



Ensuring the Future of Zoological institutions within the region of our association

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Questions:

1. Is this statement defensible and true ?
2. Have we (all) reached this goal ?
3. And if not, what can each zoo do about it ?
4. What are our strengths and weaknesses ?
5. Are we unique in what we are doing as zoos ?
6. What are the challenges for zoos today ?

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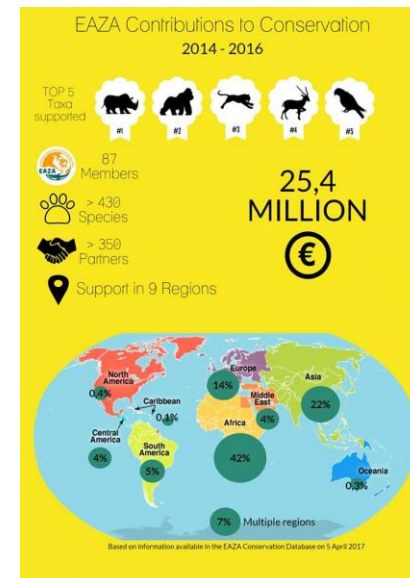
Defensible ? **Yes !**

- Animals make zoos unique

True ?

- Do we live this statement ?

- Can we prove it ?



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Question:

Have we (all) reached this goal ?

- Long – lasting institutions
- Saving animals from extinction
- Visitor attendance
- Regional differences, but common goals

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Question:

And if not, what can each zoo do about it ?

- Assess the framework of your zoo
- Use your colleagues
- Use EAZA
 - EAZA Conservation Education standards
 - EAZA Best Practice Guidelines

EAZA Conservation Standards

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14 April 2016

Introduction
The European Association of Zoos and Aquaria (EAZA) is a non-profit conservation organisation, with members across Europe and the Middle East. EAZA's mission is to facilitate cooperation within the European zoo and aquarium community towards the goals of education, research and conservation.


EAZA believes that zoos and aquaria have a strong role to play in the conservation of nature and wildlife both at our member institutions and out in the field. EAZA strives for its members to be a significant contributor to and driving force for global conservation and towards building the capacity, skills, and resources to prevent species extinction. The EAZA Conservation Committee is leading efforts to encourage every EAZA member to engage in and contribute to field conservation. The EAZA Conservation Committee works towards ensuring EAZA and its members have a positive impact on nature conservation, including a focus on the conservation of European species and biodiversity.

Purpose
This EAZA Conservation Standard has been developed by the EAZA Conservation Committee with the purpose of outlining what is expected from EAZA members in relation to the conservation of species and biodiversity. It is intended for use by directors, field conservation staff, education, curators, researchers and others who have a responsibility to conservation activities both within and outside the zoo premises.

EAZA Conservation Standards
Recognising that the furthestance of wild Associates, members of EAZA:


1. Engage in and support concerned species in natural ecosystems and endeavours (refer to the EAZA Conservation (2015) for examples.
2. Document their conservation efforts.
3. Implement the WAZA Conservation.
4. Assist the wider conservation community (governments and organisations).
5. Have a special responsibility to and participate in local or regional with relevant stakeholders.
6. Are encouraged to inform the wider conservation activities outside the zoo premises.

EAZA Best Practice Guidelines for Gorilla



EAZA BEST PRACTICE GUIDELINES
Great Ape Taxon Advisory Group
GORILLA
(*Gorilla gorilla gorilla*)
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Question:

What are our strengths and weaknesses ?

strengths:

- ability to save smallest populations
- visibility, empathy, research, education and animal welfare
- attendance, visitors
- multi – local appearance

weaknesses:

- word “zoo”
- visitors

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Question:

Are we unique in what we are doing as zoos ?

- Animals !
- Composition of the attendance

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Question:

What are the challenges for zoos today ?

- Speed of the media, especially in bad news !
- Bad examples will stand as templates for all !
- Essential:
Adapting – developing - improving



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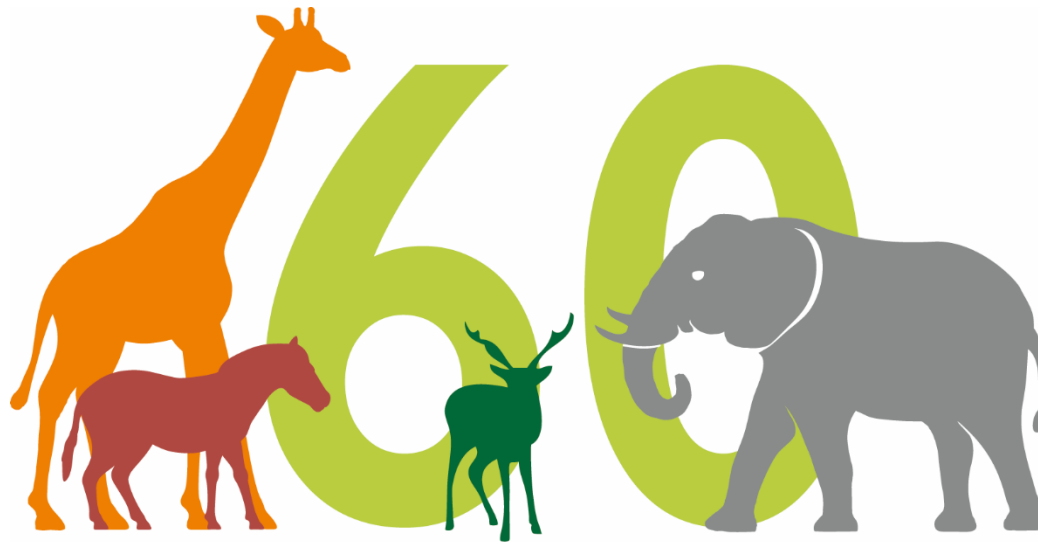
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