



Anthropogenic Threats to Wild and Captive Lions and How to Mitigate Them

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Over the last 30 years, there has been an acceleration in lion research across the sciences. As wild African (*panthera leo*) and Asian lion (*panthera leo persica*) populations continue on a downward trajectory, the complexity of their relationship with human beings has come to the forefront in academic research concerned with their protection and restoration. This has stimulated further interdisciplinary collaboration in the field of lion research. The human dimension is apparent in all lion research focus areas including lion behaviour, ecology, population dynamics, conflict and coexistence, hunting, husbandry practices of captive populations, diet, welfare, management, (eco) tourism, wildlife trade, disease, culture and history, and even the lion researchers themselves.

In this Special Issue, we want to bring together this range of current wild and captive lion research that would not usually be presented in the same publication to highlight anthropogenic threats to lion that exist at all levels of research focus and enquiry. Furthermore, we welcome you to share your successes and failures in mitigating those threats.





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