

Helen L. Bateman

Research Associate

Helen L. Bateman is a Research Associate at the Center for Conservation and Research of Endangered Wildlife (CREW), based at the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden. In her position, Helen is responsible for managing the daily needs of our laboratories and assisting with ongoing research projects in the Animal Division of CREW, while conducting her own studies investigating reproduction in otters.



Helen earned both her B.Sc degree in Biomedical Science, and her M.Sc in Reproductive Physiology at the University of Guelph, Ontario Veterinary College in Guelph Ontario, Canada. It was during her Master's degree studies into the reproduction of canids, conducted at the Toronto Zoo, that Helen was first introduced to the field of reproductive physiology research in endangered wildlife. After receiving her Master's degree, Helen was hired as a CREW Research Associate in September of 2000. Shortly after arriving at CREW, Helen initiated research studies in an amazing subgroup of mustelids - the otters. Her research investigating otter reproduction has rapidly expanded to now include studies in five otter species, involving local, national and international collaborations. Because of her otter expertise, Helen also serves as Reproductive Advisor to the AZA Otter Species Survival Plan.

"While I enjoy that I get to be involved in research with many different species, otters and their conservation is what I am most passionate about," says Helen about her job at CREW. "Otter populations are in trouble globally, and I hope through my research to contribute to the basic knowledge of these species and in turn promote their conservation both here at home and throughout the world."

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