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Our Annual Meeting at the Edinburgh ICC sold out with 1,400 ecologists from around the world attending in-person and a further 200 online.

The exhibition also sold out and we are now taking bookings for #BES2023 at the Belfast ICC 12-15 December 2023.

EXHIBITION

The exhibition will be at the heart of our Belfast Annual Meeting. All stand exhibitors will be situated in the main hall where delegate lunches and coffees are served, and key networking events take place. Exhibition spaces are strictly limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. So book now to avoid disappointment.

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Wildlife veterinarian Ben Gonzalez helps a skilled helicopter team herd bighorn sheep so they can be carried back to their capture location. The researchers want to take blood samples from the sheep to research how habitat fragmentation and disease spread are related. They found that a conspecific population appeared to be more resilient to infectious disease.

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HORIZONS

WATER

By Nina Bryant

I grew up completely in line with open water. I liked the feeling of being contained, the strength of the waves pushing from all sides, like I was being held by a great force. Although I've spent most of my life living without a body of water nearby, the places I feel at home are the places where I can swim. The emotional attachment to a place can be different when it comes to the natural world.

Some people don't like swimming in natural water; they don't like not knowing what's under them. I think as a child I liked the not knowing, I liked the unknowable nature of open water, its inability to be held or pinned down. Its curious nature is what made me feel at home, like I was alive but in a different way to how I was alive on land.

I remember particular swims vividly, as if they were important life events. If I close my eyes I can get tingling chills about by the waves off the Eastern Cape of South Africa with my family, leaping water for what seems like hours – feeling completely exhilarated and exhausted at the same time. Feeling like I could live there if the sea would have me.

On 1 can be in Chevelon, Vermont, in April – the sun out but the water only about ten degrees. I can re-live the pricking feeling as my legs and then my arms break into the water, experiencing such a completely euphoric disconnect from life, thinking if this could carry me forever then I would be okay.

This past December I was lucky enough to see baby turtles making their way to the sea for the first time in a place called Uruia in Costa Rica. Watching them just tumble out of a bucket and make the great journey to the next chapter of their lives. Walking on land looked like a stressful business, but once they were in the water, they were free. The waves washed them back onto the sand at first, but the turtles continued, trudging on, persevering with their mission to get home. Watching them I saw how I felt about the sea, but it was easier somehow, that it just made sense.

And that's the heart of it: open water will always make sense to me. No matter where I am I will always be drawn to the sound of the coast, the murky depths of lakes and rivers, the constant unpredictability. Sometimes I can feel both contained and alive. Unlike the turtles it may not be my natural home, but it definitely makes a good second. *

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