 14:30 PM **Question & Answer Session**

TEA BREAK - 14:45 PM

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SESSION 4: ADAPTING TO CLIMATE CHANGE

Chaired by Professor Lindsay Turnbull

- 15:00 PM** | **Keynote: Impacts of climate change on Marine World Heritage Sites: a global perspective**
Dr Fanny Douvere
- 15:20 PM** | **Aldabra's coastline: 50 years of change**
Annabelle Constance
- 15:30 PM** | **Managing Aldabra's reefs for resilience**
Dr Anna Koester
- 15:40 PM** | **Sustainable management of Aldabra: current status and future plans**
Christina Quanz
- 15:50 PM** | **Building capacity to adapt to climate change on Aldabra**
Dr Frauke Fleischer-Dogley
- 16:00 PM** | **Question & Answer Session**

TEA BREAK & POSTER VIEWING - 16:15 PM

KEYNOTE PANEL DISCUSSION

Chaired by Hon Bernard Georges

- 16:45 PM** | **Panel discussion and Q&A**
Frauke Fleischer-Dogley, Heather Koldewey, Nick Graham, Carl Jones & Fanny Douvere

CONCLUDING REMARKS

by Hon Bernard Georges - Chairman of the Seychelles Islands Foundation

MEETING CLOSES - 17:30 PM

Thank you for attending the Aldabra Research station 50th Anniversary Symposium.

We would like to invite you for a drinks reception and poster viewing in the adjacent room

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