

From Toxics to Treasures: A Century of Conservation in the Calumet Region

Mark Bouman, Ph.D., Chicago Region Program Director

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A hand dripping oily goo from the Indiana Harbor Canal is one famous image of the industrial Calumet Region at the southern end of Lake Michigan. But with the Field Museum's longtime and committed engagement, the region also now has this to show: significant lands under conservation and restoration, linking the Pullman National Monument and Indiana Dunes National Park; thousands of schoolkids engaged in the outdoors; an exhibit built on the collections of more than a dozen institutions to appear at four different venues; and a National Heritage Area on the cusp of designation. Mark Bouman, Chicago Region Program Director has been a leader and close observer of many of the efforts that have made this change over the past decades. He is also currently a Teaching Scholar in the Program in Global Environment at the University of Chicago.



Virgin Births in Captive Sharks and Rays

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Recently, virgin birth in animals that normally give birth by sexual reproduction was discovered. Starting with the report of Komodo dragons held at two different zoos in the UK, there have been reports of other captive females that give birth using this method. Several elasmobranchs (sharks, skates, and rays) can also utilize this method of reproduction. Join Kevin Feldheim as he discusses how he and his team discovered several of these cases right here in the Museum's Pritzker Lab.

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