

**Crocodile Specialist Group Steering Committee Meeting  
Double Tree Hilton, Darwin, Australia  
(15 April 2024)**

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**Future Leaders Program**

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A group of FLP members was selected to attend CITES CoP19 held in Panama City, Panama, on 14-25 November 2022, which also included the 75th and 76th meetings of the CITES Standing Committee (SC75 and SC76). Some attended as part of national delegations, and others were on the IUCN delegation. Prior to the event, FLP members and other CSG members actively participated in reviewing the three proposals at CoP19, seeking transfer from Appendix I to Appendix II: 1) Brazil: *Caiman latirostris*; 2) Philippines: Palawan population of *Crocodylus porosus*; and, 3) Thailand: *Crocodylus siamensis*. During the plenary session, FLP members had the opportunity to witness different discussions around the proposals. They actively participated in various ancillary events focusing on conservation, sustainable utilization, livelihoods, and illegal trafficking, particularly those related to crocodylians.

Some FLP members identified the need for greater efforts and dedication to detect priorities in the conservation of crocodylian species and to find alternatives to assist in the conservation, research, and management of Critically Endangered or Endangered Species. The list of conservation priorities is still under development.

CSG was asked for a review of the report "Modelling Population Dynamics of Estuarine Crocodiles on Queensland's Northern Populated East Coast". Some FLP members were invited to provide recommendations and assisted in revising this work.

While the FLP has been able to coordinate some activities, it has been very difficult to achieve others for various reasons, including financial considerations. In reality, key activities such as attendance at CITES meetings, IUCN WCC, etc., could still be undertaken without a formal working group structure. For this reason, it has been decided to disband the FLP, but to achieve FLP goals as opportunities arise, through the CSG Executive Committee and a proposed advisory group.

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