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Conservation practitioners aim to address one of the greatest challenges facing human kind during the 21st century, that of saving global biodiversity and all its associated services. In order to conserve biodiversity, conservationists make trade-offs on a regular basis during the course of their work. Yet such trade-offs are only recognized infrequently, nor debated explicitly. This book is based on presentations made at a 2-day meeting entitled 'Trade-offs in conservation: deciding what to save', held in London in November 2007, that sought to address the important issue of trade-offs in conservation. This meeting was a Zoological Society of London (ZSL) Symposium in Conservation Biology that was organized by the editors of this book. In particular, the editors would like to thank the presenters of talks and authors of chapters for the diligence and panache that they have brought to talking and writing about their allotted topics.

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