

Keynote Speech (Monday, 2 September)

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Henry McGhie has had a lifelong passion for nature, and worked at Manchester Museum, part of the University of Manchester, from 2000–2019. He has helped broker partnerships between researchers, museums and policy workers, both in the UK and internationally. Henry is interested in finding ways to accelerate museums' contributions to nature conservation, climate action and the Sustainable Development Goals.

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How can museum collections contribute to the conservation of global biodiversity in strategic ways?

Global biodiversity faces great threats, brought to light most recently in the IPBES Global Assessment. Global environmental change as a result of habitat alteration, over-exploitation, invasive species, pollution and climate change threaten many species, habitats and natural communities. This presentation will explore how museum collections could be directed towards supporting research for biodiversity conservation in strategic ways, based on a recent project Henry ran with funding from the British Ecological Society.