



Interested in Becoming a Regional Representative for the WFA?

We are currently seeking regional representatives and there are many opportunities available! As a regional representative, you have the unique opportunity to network on a professional level with researchers, conservationists, educators, managers and others working with wild felids in your state, region, or country. You are asked to provide bi-annual summary reports of current events in the area you represent (see examples in recent issues of *Wild Felid Monitor*) and to recruit others to submit more in-depth articles to the *Wild Felid Monitor*. We hope to soon provide short biographies and photos of all of our representatives on the WFA website (we have already done this with our student reps).

Regional Representative Position Description

The ideal candidate will become or be a current member of the Wild Felid Research and Management Association (WFA) and agree to act as a regional Representative for WFA for a continuous period of at least 1 year (preferably longer). The Representative must have past or current experience in the research and/or management and conservation of wild felids. A strong natural resources and scientific background is required. The Representative must be able to communicate and network with professionals in the field of wild felid biology, with other WFA representatives, organizations, and groups to gather, analyze, condense and summarize science-based information on the status of wild felids, management actions, and threats to the sustainability of wild felids and their obligate habitats throughout an assigned geographical region. The Representative must remain unbiased in opinion and maintain a high ethical standard and responsibility for all information presented for publication in the *Wild Felid Monitor*, a newsletter publication of the WFA. The Representative shall be responsive to the Editor of the *Wild Felid Monitor* and the President of the WFA Council. The Representative must be timely in meeting publication deadlines established by the newsletter Editor.

WFA Regional Representatives are highly motivated volunteer members of the WFA that agree to biannually report to one of WFA's Representative Coordinators: Tyler Brasington (USA and Canada), and Eric Ramirez Bravo (Latin America). Representatives will provide information on activities within their assigned state, region or country concerning wild felid research, management, conservation, and/or education. This will require the rep to contact appropriate colleges and universities, management agencies, and NGOs, identify key individuals involved in felid research, management, conservation or education activities, and then maintain a line of communication with those contacts. Contacts will report on any pertinent activities to the Regional Rep, and these will be presented in upcoming issues of the *Wild Felid Monitor* or on the WFA website (www.wildfelid.org). Information can be presented as updates (summarized by the regional rep) or as articles (submitted by the contact).

Content of Regional Rep Updates

Updates are written by the regional rep, typically 200-300 words in length. Updates will inform readers of the *Wild Felid Monitor* of activities that:

- Promote sound stewardship of wild felids through scientifically based population and habitat management.

- Encourage communication and collaboration across scientific disciplines and among those interested in research, management, and conservation of wild felids.
- Increase public awareness and understanding of ecology, conservation, and management of wild felids.
- Encourage professional growth and development of our members.
- Provide professional and unbiased updates on policy issues related to wild felid management and conservation.
- Develop or provide access to key resources and tools.

Additional Reports

Reports can be submitted in addition to the state updates. In some cases, contact reports can be submitted in place of a state update (contact the regional rep coordinator to discuss this option).

- A. Website posts. These can be of variable length and can be submitted at any time. Typically, they are announcements such as upcoming seminars or courses, graduate positions, new publications, etc.
- B. Articles submitted by the contact. Articles typically outline research activities, comprise up to 750 words, and can include accompanying photos or figures. Articles must be factual and omit personal opinions (unless it is identified and submitted as a "Perspectives" piece).

Updates and reports are compiled by the Regional Representative Coordinator and edited at the discretion of the editor of the *Wild Felid Monitor*. Reporting deadlines are **June 1** and **December 1** each year.

How to become a Regional Representative

- Read through this document in its entirety
- Become a member of the WFA
- Read through regional reports in past issues of the *Wild Felid Monitor*
- Email a brief letter of interest and current CV to the North American (USA and Canada) Regional Rep Coordinator, Tyler Brasington (brasington.tyler@gmail.com) or the Latin American Regional Rep Coordinator, Eric Ramirez Bravo (osvaldoeric.ramirez@correo.buap.mx).
- Commit to representing the WFA in a professional manner and submit a regional update for the next issue of *Wild Felid Monitor*
- Once you are accepted as a Regional Representative you will be expected to:
 - Provide a 100–200-word bio and photo for the website
 - Submit a regional update for the next *Wild Felid Monitor* issue
 - Submit 1-2 brief check-in emails in the 1-2 months prior to newsletter submission deadlines notifying the Regional Rep Coordinator about: 1) what you have been working on, who you have been contacting, what leads you are pursuing, what your progress is, etc, 2) if you plan on submitting an update for the next issue or if you have recruited someone else to submit an article
 - Help recruit a replacement regional rep if you can no longer serve as a rep

