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**LEARN ABOUT THE PITTSBURGH PANGOLIN AT SCIENCE CENTER'S**  
**CAFÉ SCIENTIFIQUE**

***ZOO EXPERT EXPLAINS MISSION TO SAVE ENDANGERED SPECIES FROM EXTINCTION***

**PITTSBURGH, June 27, 2018** — Pangolins are among the most evolutionarily primitive mammals and the only mammal with scales. Their enormous appetite for ants and termites means that they serve a major role in ecosystems to control insects. On **Monday, July 2** from **7–9 pm**, come to Carnegie Science Center's next Café Sci event when **Ken Kaemmerer**, Curator of Mammals at the Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium, relates the story of how a consortium of zoos, including the Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium, developed a small population of African white-bellied tree pangolins from Togo.

During his presentation, Kaemmerer will talk about the mammal's biology and behavior, as well as how the Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium has been collaborating with genetic scientists from Duquesne University.

Kaemmerer's career with animals has spanned more than 40 years among five zoos. He has worked with most major mammal groups, from elephants to naked mole rats, and everything in between. He has served on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Ocelot Recovery Team, and he was the national Species Survival Program Coordinator for all ocelots in zoos. Most recently, he has helped direct the animal care program and facilitated research with the rare and endangered African white-bellied pangolins acquired by the Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium.

Admission to Café Sci is **FREE**. Food and drinks are available for purchase. The doors to the event open at 6 pm for networking and refreshments, and the event lasts from **7–9 pm**. The evening includes time for informal discussion, eating, and drinking with a cash bar.

For more information and to register, visit [CarnegieScienceCenter.org](http://CarnegieScienceCenter.org) or call 412.237.3400.

Café Sci is presented by PPG and sponsored by Green Mountain Energy.

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