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Dr. Zeb Hogan has fifteen years experience studying and exploring the world's freshwater ecosystems. He is currently an assistant research professor at the University of Nevada-Reno, a National Geographic Emerging Explorer, and the United Nations Convention on Migratory Species Scientific Councilor for Fish. Zeb also hosts the National Geographic Television series "Megafish". Zeb received his Ph.D. in Ecology from the University of California, Davis in 2004. His research interests include migratory fish ecology, multi-species fisheries management, the population status of giant freshwater fish, endangered species issues and conservation genetics. Since 1996, Zeb has worked primarily in the lower Mekong River Basin. He has been studying the giant Mekong catfish (*Pangasianodon gigas*) and other large fish of the lower Mekong River, and has served as director of the Mekong Fish Conservation Project (MFCP). Through the MFCP and more recently through a new National Geographic-sponsored Megafishes Project, Zeb works to merge conservation science with conservation education and action. The project's outputs to date have included contributions to understanding the migratory patterns and population structures of focal fish species; designation of the giant Mekong catfish as critically endangered on the IUCN Red List; awareness-raising through international media and local communications about the plight of endangered fish species; and the live release of numerous rare fish otherwise destined for fish markets. Zeb's most recent article "Engaging Recreational Fishers in Management and Conservation: Global Case Studies" is the cover story for the October 2008 issue of Conservation Biology. Zeb's research has also been featured in Science (2007) and on the cover of Bioscience (2005) and American Scientist (2004).