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Welcome to Earth in Focus: Singapore Nature Film Festival, a vibrant celebration of the natural world through the art of film, photography, and creativity. This exciting weekend features captivating film screenings, insightful panel discussions, masterclasses, and engaging workshops for children. Explore festival booths hosted by NGOs, enjoy a stunning nature photography exhibition, and experience an inspiring ecological art installation.

Join us by the beach for an immersive weekend of nature, art, and cinema. Mark your calendars, 02 - 03 November, 2024, from 10 AM to 8 PM - admission is free for all!

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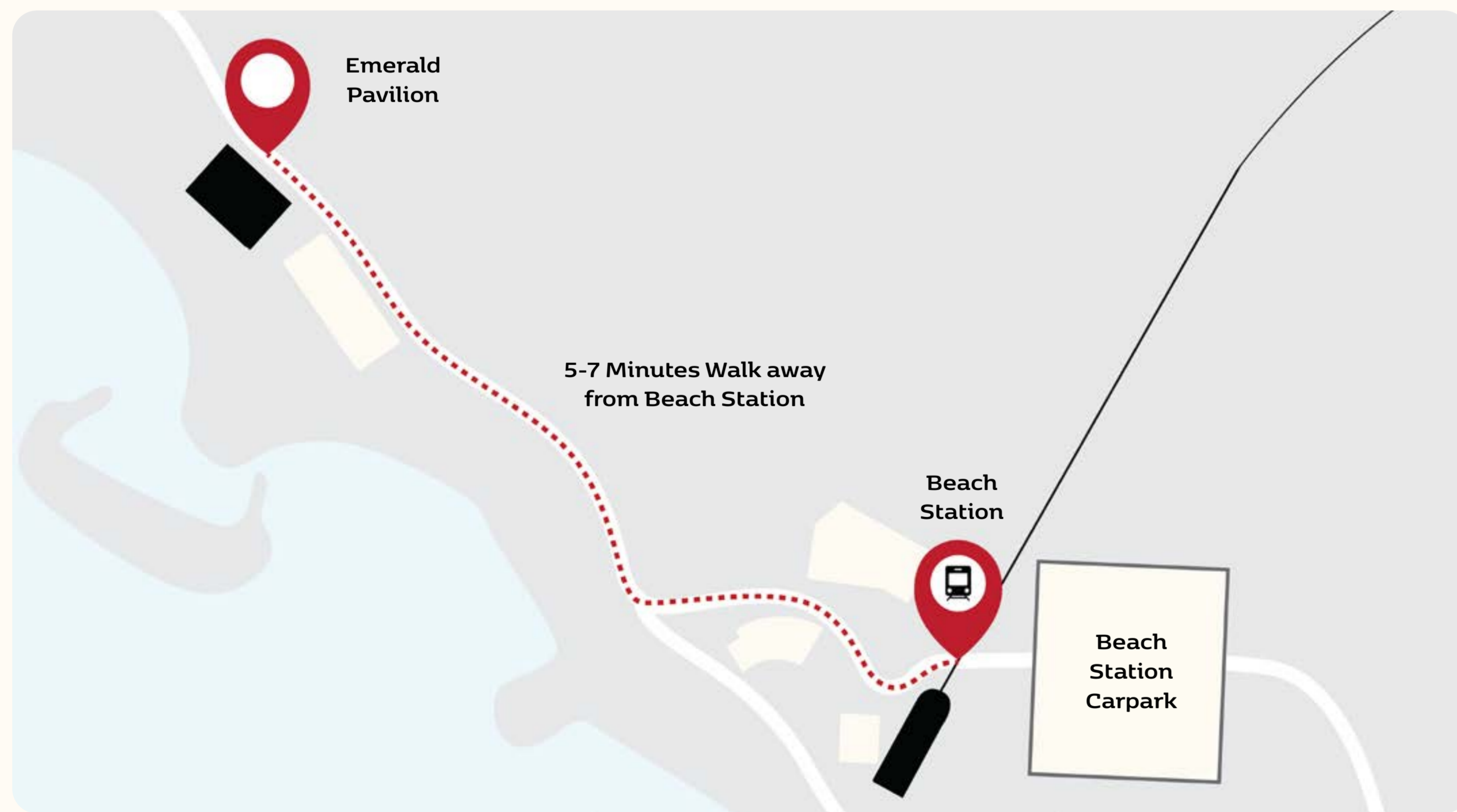
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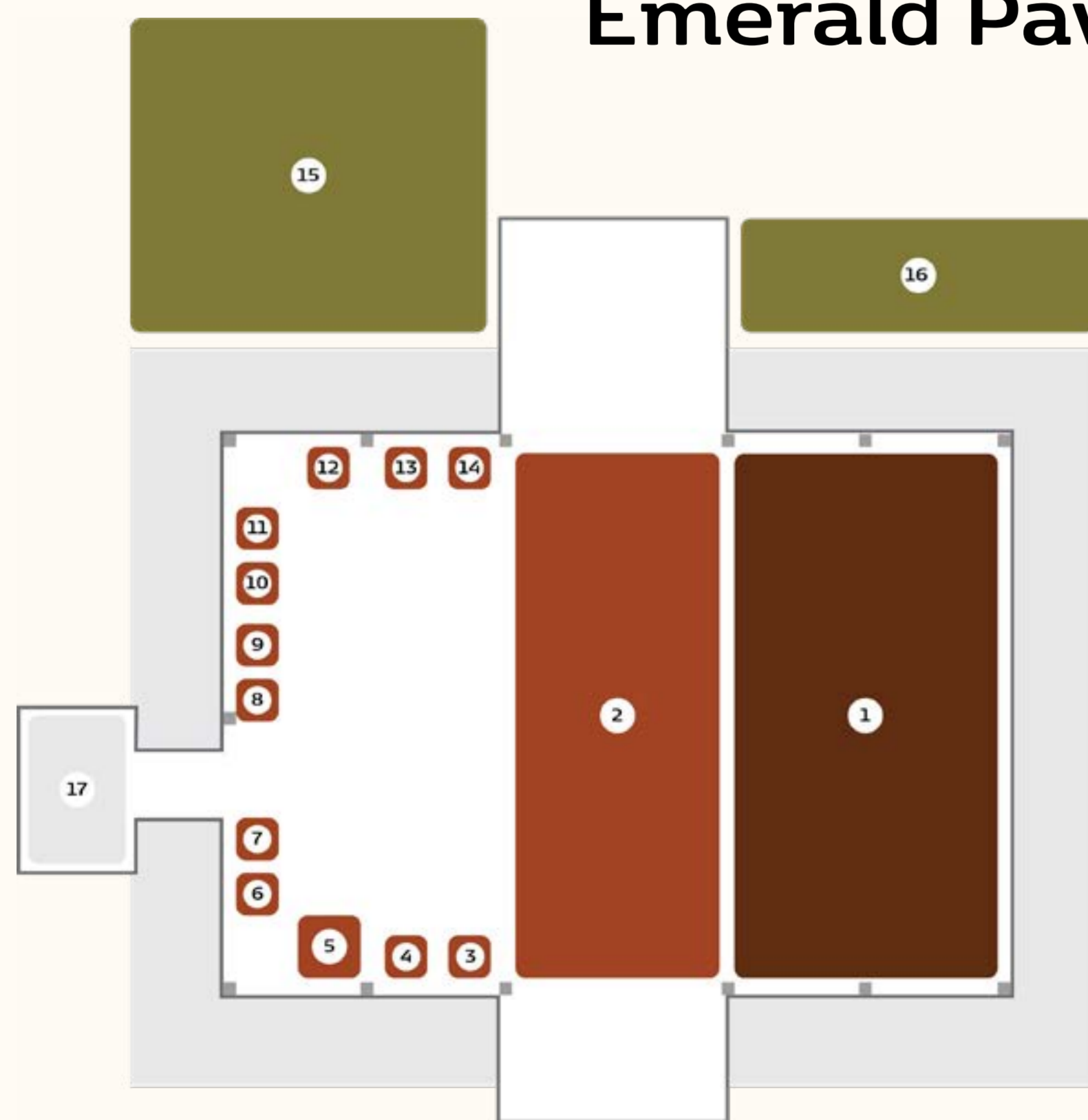
The nearest stop will be the Beach Station in Sentosa, and the Emerald Pavilion is a 5-7 minute walk from there.

- Sentosa Express: Catch the Sentosa Express from Vivocity and stop at the Beach Station.

- Driving & Parking: There is a sheltered carpark at the Beach Station. Parking is payable.
- Sentosa Beach Shuttle Service: From the Beach Station, you can catch the Beach Shuttle to the Emerald Pavilion.



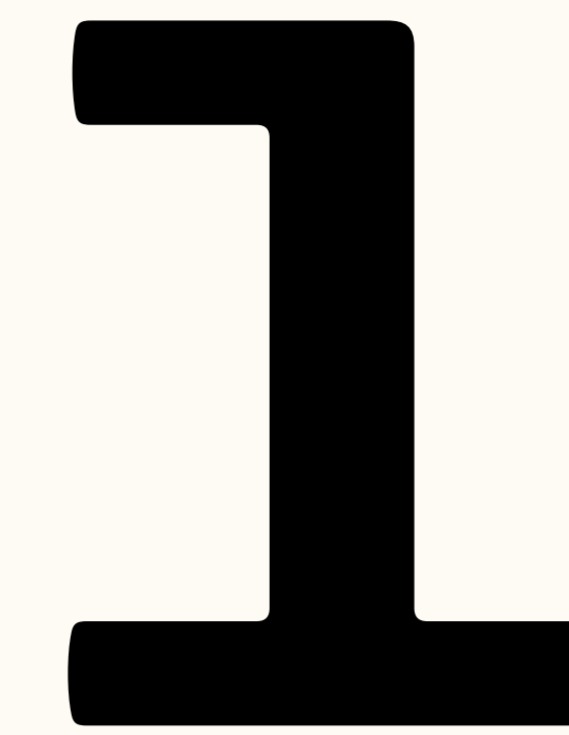
Emerald Pavilion



1. Screen & Stage
2. Photo Exhibition
3. Singapore Wildcat Action Group (SWAG)
4. Nature Society Singapore (NSS)
5. Great Plains Conservation
6. Our Wild Neighbours (OWN)
7. Animal Concerns Research and Education Society (ACRES)
8. WWF-Singapore
9. Clean & Green Singapore
10. Our Singapore Reefs & The Conservation Artist
11. Coastal Natives
12. Stridy
13. SENTOSA
14. SENTOSA
15. Children's Activity Area
16. Ecological Art Installation (By Ayer Ayer)
17. Toilet

ROAD

Programme Timeline



November 2024
Opening Night
FRIDAY

By Invitation Only
(Private Event)



Dinner co-sponsored by GRAIN

5:00PM

Registration & Dinner

Nature Photography Exhibition & Ecological Art Installation & Festival Booths by NGO partners

6:00PM

Opening Act by Methodist Girls' School

Music Elective Programme Students

Opening Address

Mr Desmond Lee
Minister for National Development, Singapore

7:00PM - 7:30PM

Ocean Conservation, Community & Tech

Andy Ridley, CEO, Citizens of the Reef
Mei May Soo, Director of Data Science, Dell Technologies
Samantha Lai, Deputy Director, National Biodiversity Centre

Moderator :

Sam Shu Qin, Co-Founder, Our Singapore Reefs

7:30PM - 8:50PM

Singapore Premiere

Screening of Revealed: Reefshot

Singapore Premiere

Revealed: Reefshot

DIRECTED BY MATT TOMASZEWSKI

A stirring testament to 21st century conservation and people power in action, Reefshot is more than just a call to arms to save the Great Barrier Reef. It is the story of some of the Reef's most loyal citizens racing against time to turn the tide on the danger facing the world's largest living organism.



Speakers



Andy Ridley
CEO, Citizens of the Reef

Andy is one of the world's most successful environmental movement creators reaching 2.8 billion people globally with the movement, Earth Hour that he co-founded. He is now focusing on building a reef conservation organisation with people power at its center, driving conservation efforts to meet the escalating threats facing coral reefs all around the world.



Mei May Soo
Chief AI, Global Solution Specialist, Dell Technologies

Mei May's deep passion for mystery sees her pioneering solutions at Dell Technologies for solutions that do not yet exist. She wanted to use generative AI to solve some of the world's most pressing problems which eventually led to the development of a technology together with Citizens of the Reef that aids citizen scientists to monitor the reef.



Samantha Lai
Deputy Director, Coastal Marine, National Biodiversity Centre, NParks

Samantha helps to develop policies on coastal and marine conservation in Singapore. She applies her scientific training to help develop effective marine conservation and environmental solutions, policies and research strategies at both a national and international level.



Moderator
Sam Shu Qin
Co-Founder, Our Singapore Reefs

Sam is the co-founder of a local community initiative, Our Singapore reefs, dedicated to raising awareness about marine conservation and connecting like-minded enthusiasts through dive clean ups and educational programmes. She is also a marine biologist focusing her research on coral reef restoration.

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November 2024
SATURDAY

Open to Public

Programme Timeline

10:00 AM **FAMILY-FRIENDLY**
Young Wild Rangers

• Screening : Backyard Wilderness
• Kids Engagement
Cheyenne Alexandria Phillips

11:15 AM **MASTERCLASS**
Master Class

• Drawing Climate Stories:
From Ideas to Actions

Woo Qi Yun, The Weird & Wild
Beatrice Oh

12:45PM
Human Wildlife Coexistence

• Screening : Bridges to the Forest
• Screening : Our Wild Neighbours
• Panel Discussion : Coexistence

Dr Isabelle Lackman, Founder, Hutan
Cyrena Lin, Acting Director (Wildlife Mgt & Outreach), NParks
Dr Charlene Yeong, Veterinarian, Mandai Nature
Anbarasi Boopal, Co-CEO, ACRES
Moderator: Jasvic Lye, Our Wild Neighbours

2:00 PM **MASTERCLASS**
Master Class by Coastal Natives

• Screening : MURK!
• Underwater Filming and Photography in Singapore's Waters

Shinto K Anto, Special Projects, Coastal Natives
Dira Mutiara, Ambassador, Coastal Natives
Kevin Li, Ambassador, Coastal Natives
Toh Xing Jie, Ambassador, Coastal Natives
Moderated by Ian Mun, Earth in Focus

3:15 PM **FAMILY-FRIENDLY**
Young Wild Rangers

• Screening : Tahlequah A Dance of Grief
• Thematic Play

Alyssa Christudason, Pixie Phonics

4:00 PM
Singapura Permai (Beautiful Singapore)

• Screening : Dr Ivan Polunin's Archives
• Screening : Forest Walks with Friends
• Screening : SENTOSA
• Panel Discussion : Singapura Permai

Dr Shawn Lum, Senior Lecturer, Asian School of the Environment
Sivasothi N, Senior Lecturer, Biological Sciences, NUS
Damien Qiu, Director Streetscape, NParks
Lee Cheh Hsien, Assistant CEO, Sentosa
Moderator: Adrian Loo, Earth in Focus

5:30 PM
A Reflection on Life through Nature

• Screening & World Premiere : The Old Bear
• Panel Discussion : Life through Nature

Julie Busse, Co-Director of "The Old Bear"
Candice Odgers, Co-Director of "The Old Bear"
Moderator: Chris Annadorai, Content Lead, Our Better World
Supported by U.S. Embassy of Singapore

6:30 PM
Citizen Science in Action

• Sharing by Citizens of the Great Barrier Reef
• Screening : Revealed: Reefshot

Andy Ridley, CEO, Citizens of the Great Barrier Reef

Kids' Workshops

8:30AM - 10:00AM

Sentosa Nature Quest

Meet at Sentosa Booth at Emerald Pavilion
SENTOSA

11:00AM - 12:00PM

All about Sharks!

Coloring & Paper Shark Folding
(Suitable for Kids between 4-10 years old)
The Dorsal Effect

12:00PM - 1:00PM

Safari Bingo!

To be conducted at Great Plains Conservation Booth
Great Plains Conservation

1:00PM - 2:00PM

Ocean Connections

Storytelling & Sensory Play
Coastal Natives

2:00PM - 3:00PM

What Do You Sea?

Kids' Arts & Crafts
Our Singapore Reefs and NUS College

4:00PM - 5:00PM

Conservaclay

Hands-on Clay Crafting of Local Wild Life
WWF-Singapore

5:00PM - 6:00PM

Care for Wildlife

Story-telling & Nature Art
ACRES

Legend

- To be conducted outside Emerald Pavilion (Children's Activity Area)
- To be conducted at the Main Stage



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Films

FAMILY-FRIENDLY

Backyard Wilderness

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DIRECTED BY ANDREW YOUNG & SUSAN TODD

We follow Katie, a young girl, who gradually discovers the intricate secrets that nature has hidden so close to her front door and we experience the joy she finds in her interactions with this new world. The film reminds us that Wi-Fi is not the only connection that matters and that sometimes in ordinary places, you can uncover extraordinary things that could transform you forever - you just need to step outside.

🕒 Saturday, 2 Nov 10:00 AM

Bridges to Forest/ Our Wild Neighbours

DIRECTED BY DAVID MOGGIE/ JAYAPRAKASH BOJAN & IAN MUN

Bridges to the Forest - A brilliant demonstration of the pioneering efforts of the NGO, Hutan as they collaborate with their neighbours in the Kinabatangan floodplain, to achieve peaceful human-wildlife coexistence that is key to wildlife survival.

Our Wild Neighbours - Hear from the voices on the ground on why coexistence matters, and the responsibility that each of us have, in achieving coexistence in Singapore through this short film produced for the nationwide campaign, Our Wild Neighbours.

🕒 Saturday, 2 Nov 12:45 PM

FAMILY-FRIENDLY

Tahlequah A Dance of Grief

DIRECTED BY DANIEL KREIZBERG

A multi-award winning animated short film based on a true story that captivated the world. This film depicts the unprecedented grief of an orca mother, Tahlequah as she mourns her newborn baby's sudden death by carrying her daughter's body across the Salish Sea for 17 days and over 1,000 miles.

🕒 Saturday, 2 Nov 3:15 PM

MASTERCLASS

MURK!

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BY COASTAL NATIVES

Join us for a special screening of 'MURK! (Exploring Singapore from Below)', a short film produced by the Coastal Natives team! Inspired by Singapore's rich marine biodiversity, follow a group of passionate underwater photographers as they document the intricate marine life, advocating for more to love and protect the ocean.

Following the screening, they will host an underwater photography masterclass led by a panel of expert photographers featured in the film, and others who contributed to it. Engage in a dynamic discussion as they share insights, tips and stories from their adventures in capturing the delicate and vibrant life hidden beneath the surface.

🕒 Saturday, 2 Nov 2:00 PM



Dr Ivan Polunin's Archives/ Forest Walks with Friends/ SENTOSA

DIRECTED BY DR IVAN POLUNIN/ ADRIAN LOO/ EARTH IN FOCUS

Take a walk down memory lane of old Singapore through archival footage shared by Dr Ivan Polunin's archives and explore the splendour of the different flora of present day Singapore in Forest Walks with Friends.

An island's love story will unfold in the film SENTOSA, which will premiere for the first time at the festival. The film draws inspiration from the true story of an islander who has been on Pulau Blakang Mati before it was renamed as Sentosa. This film documents the island's conservation efforts over the years through her eyes.

🕒 Saturday, 2 Nov 4:00 PM



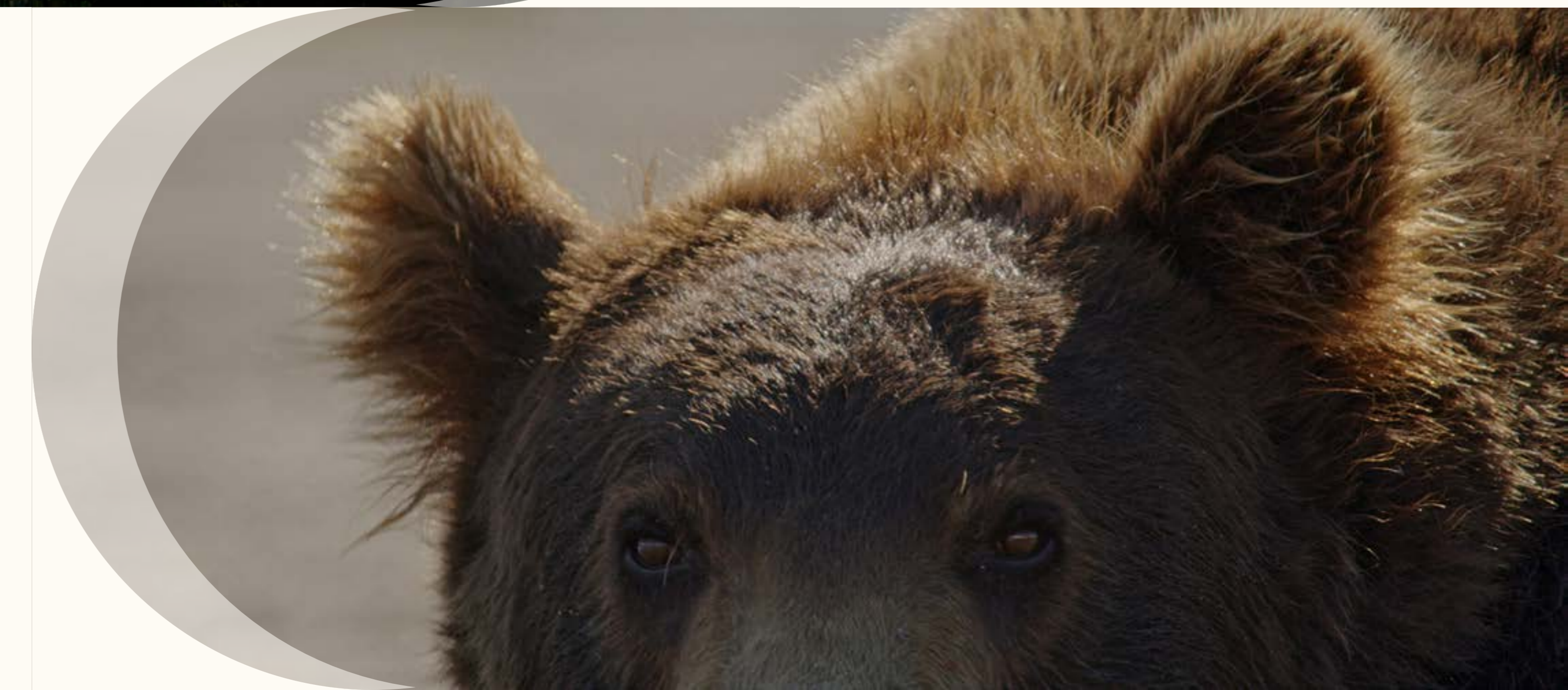
The Old Bear

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DIRECTED BY CANDICE ODGERS & JULIE BUSSE

The Old Bear is a poetic, surprising and contemplatively paced footage of the bears in the Alaskan landscape through the observations of naturalist and filmmaker, Casey Anderson. Through the artful melding of words and images, the old bears become guides into a life gracefully lived.

🕒 Saturday, 2 Nov 5:30 PM



Workshops & Masterclasses

FAMILY-FRIENDLY

Sentosa Nature Quest

BY SENTOSA

Join Sentosa's wildlife experts on a nature quest and learn to capture stunning images as we explore the island's backyard biodiversity through a photographer's lens.

🕒 Saturday, 2 Nov 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

KIDS' WORKSHOP

All About Sharks!

BY THE DORSAL EFFECT

Find out about the different Shark species and the conservation efforts from Kathy Xu, the founder of The Dorsal Effect through various craft activities, such as coloring and paper shark folding!

🕒 Saturday, 2 Nov 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM



MASTERCLASS

Drawing Climate Stories From Idea to Action

WOO QIYUN, THE WEIRD & WILD AND BEATRICE OH

Join Qiyun and Beatrice for an engaging and interactive workshop designed to explore how visual arts and comics can effectively communicate complex climate issues. This hands-on session will delve into the power of visual storytelling as a tool for education and awareness.

This workshop aims to inspire and equip attendees with practical skills to convey urgent environmental messages in innovative and impactful ways. No prior artistic experience is required—just bring your enthusiasm and curiosity!

🕒 Saturday, 2 Nov 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM

KIDS' WORKSHOP

Safari Bingo

BY GREAT PLAINS CONSERVATION

Adding a twist to classic bingo, join Great Plains on a "Safari Bingo!" Kids use bingo cards featuring African wildlife names while watching a video. They mark off what they see, turning each round into an educational adventure. It's a fun, engaging way to learn about nature through interactive play.

🕒 Saturday, 2 Nov 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

KIDS' WORKSHOP

What Do You Sea?

BY SINGAPORE REEFS AND NUS CONARTIST COLLECTIVE

Dive into an ocean of discovery with our "What Do You Sea? Cardboard Camera Craft" workshop! Children will learn about and explore the incredible sea creatures that inhabit our oceans. After discovering the wonders of the underwater world, they'll use their imaginations to draw their favourite sea creatures as they craft their own cardboard cameras.

🕒 Saturday, 2 Nov 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

KIDS' WORKSHOP

Ocean Connections

BY COASTAL NATIVES

Ocean Connections invites young nature lovers aged 6 and above to dive into our local blue ecosystems! Discover our captivating intertidal zones, tranquil sandy shores, resilient mangrove patches and beyond while learning how these ecosystems are critical in sustaining our ocean health. Through sensory exploration, engaging storytelling, and visual communication, let's create connections between people and the deep blue, nurturing appreciation and conservation for these crucial habitats!

🕒 Saturday, 2 Nov 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

KIDS' WORKSHOP

Conservaclay

BY WWF-Singapore

Join us for a hands-on clay crafting session! Learn about local wildlife while sculpting clay creatures. Discover, create, and support conservation! Suitable for all ages!

🕒 Saturday, 2 Nov 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM



KIDS' WORKSHOP

Care for Wildlife

BY ACRES

Immerse yourself in captivating storytelling, sharing inspiring tales of the wild. Unleash your creativity in our nature art studio, crafting masterpieces with a conscience. Plus, engage in educational sessions and learn more about animal welfare issues.

🕒 Saturday, 2 Nov 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM



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SUNDAY

Open to Public

Programme Timeline

10:00 AM FAMILY-FRIENDLY

Young Wild Rangers

- Screening : Amazon Adventure
- Kids Engagement

Cheyenne Alexandria Phillips

11:15 AM

Above Water

- Screening : Marcher sur L'eau

Supported by the French Embassy of Singapore

1:00PM

Reimagine by Our Better World

- Screening : Our Better Earth - Reset
- Screening : Our Better Earth - Rebuild
- Screening : Our Better Earth - Reimagine: Free Tree Society
- Panel Discussion: Narratives of Change: How Impact Storytelling fuels Community-driven Environmental Action

Victor Tang, Senior Producer, Our Better v
Nicole Chan, Community Manager, Our Better World

2:00 PM

WORKSHOP

Campfire Discussion

- Tech for Storytelling - Leaning into AI

Kong Man Jing, Co-Founder, Just Keep Thinking
Julie Busse, Emmy-Nominated Film Editor & Director
Simon Phua, Data Scientist, Former Meta & ByteDance
Moderator: Llewella Vance, Head of Strategy Applied Intelligence Office, Huawei

3:30 PM

Illegal Wildlife Trade

- Screening : In Pursuit of Tackling the Illegal Wildlife
- Screening : Stopping Southeast-Asia's Forests from Falling Silent
- Panel Discussion : Illegal Wildlife Trade

Rohit Singh, Director for Protected and Conserved Areas Management and Governance, WWF
Ting Wai Kit, Co-Founder, CITES Global Youth Network
Hazelina Yeo, Deputy Director (Wildlife Trade), NParks
Moderator: Audrey Tan, Asst. News Editor, The Straits Times

5:00 PM

Love Our Wild Cats! by Singapore Wildcat Action Group

- Screening : The Tiger's World
- Panel Discussion : Wildcat Conservation

Harun Rahman, Founder & Director, Nuvista Media
Lara Ariffin, President, Rimau
Vilma D'Rozario, Co-Director, SWAG
Moderator: Carmen Pang, Co-Director, SWAG

6:45 PM

Earth in Focus Awards

- Awards Ceremony
- Panel Discussion with Film & Photography Winners

Kids' Workshops

8:30AM - 10:00AM

Sentosa Nature Quest

For Sentosa Islander Members only

11:00AM - 12:00PM

Love Our Wild Cats! Little Tiger Storytelling & "Tail the Tiger"

Singapore Wildcat Action Group

12:00PM - 1:00PM

Craft for Nature

Finger Bird Papering & Button Badges
Nature Society Singapore

1:00PM - 2:00PM

Safari Bingo

To be conducted at Great Plains Conservation Booth
Great Plains Conservation

2:30PM - 3:30PM

Clay Around

Kids' Arts & Crafts
The ConArtists Collective

3:30PM - 4:30PM

Are Snakes Dangerous?

Storytelling & Craft Workshop

Our Wild Neighbours

5:00PM - 6:00PM

A Cleaner Way to Move

Unlitter Sentosa beach with Stridy

Stridy

Legend

🟢 To be conducted outside Emerald Pavilion (Children's Activity Area)

🟠 To be conducted at the Main Stage

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Films



FAMILY-FRIENDLY

Amazon Adventure

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DIRECTED BY MIKE SLEE

Amazon Adventure tells the true story of explorer Henry Bates' fascinating 11 year journey through the visually stunning and biodiverse Amazon rainforest as a young man who risks his life for science in the 1850's. Be wowed by the examples of camouflage and mimicry inspired by Bates' curiosity and determination to explore the wilds of nature.

🕒 Sunday, 3 Nov 10:00 AM



Marcher sur L'eau

SUPPORTED BY FRENCH EMBASSY OF SINGAPORE PG

From one end of the globe to the other, water is becoming increasingly scarce. This story follows 12 year old Houlaye from a village in Tatis, Niger who has to walk several kilometers each day to fetch water. However, 200 metres below the surface there is a water source, which is a promise of a new life for those in the village who unknowingly, had been walking on water.

🕒 Sunday, 3 Nov 11:15 AM



Workshops & Masterclasses

KIDS' WORKSHOP

Love Our Wild Cats !

BY SINGAPORE WILDCAT ACTION GROUP

Explore nature stories, art & adventure with SWAG! Meet Little Tiger & friends, discover how to save Malayan tigers & make a difference. Unleash creativity with shape art & win exciting prizes in 'Tail the Tiger'!

🕒 Sunday, 3 Nov 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM



KIDS' WORKSHOP

Craft for Nature

BY NATURE SOCIETY SINGAPORE

Unleash your creativity and make unique finger bird paper rings and button badges with Nature Society Singapore. Take home your handmade crafts and show off your artistic skills!

🕒 Sunday, 3 Nov 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Reimagine

BY OUR BETTER WORLD

- Reset: Discover how a community of volunteers is repairing everyday household items to reduce e-waste and foster a more sustainable lifestyle.
- Rebuild: Witness the powerful collaboration between tribes and a non-profit organization as they work to restore the forests of Bukidnon, Philippines.
- Reimagine: Learn about the Free Tree Society's mission to green urban landscapes and empower individuals to become environmental stewards.
- Join a panel of experts as they discuss the role of storytelling in driving community-driven environmental action.

🕒 Sunday, 3 Nov 1:00 PM



KIDS' WORKSHOP

Safari Bingo

BY GREAT PLAINS CONSERVATION

Adding a twist to classic bingo, join Great Plains on a "Safari Bingo!" Kids use bingo cards featuring African wildlife names while watching a video. They mark off what they see, turning each round into an educational adventure. It's a fun, engaging way to learn about nature through interactive play.

🕒 Sunday, 3 Nov 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM



In Pursuit of Tackling the Illegal Wildlife Trade / Silent Forest

BY WWF-SG/ AUDREY TAN & ANTON DELGADO

Ranked as the world's fourth largest criminal activity, after drugs, counterfeit goods and human trafficking, illegal wildlife trade remains an unfortunately attractive business for poachers and smugglers, with Southeast Asia at the epicentre of much of this illicit activity. Join us to uncover the dark side of this trade through the films and a panel discussion with experts working in this field to fight the good fight!

🕒 Sunday, 3 Nov 3:30 PM



Campfire Discussion

Tech for Storytelling - Leaning into AI

How can we deploy tech to help conservation storytelling? Explore the multifaceted role that AI plays in this industry, and how these tools transform audience engagement. Hear from our panel of experts!

🕒 Sunday, 3 Nov 2:00 PM



KIDS' WORKSHOP

Claying Around

BY THE CONARTISTS COLLECTIVE

The crafters from the ConArtists Collective will be teaching you how to make some common sea creatures found in our local waters. As you make your very own marine friend, learn some interesting facts about them. We will be modeling simple shapes from air-dry polymer clay and you will get to take home your creation.

🕒 Saturday, 2 Nov 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM



The Tiger's World

DIRECTED BY HARUN RAHMAN & LARA ARIFFIN

Journey into the tiger's world through the lens of remote cameras to discover the secret lives thriving in the shadows of the Malaysian rainforest. Beneath the lush layers of greenery, each stripe tells a story which unravels a majestic but vulnerable world.

🕒 Sunday, 3 Nov 5:00 PM



KIDS' WORKSHOP

Are Snakes Dangerous?

BY OUR WILD NEIGHBOUR

Uncover the Secrets of Singapore's Snakes! Engaging talk, fun craft, and essential safety tips for kids (6-10 yrs). Join us for an unforgettable afternoon! Limited to 20 kids; parents welcome to participate.

🕒 Sunday, 3 Nov 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Earth in Focus Singapore Nature Film Festival Award Ceremony

HOSTED BY EARTH IN FOCUS

🕒 Sunday, 3 Nov 6:45 PM



KIDS' WORKSHOP

A Cleaner Way to Move

BY STRIDY

Join Stridy on a walk while litter picking along Sentosa's beaches! Learn more about Singapore's issues with waste management and what you can do to help!

Litter picking equipment will be provided so you won't get your hands dirty.

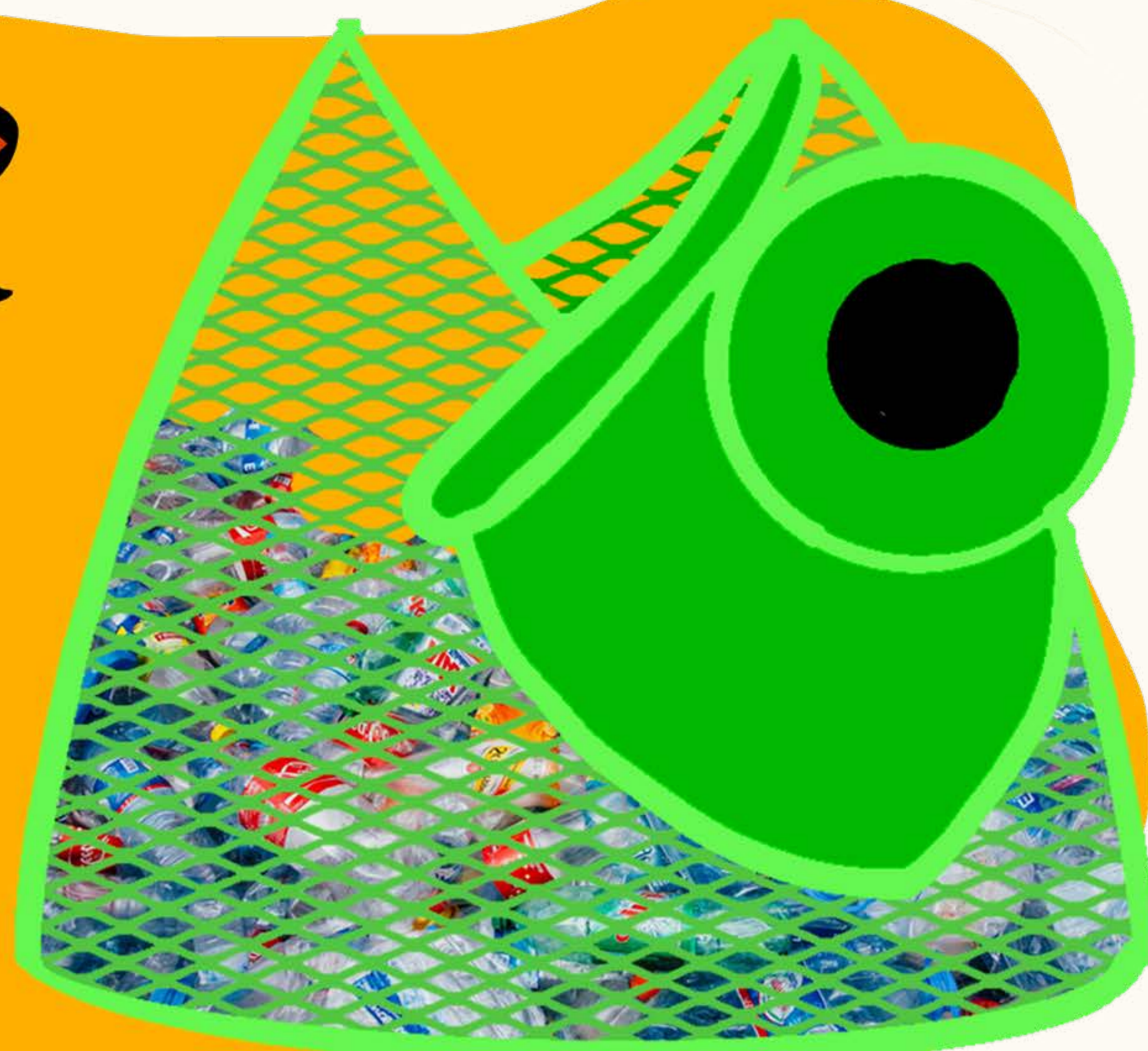
🕒 Sunday, 3 Nov 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM



AYER AYER

ECOLOGICAL ART INSTALLATION

FISH HEAD HURRY



Imagine strolling down the beach and being greeted by a chorus of comical, oversized fish heads – not on your dinner plate, but as rubbish bins! Welcome to FISH HEAD HURRY, a social sculpture project by artist Ernest Goh, where the only thing fishy is our dire plastic pollution problem. These piscine protectors aren't just there to gobble up your litter with a smile; they're here to remind us that if we don't protect our oceans, our beloved fish head curry might just come with an extra crunch of plastic. So, let's hurry up and save our seas (and seafood), because no one ordered plastic on the menu.

Meet the Artist: Ernest Goh

Artist and photographer Ernest Goh's practice has been spent looking at the environment and its creatures, trying to understand the complex yet awe-inspiring interconnectivity between our planet and its inhabitants. Ernest Goh founded Ayer Ayer - an ecologically-engaged initiative that reaches out to communities through visual and participatory artworks to further environmental protection and awareness. Ayer Ayer's focus on ocean plastic in the regional waterways of South-East Asia has led to the creation of public art, digital gamification and research projects.



10:00 AM Young Wild Rangers



Cheyenne Alexandria Phillips
Associate Artist, Checkpoint Theatre

Cheyenne is a writer and performer, educator from Singapore. She is an Associate Artist with Checkpoint Theatre and a Young ASEAN Storyteller (2022). She has written poetry, spoken word, plays, podcasts and short stories, around the themes of climate, culture and identity. She also has over 9 years of outdoor education experience and is a licensed tour guide.

11:15 AM Drawing Climate Stories: From Ideas to Action



Woo Qi Yun
@theweirdandthewild

Qiyun Woo is an environmentalist, storyteller and National Geographic Young Explorer who shared about climate issues through compelling visuals. Qiyun is best known as the founder of The Weird and Wild, an Instagram page dedicated to producing accessible environmental content to advocate, educate, and engage communities on climate change. Her work has been featured in publications, exhibitions, and has collaborations with global brands like Mercedes-Benz, The Earthshot Prize, Decathlon, and WWF.



Beatrice Oh
@ohbeatricee

Beatrice Oh is a full time artist and illustrator based in KL, Malaysia. She specialise in graphic design using watercolour illustrations and loves creating with her brushes and watercolour.

12:45 PM Human Wildlife Coexistence



Dr Isabelle Lackman
Founder & Director, Hutan

Isabelle Lackman is the co-founder and director of Hutan, a grassroots wildlife research and conservation initiative established in 1998 in Sabah, Malaysian Borneo. Hutan thoroughly studies and monitors the region's biodiversity and works with stakeholders to develop innovative solutions for a more harmonious coexistence of wildlife and people.



Cyrena Lin
Acting Director, Wildlife Management & Outreach, National Parks Board

Cyrena is the Acting Director (Wildlife Management & Outreach) at the National Parks Board. Her role includes developing and implementing wildlife management policies, while raising awareness about human-wildlife encounters and fostering community engagement.



Dr Charlene Yeong
Veterinarian, Mandai Nature & Mandai Wildlife Group

Charlene has a background in ecology and conservation, and she is currently part of the Veterinary Healthcare team that looks after the animals under Mandai. She also oversees their native wildlife rescue and rehabilitation efforts, and has a particular interest in conservation medicine and human-wildlife coexistence.



Anbarasi Boopal
Co-CEO, ACRES

Animals have been close to Anbu's heart since her childhood. She is presently the co-CEO of Animals Concerns Research and Education Society (ACRES) an animal protection organisation that promotes community involvement in addressing animal protection issues and in building partnerships with all related bodies to improve animal welfare.



Jasvic Lye MODERATOR
Campaign Manager, OWN

Jasvic is the Campaign Manager of the Our Wild Neighbours (OWN) initiative - an islandwide, multi-stakeholder campaign that promotes human-wildlife coexistence. Her journey in wildlife conservation started when she embarked on her art project, titled "Death by Man" where she actively involved herself in volunteering and working with ACRES as a means to better understand the relationship between people and wildlife.

2:00 PM Masterclass by Coastal Natives



Shinto K Anto
Special Projects, Coastal Natives

A full-time engineer and hobbyist underwater photographer, Shinto's passion for the ocean began ten years ago when he started diving with just an action camera and a thirst for discovery. He now uses his photography to inspire others to explore and appreciate the breathtaking, hidden world beneath the ocean's surface, while also advocating for marine conservation.



Dira Mutiara
Ambassador, Coastal Natives

A full-time video editor and part-time underwater photographer, Dira Mutiara began diving in 2015 and quickly fell in love with the underwater world. Her passion for photography seamlessly extended into her diving adventures, exploring waters from Indonesia to Hawaii, Japan to Fiji. Deeply connected to her Indonesian roots, Dira's love for the ocean continues to inspire her work as she captures the beauty of marine life around the globe.



Kevin Li
Ambassador, Coastal Natives

Kevin works in corporate finance and is a passionate underwater photographer with a strong interest in sustainability, diving and photography. His work has been featured in various media outlets to raise public awareness on sustainability issues. Kevin combines his love for the ocean and his photography skills to highlight the importance of environmental conservation, using his platform to promote sustainable practices and inspire others to protect our marine ecosystems.

2:00 PM

Masterclass by Coastal Natives



Toh Xing Jie
Ambassador, Coastal Natives

Toh Xing Jie (XJ) is the founder of Ugly Carrot Studio and Ugly Diving. A professional commercial and underwater photographer, his passion for photography was sparked at age five when he received his first camera – a Tweety Bird Polaroid. Since then, XJ has honed his craft, blending his love for the ocean and photography to tell stories that inspire deeper connections with the underwater world.



Ian Mun
Earth in Focus **MODERATOR**

Ian is a visual storyteller and the founder of The Roving Studio, a production studio focused on unravelling stories that lie at the intersection of communities, culture, climate and the natural environment. As a photographer and filmmaker, his work has since been showcased at the museum of the National University of Singapore. Traversing continents, he produces content that he hopes will change the planet, one story at a time.

4:00 PM

Singapura Permai



Dr Shawn Lum
Senior Lecturer,
Asian School of the Environment, NTU

Shawn is a prominent ecologist and the ex-President of Nature Society (Singapore). He teaches plant diversity, forest ecology, and conservation as a Senior Lecturer at the Nanyang Technological University's Asian School of the Environment.



Sivasothi N
Senior Lecturer,
Biological Sciences, NUS

Biologist, communicator and community organiser and progressive educator in higher education, focused on biodiversity conservation and engagement, and public education.



Damien Qiu
Director Streetscape, NParks

Damien is the Director for Streetscapes at the National Parks Board which designs and implements landscapes along Singapore's streetscapes. He also looks at the restoration of nature and connects green spaces by creating nature ways and ecological corridors.



Lee Cheh Hsien
Assistant CEO, Sentosa

Mr Lee Cheh Hsien is the Assistant CEO at SDC and is responsible for Corporate & Sustainability elements enabling the strategic development of Sentosa as a beloved leisure destination internationally. He's in charge of Sustainable Sentosa - a long term roadmap to transform the island into a sustainable destination where guests leave with great experiences, without leaving behind a carbon footprint.



Adrian Loo
Earth in Focus **MODERATOR**

Adrian is part of the organizing team at Earth in Focus. He is currently an Associate Professor with the NUS Centre for Nature-based Climate Solutions and formerly the Senior Director for Community Projects at NParks, leading the engagement for the One Million Trees initiative.

5:30 PM

A Reflection of Life through Nature



Julie Busse
Co-Director of "The Old Bear"

Julie is a Emmy-nominated video editor with a dance-informed editing style prioritizing storytelling through movement specializing in nature filmart cinema. She's edited and co-produced several award winning films such as Kuishi Na Simba winning the Global Voices category at the recent Jackson Wild Media Awards 2024.



Candice Odgers
Co-Director of "The Old Bear"

Candice Odgers is an editor, sound editor and producer with a career spanning two decades in crafting natural history films. Candice's passion for wildlife and conservation of the planet's great wilderness led her to specialize in the Natural History Documentary Genre. She is the senior editor and supervising editor, at acclaimed filmmakers Dereck and Beverly Joubert's production company, Wildlife Films where has spent 16 years working on numerous award winning films.



Chris Annadorai
Content Lead, Our Better World **MODERATOR**

Chris Annadorai is an award-winning international documentary director, producer, executive producer, and content strategist for over 20 years, who thrives on crafting engaging and emotive factual content, especially wildlife narratives. He has directed and produced stories for established international brands like National Geographic, Discovery Channel, Al Jazeera, and Channel News Asia. He is also the Head of Content for Our Better World, the digital storytelling platform of the Singapore International Foundation.

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10:00 AM

Young Wild Rangers



Cheyenne Alexandria Phillips
Associate Artist, Checkpoint Theatre

Cheyenne is a writer and performer, educator from Singapore. She is an Associate Artist with Checkpoint Theatre and a Young ASEAN Storyteller (2022). She has written poetry, spoken word, plays, podcasts and short stories, around the themes of climate, culture and identity. She also has over 9 years of outdoor education experience and is a licensed tour guide.

1:00 PM

Reimagine by Our Better World



Victor Tang
Senior Producer, Our Better World

Driven by his passion for a positive change, Victor leads Our Better World's Our Better Earth series with vision and enthusiasm. This series illuminates the urgent need to mitigate environmental damage and foster a sustainable future through initiatives and communities (namely across Asia), that are renewing sustainable habits, rebuilding the environment, and reimagining the way we can thrive in harmony with nature.



Nicole Chan
Community Manager, Our Better World

Nicole is the community manager for Our Better World. With a passion for understanding the individuals behind Our Better World's stories, she loves delving into their motivations and the forces driving their commitment to positive change. When not immersed in her work, she can be found engaged in a variety of hobbies or locked in a debate with her dogs about the undeniable necessity of treats.

2:00 PM

Campfire Discussion



Kong Man Jing
Co-Founder, Just Keep Thinking

Man Jing is the co-founder of "Just Keep Thinking", an educational media company that blends education with entertainment to create engaging content for a global audience of over 600,000 followers. Leveraging her background in environmental biology and experience in wildlife organisations, MJ uses technology and social media to communicate vital messages on biodiversity and sustainability.



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Simon Phua
Data Scientist, Former Meta & ByteDance

Simon is passionate about using technology to drive positive change. He is an active contributor to the tech ecosystem as an angel investor with XA Network and a mentor with The Astronauts Collective. He was the former Data Science Director at ByteDance, and Analytics and Partnerships Lead at Meta helping to accelerate user growth on social media platforms.



Llewellan Vance
Head of Strategy Applied Intelligence Office, Huawei **MODERATOR**

Llewellan is currently the Strategic Lead for Huawei's Applied Intelligence Office and is a seasoned technology evangelist. He mobilizes teams and partnerships, leveraging Huawei's global resources to foster AI innovation and collaboration.

3:30 PM

Illegal Wildlife Trade



Rohit Singh

Director for Protected and Conserved Area Management and Governance, WWF

Rohit, WWF's Director for Protected and Conserved Areas Management and Governance, brings 16 years of valuable insights and enthusiasm to his role. With 19 years of experience working on Nature Conservation, Protected Area Management and Illegal Wildlife Trade issues, Rohit has been instrumental in driving forward the agenda to professionalize the ranger force globally. In addition, Rohit, as a the International Ranger Federations's Asia Representative, is acknowledged and awarded with KfW-Bernhard-Grzimek-Preis 2022 for his leadership in ranger work.



Ting Wai Kit

Co-Founder
CITES Global Youth Network

Wai Kit co-founded the CITES Global Youth Network (CGYN), aiming to empower youth for sustainable wildlife trade and biodiversity conservation under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).



Hazelina Yeo

Deputy Director (Wildlife Trade),
National Park Board

Hazelina, as NParks's Deputy Director of the Wildlife Trade at NParks, she leads a team responsible for representing Singapore at CITES, regulating international trade in CITES-listed species, operating the K9 Unit of wildlife detection dogs and the Centre for Wildlife Rehabilitation, coordinating the Centre for Wildlife Forensics, and supporting youth efforts such as the CITES Global Youth Network and the World Wildlife Day Regional Youth Symposium. Holding an MSc in Biodiversity, Conservation and Management from Oxford University, she is also a published author and researcher with experience in government think-tanks and natural history museums.



Audrey Tan

MODERATOR

Assistant News Editor

Audrey supervises the coverage of climate and environment issues at The Straits Times. She has a special interest in climate action and nature conservation in South-east Asia. She is also the co-producer of the film Stopping Southeast-Asia's Forests from Falling Silent.

5:00 PM

Love Our Wild Cats!



Harun Rahman

Founder & Director, Nuvista Media

Harun is an avid documentary filmmaker with over 30 years of experience. He directed and filmed many award winning documentaries such as "Among the Great Apes with Michelle Yeoh", and "Sumatra's Last Tigers". Harun also leads anti-poaching efforts with the NGO, RIMAU.



Lara Ariffin

President, Rimau

Lara is the President of RIMAU, a NGO dedicated to saving Malaysia's last tigers. She is also a documentary producer, producing for international broadcasters including National Geographic and Channel News Asia.



Vilma D'Rozario

Co-Director, SWAG

Vilma is the co-director of Singapore Wildcat Action Group. She is a nature educator and wildlife activist for the past 20 years and has been involved in the conservation of the Malayan tiger since 2014.



Carmen Pang

MODERATOR

Co-Director, SWAG

Carmen is the co-founder of Singapore Wildcat Action Group, and a communications professional with extensive experience in developing and managing business, lifestyle, social and environmental impact content for various corporate clients.

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