

Conclusions of the CBSG 2005 Annual Meeting Amphibian Working Group, September 30, 2005



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Issue statement :

How should CBSG and the Global *Ex-situ* expert community respond to the amphibian crisis?

Priorities that CBSG can address:

I. Have a mandate for CBSG from IUCN, and a request to other organizations calling for action. Reasons for :

- to provide authority for taking action, clearing political hurdles and expediting permitting.
- to stimulate zoos, aquariums, and botanical gardens and associations to join response to amphibian crisis
- to help the zoos by providing influence with CITES, conservation community and governments
- to facilitate *ex-situ* response.
- to assist in fundraising and serve as a hook for news generation.

What will be the administrative structure for the *ex-situ* component of conservation action plan? ... such as who has responsibility for prioritizing species and actions.

CBSG can provide population management guidance.
This area is one of CBSG's core competencies

Communication and education ... opportunities for support both financial and political.

Collection planning coordination. ... CBSG with its partners has expertise.

Action items :

1. Draft a form of Mandate of IUCN to CBSG and request to others as a call to action
2. A draft statement of CBSG's thinking on the issue will be presented to the WAZA and their action on the topic communicated to CBSG.
3. The commitment CBSG needs to make to mobilize and catalyze response requires at least one person within CBSG dedicated to this effort as soon as possible.
4. Immediately communicate Amphibian Crisis to the CBSG community
5. Communicate and work with IZE starting with the meeting in New York 2005 and the conservation education community to bring their expertise into addressing the amphibian extinction issues.
6. CBSG working with other partners could propose and help create the administrative structure for the *ex-situ* component of the overall conservation action plan.
7. CBSG can define a series of workshops with the first one in 6 months. Ideas for location and funding were discussed. This workshop would be on best practices for population management, husbandry, and disease management. A briefing book would be prepared in advance.
8. Identify issues where cross community communication is necessary and facilitate it. Serve as a communications portal to disseminate information about the crisis.

ZOO / CBSG South Asia Educational packets on amphibians

