You’re invited

We are delighted to invite you to an intimate luncheon with Dr Tim Jessop, UQ Science alumnus and integrative ecologist, to share his career experiences in research and conservation.

WHEN Thursday, 14 November 2013, 11:45 for a light lunch, followed by a presentation from 12pm to 1pm.

WHERE AIBN Seminar Room, level 1, AIBN Building (Bld #75), St Lucia Campus

WHO Students enrolled in Science Honours, Masters and RHD programs in areas such as Biology, Conservation, Environmental Management, Environmental Science, Veterinary Science, Wildlife Science or Zoology

RSVP Early RSVP is essential as seating is limited. By Friday 8 November 2013 to www.science.uq.edu.au/jessop-luncheon

Postgraduate Luncheon

A graduate of UQ’s PhD (2000) program, Tim first focussed his research on fish and sea turtles before moving onto land to study the then enigmatic Komodo dragons. His studies have taken him to the rugged island landscapes of the Komodo National Park and have shed a light on the amazing biology of the dragons, their ecology, evolution and ability to adapt to environmental change.

At this exclusive luncheon for Faculty of Science students Tim will share his career highlights commencing as a UQ science student through to becoming a renowned integrative ecologist credited with having led the first decade-long, intensive field study into Komodo dragons.

His research identified that there are likely to be about 3,500 Komodo dragons scattered across 10 sites on four islands, mainly within Indonesia’s Komodo National Park. The high-quality data his team has accumulated is extremely valuable in assessing the reptile’s future.

In 2006, Tim moved to the Conservation Department of Melbourne Zoo and then a joint position with the zoo and Melbourne University. He still travels twice annually to Indonesia, spending three to four weeks a year conducting additional field research on the Komodo dragon project.

Tim’s research is now progressing to using ecological and evolutionary theory to implement environmental management. The questions he poses include assessing the impact of any loss of the apex predators.

From UQ science graduate to renowned integrative ecologist...

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