

organizations support our efforts for worldwide conservation with 100% of our funds going directly to these organizations.

The Bowling for Rhinos Conservation Resource Grant

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The American Association of Zoo Keepers, Inc. (AAZK) administers an annual conservation fund-raising program entitled Bowling for Rhinos (BFR), sponsored by Blue Rhino. The funds generated from BFR are reviewed annually by the AAZK Board of Directors. Initiating with funds realized from the 2009 BFR events, the Board of Directors established the AAZK Conservation Resource Fund (CRF).

The AAZK Conservation Resource Fund has been established to fund conservation projects and programs, targeting projects and programs that have direct and tangible ties to either African or Asian rhino conservation or species that co-exist within the same ecosystem.

The AAZK Conservation Committee has been charged with advising the AAZK Board of Directors on the distribution of these funds. This portion of the panel discussion will provide information on the allocation and utilization of this grant.

Action for Cheetahs in Kenya: Distribution, Threats and Solutions

Mary Wykstra¹ and Cosmas Wambua²

Mary and Cosmas will present a PowerPoint presentation summarizing ACK efforts and accomplishments in cheetah conservation throughout Kenya. Details of the completed National Cheetah Survey and accomplishments at both ACK project sites will be summarized. ACK actively addresses issues that threaten the status of cheetah conservation in Kenya through research, education and community programs. Data collected by cheetah scouts is used for developing model programs and for presenting solutions to community members and conservation stakeholders. Since 2009, ACK has received funds to develop research in northern Kenya where we overlap with the efforts of the Northern Rangelands Trust to assure that wildlife and people can coexist.