

## **Collection Management Seminar**

### **What?**

“The Afterlife of Animals”.

### **When?**

Thursday 28th January 2010, 2.30pm - 4pm

### **Where?**

Flett Lecture Theatre, NHM South Kensington

### **Who?**

Dr Sam Alberti, Lecturer in Art Gallery and Museum Studies MA and Research Fellow at the Manchester Museum, University of Manchester

### **Synopsis**

“The Afterlife of Animals.” Sam is interested in the scientific, historical and cultural meanings of zoological specimens in museums, from spirit specimens to taxidermy mounts. Using object biographies of particular 'charismatic megafauna', he is currently studying the role of museums in human-animal relations. In collaboration with colleagues in the Manchester Museum and elsewhere (including the NHM), Sam is seeking to promote a wider understanding of the preservation and provenances of specimens and to suggest new ways to develop collections as both natural and cultural heritage. His talk will explore this subject which links closely to the NHM's “New Perspectives” initiative.

### **Who should come?**

The seminar is open to all NHM staff but it is suggested that the following staff will find the seminar most useful:

**Science Group:** All senior departmental managers & collection management staff.

**Public Engagement Group:** Any staff who work with and use collections or manage staff who work with collections.

**Directorate and Science Directorate Staff**

**Audit & Assurance Staff**

We also welcome colleagues from other Institutions who would find the seminar of interest. There is no booking fee and only large parties need to notify the organiser for catering purposes.

**Tea and coffee will be available in the Flett lobby after the talk.**