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## Our Wild World

### Our Wild World Monday at 8 AM Pacific

April 07th 2014:Dogs Dung and DNA with Dr. Samuel Wasser

International wildlife crime, illegal ivory and elephant poaching have reached all time highs decimating elephant populations to an all time low. Using highly trained detection dogs, my guest Dr. Samuel Wasser, has developed DNA mapping methods from dung samplings that can determine both the geographic origins of poached African elephants and match that to major ivory seizures. Collaborating with the Interpol Working Group on Wildlife Crime, DNA testing provides investigators with a detailed map of where poaching is most prevalent while also matching the DNA fingerprint of ivory to individual

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#### Dr. Samuel Wasser

Dr. Samuel Wasser is a Research Professor and the Director of the Center for Conservation Biology at the University of Washington. Dr. Wasser acquired his B.Sc in Zoology at Michigan State University, his M.Sc in Zoology at University of Wisconsin, and his Ph.D. in Animal Behavior at the University of Washington. He received the first Research Scientist Development Award from the Smithsonian Institution for his work on noninvasive hormone methods. During his time at the Smithsonian, Wasser directed their Conservation and Management Training Program for African nationals. After 5 years at the Smithsonian, Wasser returned to the University of Washington as an Assistant Professor and Scientific

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