

CURRICULUM VITAE Lenie 't Hart

geboren: 16 september 1941

geboorteplaats: Farmsum

- December 1971: Start of the rehabilitation of seals
- October 1974: Set up of the Seal Rehabilitation and Research Centre (SRRC) Foundation. The board members of this Foundation had an expertise either in the seal biology or in finances or politics
- 1974-1986: Cooperation with (international) scientists, veterinary and medical specialists started because the SRRC got more often sick and wounded seals
- October 1981: 'Visscher Neerlandia Award' (Dutch-Belgian Cultural Award)
- November 1981: 'Decoration of the ANWB' (Dutch National Award for environmental protection, presented by the Dutch Automobile Association)
- 1983: 'Panorama Dierenpenning' (Award for animal protection, presented by the National Panorama magazine)
- June 1985: 'Zilveren Anjer' (Silver Carnation: Royal Award for environmental protection in the Netherlands, presented by His Royal Highness Prince Bernhard on behalf of the Prince Bernhard Foundation)
- 1986: Establishment of a Veterinary Advisory Board, a group of independent veterinarians and specialists from human hospitals
- 1988: Establishment of a Scientific Advisory Board, a board consisting of international scientists and experts in all areas of seals and their habitat
- June 1993: Dutch 'Woman of Europe' Award (International Award, presented by the Women of Europe) and nominee for the European 'Woman of Europe' Award

- 1995: Member of the board of the Foundation for Protection of the Mediterranean Monk Seal (MOM, Greece) established by Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan
- May 1996: 'Officer of the Order of Oranje Nassau' (very high National Royal Award, presented by the Royal Commissioner of the Queen)
- February 1997: 'Nieuwsblad van het Noorden' award (Cultural Award, presented by the Dutch national newspaper Nieuwsblad van het Noorden)
- November 1997: 'Officer in the Order Of the Golden Ark' (very high Award of the Golden Ark Foundation for 'international effort for the flora and fauna on earth', presented by His Royal Highness Prince Bernhard)
- October 1998: 'Lifetime Achievement award' for Lenie 't Hart from the National Wildlife Rehabilitators Association NWRA in the USA
- December 1999: Founding of the Sea Alarm Foundation in cooperation with ITOPF and oil industries (to offer assistance in the broadest sense to marine mammals and other marine wildlife that is in acute distress as the result of a disaster)
- October 2000: CBF certification for the center of Lenie 't Hart (official financial quality certificate)
- March 2002: Premio N'AITUN ('FREEDOM Award': personal Award for 'environmental protection', presented by the 'Corporal Artistas Pro Ecologia' in Chile).
- February 2004: Certification ISO 9001:2000 (quality certificate for the protocols and clinical procedures in the center of Lenie 't Hart)
- September 2006: 'Zilveren Erepenning' (Silver Award of Honor) the highest possible Award of the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Nature Conservation and Food Quality 'for ongoing efforts to protect marine mammals and the Wadden Sea'
- November 2013: Founding of a new seal rehab center in the southern part of the Netherlands: Foundation 'Aseal' in Stellendam (near Rotterdam)

- May 2014: Founding of the Lenie 't Hart Seal Foundation, an independent organization which supports all efforts of rescuers of marine mammals all over the world
- September 2014: 'Gouden Eeuw Award' (Golden Century Award), Dutch Lifetime Achievement Award for Lenie's 'commitment to animal welfare in the Netherlands'
- February 2016: Iranian official 'Governmental Certificate of Appreciation' for Lenie's 'efforts on global environment conservation and rehabilitation of Caspian seal species'
- March 2016: Founding of two more seal rehab centers in the Netherlands, one on the island Terschelling (north of the Wadden Sea) and the second in the village Termunten, at the east part of the Wadden Sea. These measures are taken to avoid long journeys for sick and wounded seals through the Netherlands
- 1988 – today: Many international projects and assistance in marine mammal disasters, e.g. oil spills, virus outbreaks etc. in - among others - : Greece (monk seal rescue project), France (oil spill Erica), Germany (cooperation in seal rehab projects and oil spill Pallas), Uruguay (oil spill San Jorge and set up rehab facility), Galapagos (oil spill Jessica), Turkey (monk seal rescue and oil cleaning project), Shetland Islands (oil spill Braer), Orkney Islands (help in virus epidemic), Whales (oil spill Sea Empress), Namibia (help in research mass mortality), South Africa (support in rescuing sea lions from plastic straps), Mauritania (monk seal rescue project and research in mass mortality), Finland (Saimaa seal protection project), Russia Lake Baikal (help in research mass mortality), Russia Lake Ladoga (help in rehab Ladoga seal), Iran (support in wildlife rescue projects) and many other projects all over the world.

In the most recent years I invest, with financial with financial support from the WWAR, in projects in the countries around The Caspian Sea, not only to protect wildlife and their environment but also to contribute to the welfare of the local people. In my philosophy you are only successful in the protection of wildlife if you involve the local people. Understanding the local population, have an eye for their problems and looking together for a solution is the only thing that works. Information and education are part of that.

Thanks to the efforts of a lot of people (from local fishermen and women to academic staff, politicians, UNEP and WWAR) we have managed to create better working and living conditions for the locals and to convince the governments of Russia, Kazakhstan, Iran, Dagastan, Azerbaijan and Turkmenistan to place the Caspian seal on the Red List. Nowadays it is no longer allowed to hunt on it.

- 2014 – today Ambassador of WWAR (World Wide Animal Rescue), including participating in commercials for WWAR. WWAR not only helps animals in need, but also strives for a structural solution to the worldwide problem of animal suffering. WWAR exposes abuses and encourages governments and companies to put animal suffering on the agenda and tackle it.
- 2014 - today Ambassador of DierenLot, including in participating in commercials for DierenLot. Dierenlot is the biggest animal rescue organisation in the Netherlands, with a network of local organizations spread throughout the whole country and 165 animal ambulances. They all work to prevent unnecessary suffering from companion, stray and wildlife animals.
- 2014 - today Board function in Stichting Lenie 't Hart Seal Fund. Seal Fund provide support to individuals and institutions throughout the world engaged in helping distressed marine mammals and in doing anything related or conducive thereto.
- 2014 - today Board function in Het Nationaal Keurmerk Dierenambulances (NKD) NKD is there for all organizations with an animal ambulance. NKD performs quality checks on these vehicles.
- 2022 – today Member and participant of the Caspian Group of the International Union for Conservation of Nature Joint Species Survival Commission and World Commission on Protected Areas Marine Mammal Protected Areas Task Force (the Caspian Group of the IUCN Marine Mammal Protected Areas Task Force).

You can read the story of my live in: Nina van den Broek, *Zo onafhankelijk als een zeehond. Het leven van Lenie 't Hart*, Amsterdam 2018.

Bijlage: Letter of Invitation from Marine Mammal Protected Areas Task Force



Letter of Invitation

Глубокоуважаемая Лена ʼ Харт,

Dear Lena ʼ Hart,

Приглашаем Вас, в качестве почетного члена, принять участие в работе Каспийского подразделения Целевой группы по охраняемым акваториям для морских млекопитающих Комиссии по выживанию видов и Всемирной комиссии по охраняемым территориям Международного союза охраны природы (Каспийское подразделение Целевой группы по охраняемым акваториям для морских млекопитающих МСОП).

We would like to invite you, as an honorary member, to participate in working on the Caspian Group of the International Union for Conservation of Nature Joint Species Survival Commission and World Commission on Protected Areas Marine Mammal Protected Areas Task Force (the Caspian Group of the IUCN Marine Mammal Protected Areas Task Force).

Целью Каспийского подразделения Целевой группы по охраняемым акваториям для морских млекопитающих МСОП является укрепление сотрудничества специалистов прикаспийских стран в сфере создания, мониторинга и эффективного управления ООПТ для сохранения популяции каспийского тюленя.

The purpose of the Caspian Group of the IUCN Marine Mammal Protected Areas Task Force is to strengthen cooperation between specialists from the Caspian countries in the creation, monitoring and effective management of marine protected areas to preserve the Caspian seal population.

Каспийское подразделение Целевой группы по охраняемым акваториям для морских млекопитающих МСОП:

The Caspian Group of the IUCN Marine Mammal Protected Areas Task Force:

- координирует, поддерживает и расширяет группу экспертов, занимающихся научной и природоохранной деятельностью в Прикаспийском регионе;

- Coordinates, maintains and expands the group of experts engaged in scientific and conservation activities in the Caspian Region;

- оказывает помощь в сборе данных по значимым для каспийского тюленя морским акваториям (ЗММА) с целью создания и обновления баз данных Целевой группы по охраняемым акваториям для морских млекопитающих МСОП;

- Assists in collecting data on important Marine Mammal Areas (IMMA) for the Caspian seal in order to draft and update the IUCN Marine Mammal Protected Areas Task Force's fact sheets;

- способствует практическому применению заинтересованными организациями Прикаспия сведений об ЗММА для каспийского тюленя при планировании исследовательской и

- Promotes practical application of IMMA's for the Caspian seal by stakeholders of the Caspian Region in their planning of research and conservation activities;

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природоохранной деятельности, организации и управления ООПТ, в частности содействует:

- в сборе научных сведений по экологии и состоянию популяции каспийского тюленя;

- в предоставлении мониторинга негативного воздействия природных и антропогенных факторов на популяцию каспийского тюленя;

- в изучении существующих мер управления ООПТ (в основном в границах ЗММА) для устранения факторов негативного воздействия на популяцию каспийского тюленя;

- в оценке необходимости создания морских ООПТ или ООПТ, включающих морскую акваторию, и последующих предложений, lobbying, and предоставления научной и природоохранной экспертизы;

- организует семинары, вебинары и другие мероприятия для участников Каспийского подразделения Целевой группы по охраняемым акваториям для морских млекопитающих МСОП, широкой общественности, ученых, неправительственных и государственных организаций;

- по результатам семинаров и других мероприятий, формирует информацию для внесения в табельную базу данных, (например, в OBIS SEAMAP - Информационную систему биоразнообразия оценки по пространственной расчлененности вышних позвоночных).

Мы надеемся, что совместными усилиями сохраним каспийского тюленя.

От имени д-ра Джузеппе Нотарбартоло ди Шара и г-на Эрика Хойта, сопредседателей Целевой группы по охраняемым акваториям для морских млекопитающих Комиссии по выживанию видов и Всемирной комиссии по охраняемым территориям МСОП,

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organisation and management of SPAs, facilitating in:

- collecting scientific knowledge on the ecology and status of the Caspian seal population;

- monitoring of existing negative natural and anthropogenic threats to the Caspian seal population;

- surveying existing management measures as SPAs (mostly within IMMA) to address pressures to the Caspian seal population;

- examining the need for the establishment of MMPAs or SPAs including a marine area and follow up with proposals, lobbying, and to provide scientific and conservation expertise;

- Organises seminars, webinars and other events for the participants of the Caspian Group of the IUCN Marine Mammal Protected Areas Task Force and wider public, scientists, NGOs and government organisations;

- Collects relevant occurrence data deriving from the workshops and other events to global databases (such as OBIS SEAMAP - Ocean Biodiversity Information System Spatial Ecological Analysis of Megavertebrate Populations).

We hope that by joint efforts we save the Caspian seal.

On behalf of Dr. Giuseppe Notarbartolo di Sicius and Mr. Erik Hoyt, Co-Chairs of the IUCN Joint SSC-WCPA Marine Mammal Protected Areas Task Force,

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