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TUSK CONSERVATION LECTURES AT CHRISTIE'S

Christie's, the world's leading auction house, will host the first Christie's Conservation Lectures in aid of **Tusk**, the African conservation charity of which Prince William is Royal Patron. The Tusk affiliated photographer, David Yarrow will speak at this star-studded event on **Wednesday, 30th April 2014**.

David Yarrow's talk will include fascinating insights from his recent expedition to Lewa Wildlife Conservancy and Amboseli National Park in Kenya. It will shed light on the intensive planning and perseverance demanded by wildlife photography, and expose a few of his hard-worn travel secrets. A selection of new works, as well as highlights from David's critically acclaimed exhibition 'Encounter', will be displayed and available for purchase.

Tusk is delighted to announce that the second lecture will be given by the renowned conservationist and elephant expert, Dr Iain Douglas-Hamilton on **Wednesday 28th May 2014**.

Remarking on their contribution to the charity, Charlie Mayhew, Chief Executive of Tusk, said, 'We are immensely grateful for the generous support of Christie's and our eminent speakers who have made these Conservation Lectures in aid of Tusk a reality. I know that David and Iain's presentations will be both fascinating and informative and will further the debate in this key area of conservation.'

Steven P. Murphy, Chief Executive Officer, Christie's commented: "We are pleased to support Tusk in its ongoing efforts and to help raise awareness of these important issues".

Both lectures will reveal the remarkable personal experiences of the speakers, working 'up close and personal' with African wildlife. From the very heart of the continent's current poaching crisis, both speakers will bring their unique understanding of the pressing need for action to protect the future existence of some of Africa's - and the world's - most iconic species and the local communities living alongside them.

Africa's elephant population stood at 1.3 million in 1979 and crashed to 600,000 in 1989. Today the population is estimated to be as low as 400,000. Added to this, the magnificent lion, the 'King of the Jungle', is now facing decimation. Twenty-five years ago, 200,000 lions roamed across the continent. Today that figure has shrunk to perhaps as few as 20,000, of which only 3,500 are adult males.

All proceeds will be donated to Tusk.

For more information and to purchase tickets (£75 per person or £135 per person for two lectures), visit the Tusk website, www.tusk.org, email mary-jane@tusk.org or call Tusk on: +44 (0) 1747 831 005.

Notes to Editors attached.

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Tusk

Tusk is a small, dynamic organisation with nearly twenty-five years of experience initiating and funding conservation, community development and environmental education programmes across Africa.

Since its formation in 1990, Tusk has raised over £22 million for a wide range of projects across the continent. The charity has earned a reputation for being financially efficient, with an average of 80% of the net funds raised reaching the field.

Tusk currently supports 53 field projects across 18 African countries that protect wildlife and help to alleviate poverty. As the ever-expanding human population and its demand for more land brings increasing conflict with wildlife, Tusk's aim is to forge an inextricable link between the preservation of Africa's natural heritage and the future of its land, culture and people.

Conservation of wildlife remains a key objective with substantial funding being applied towards the protection of threatened species such as elephant, rhino, cheetah, chimpanzee, mountain and lowland gorilla, African wild dog, giant sable and even marine species such as turtles.

Tusk has, with its partners in the field, been at the forefront of promoting and funding community driven conservation programmes. The charity's holistic approach recognises that the long-term future for wildlife is dependent on education and sustainable development.

HRH the Duke of Cambridge became the charity's Royal Patron in 2005 and has been a proactive supporter of Tusk's work ever since.

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David Yarrow Photography**

David Yarrow's talent and interest in photography emerged at an early age. By twenty he had already been named Young Scottish Photographer of the Year and covered the Mexico World Cup Finals for The Times. David's recent work seeks out some of the world's most remote and inhospitable places to photograph the wildlife and people that survive amid these harshly beautiful landscapes. He is the author of two fine art photography books – Nowhere (2007) and Encounter (2013). The launch of Encounter was celebrated last November with exhibitions in New York, London and Hong Kong.

David's commitment to the natural world is reflected in his voluntary work for TUSK as their affiliated photographer. Ten percent of David Yarrow Photography's sales are donated to Tusk and he works with the charity in many ways to promote conservation across Africa.

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'The Puzzle' (Lewa 2013)



'The Prize' (Amboseli 2013)



'Big' (Amboseli 2012)

Dr Iain Douglas-Hamilton OBE

As one of the world's foremost authorities on the African elephant, Dr Iain Douglas-Hamilton pioneered the first in-depth scientific study of elephant social behaviour in Tanzania's Lake Manyara National Park in 1965, aged 23. Iain and his wife Oria co-authored two award-winning books, "Among the Elephants" and "Battle for the Elephants" and have made numerous television films. He founded 'Save the Elephants' in 1993. In recognition of his work on elephants, he was awarded one of conservation's highest awards; the Order of the Golden Ark in 1988. On May 24th 2012, Dr. Douglas-Hamilton spoke before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on 'Ivory and Insecurity: The Global Implications of Poaching in Africa.

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