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LIFE IN THE VALLEY OF DEATH: LECTURE FOCUSES ON THE FIGHT TO SAVE TIGERS

The Indiana Jones of Wildlife Conservation, Dr. Alan Rabinowitz Visits Zoo Atlanta

ATLANTA - April 1, 2008 - Tigers are losing their grip in the wild. As part of Zoo Atlanta's Conservation Lecture Series, Dr. Alan Rabinowitz will provide insight on his explorations, conservation efforts, challenges and triumphs in the fight to save disappearing tigers.

Hailed as "The Indiana Jones of Conservation Science" by the New York Times and internationally-acclaimed author of the: *Life in the Valley of Death, Jaguar and Beyond the Last Village*. Dr. Rabinowitz is the Director for Science and Exploration for the Wildlife Conservation Society. His extensive travels to Belize, Borneo, Taiwan, Thailand, Laos and Myanmar have led to groundbreaking conservation efforts for jaguars, clouded leopards, Asiatic leopards and tigers. In *Life in the Valley of Death*, Dr. Rabinowitz discusses recent explorations in two of the world's most rugged, unexplored wild places -the Annamite Mountains of Laos and the eastern Himalayas of northern Myanmar.

Dr. Rabinowitz's presentation will take place at Zoo Atlanta on Thursday, April 24, 2008, 7:00 p.m. in the Coca-Cola World Studio (Conservation Action Resource Center—ARC) doors will open at 6:30 p.m. The Lecture is free for Serengeti members and above; \$5.00 for all other zoo members; \$7.00 for non-members. Reservations are required. Please make your reservation at least one week in advance by visiting zooatlanta.org or calling 404.624.WILD,

About Dr. Alan Rabinowitz

Dr. Alan Rabinowitz is director for science and exploration for the Bronx Zoo-based Wildlife Conservation Society. He has traveled extensively, concentrating his research efforts in Belize, Borneo, Taiwan, Thailand, Laos and Myanmar (Burma). He has studied jaguars, clouded leopards, tigers and other large mammal species. His work in Belize resulted in the world's first jaguar sanctuary; his work in Taiwan resulted in the establishment of the country's largest nature reserve; his work in Thailand resulted in the first field research on Indochinese tigers in what was to become the region's first World Heritage Site; and his work in Myanmar has led to the creation of the country's first marine national park, its first Himalayan national park, and a 2,500 square-mile wildlife sanctuary -- the nation's largest protected area. He has also published over 50 scientific and popular articles.

About Zoo Atlanta

An accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), Zoo Atlanta inspires public value and protection of wildlife by providing an educational, engaging family experience, committing to critical conservation projects and applying world-class dedication to the stewardship of animals living in naturalistic habitats. One of only four zoos in the U.S. exhibiting giant pandas, Zoo Atlanta recently welcomed the birth of its first cub, Mei Lan. Other highlights include a preeminent great ape collection, featuring a rare set of mother-reared gorilla twins, a world-renowned herpetology department, and *Wild Like Me*, an innovative play space sponsored by Turner Broadcasting Systems, Inc. Zoo Atlanta is open daily with the exceptions of Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. For more information, call 404.624.WILD or visit zooatlanta.org.

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