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ABOUT THE SPEAKER



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[Thomas Hildebrandt](#) is based at the Leibniz Institute for Zoo and Wildlife Research (IZW) in Berlin where he has led a research programme on the reproductive management of zoo animals and wildlife for many years. This has included numerous research explorations around the World to study reproduction in species as diverse and challenging as sharks, sealions, orcas, elephants, octopuses, komodo dragons, rhinos and primates. He is currently the Head of Reproduction Management at IZW as well as being an honorary professor at the University of Melbourne, Australia and University Professor for Wildlife Reproduction Medicine at the Free University of Berlin. Thomas graduated as a veterinary surgeon from the Humboldt University of Berlin in 1993. Since then he has been based at IZW, first as a research scientist and then as a department head. His research has focussed on understanding gonadal function. He has been recipient of numerous Awards and Honours including Recognition of Outstanding Contribution to Obstetrics in Elephants (2008), Honorary Fellowship of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (2012), Career Award from Species Conservation Research Canada (2012) and Conservation Legacy Award USA (2015).

He is also a passionate supporter of the public communication of science, talking at science meetings across the globe and he has also presented his work on the [BBC](#). He has served on numerous advisory bodies in Europe and elsewhere. He has published >140 papers, written 23 book chapters, given over 200 presentations (including 45 plenary lectures) and has 4 patents.
