

Wild Research Consortium (NSF)

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Ohio's Evaluation and Assessment Center for Mathematics and Science Education (E & A Center) is evaluating the project Wild Research. The purpose of this project is to (a) increase public participation/awareness in science and conservation at zoos; and (b) to increase collaboration of zoo professionals, scientists, conservation agencies, and school educators (also known as the Consortium). The E & A Center will focus on evaluating the impact of multi-institutional collaboration on professional development workshop participants, their institutions, and public engagement in science and conservation.

A content analysis will be conducted to evaluate Consortium members' views on collaboration. Questionnaires involving short-answer items about the collaboration will be administered to Consortium members before and after Leadership Workshops conducted by Wild Research. The responses will determine what effect the Leadership Workshops have upon the Consortium members' views of collaboration.

This project is currently being evaluated and results are inconclusive.

This project reinforces the E & A Center's ability to analyze pre- and post-qualitative data obtained from respondents in a variety of international locations.