

zoos in participating regions. Where a region's population is small and remote, perhaps being held only by a few zoos or even by a single zoo in a region, it will be difficult to integrate such a sub-population effectively into a broader global program. It is likely that more animals will be needed to be moved internationally to support the regional sub-population.

For threatened species in particular, where captive stocks represent a conservation resource, the value of such small regional holdings should be carefully considered. Options such as expanding the local population or consolidating the *ex situ* population in institutions elsewhere might need to be considered.

Global management should be reserved for those taxa for which the conservation outcomes of global management are clear and significant.

Further, Global Species Management Programs will rely on a high level of cooperation between

regions, and between institutions within regions. In order for global programs to be effective, the management plan must have the status of a formal agreement between regions, an agreement that is considered by the participants as a clear, mutual declaration of commitment after the manner of a Memorandum of Understanding. Such a commitment should leave some recourse for the program to retrieve for use in the program any genetically important stock should there be a need.

Further Reading

This document should be read in conjunction with:

Procedures and Responsibilities for WAZA Global Species Management Programmes: WAZA (2003)
The World Zoo and Aquarium Conservation Strategy: WAZA (2005).
IUCN Technical Guidelines on the Management of Ex Situ Populations for Conservation: IUCN/Species Survival Commission (2002).
The IUCN Reintroduction Guidelines: IUCN/SSC/Reintroduction Specialist Group (1998)



THE WAZA WEBSITE



The WAZA website is permanently being revised, improved and enlarged. These are some of the most recent developments:

- Links to the 1st announcement of the [6th International Zoo Marketing Conference in South Africa](#), the "Bio diversity Code" Movie of the Countdown 2010 Initiative, and **Amphibian Ark** pages in English and German have been made. The link to the Marketing Conference contains all relevant information (except the Call for Papers) and an electronic registration form.
- There are downloads of eight different language versions of the **World Zoo and Aquarium Conservation Strategy**. WAZA is particularly grateful to the zoos of Taipei and Lisbon who made the most recent translations, into Chinese and Portuguese, available.
- There are downloads of the global, German and Swiss **WZACS promotional brochures** now.
- The **WZACS Resource Manual** can now be accessed in the Member Area.
- WAZA's **Virtual Zoo** is currently being enlarged. The first phase, opened in June 2007, comprised 265 species. Now another 299 species are being added, bringing the total collection to 227 mammal, 170 bird, 68 reptile, 49 amphibian, 30 fish and 20 invertebrate species. As of today, 418 data sheets are online and new sheets are added almost daily. In a number of species some texts and or photos are still missing, and contributions from our constituency would be more than welcome. To facilitate access to the zoo, species lists, arranged according to scientific name, English name, or taxonomy have been added.
- An article on "**Native free-flying birds in the Zoological Garden Wuppertal**" written by Martina Schürer of Wuppertal Zoo and a powerpoint presentation on "Birdwatching at the Zoo" by Peter Dollinger have been added to the (relatively new) section "**Wild at the Zoo**".
- Since the Leipzig Conference, more than 50 fact sheets on WAZA Member Institutions in the Section "**Zoos and Aquariums of the World**" have been added or revised.
- There are now **104 WAZA-branded conservation projects** presented on the website. The application form can be downloaded from the Marketing section of the Member Area.
- A Global List of **Conservation Breeding Programmes** has been added to the Conservation section of the Member Area.
- Note that most sections of the **Member Area** contain downloads, e.g. the nomination form and a description of the membership process are to be found under "Membership", the Code of Ethics under Welfare and Ethics, the Logos under Marketing, the CIRCC Training Grant Guidelines under Education, etc.