

the WAZA website. An educator manual was developed by WAZA and the International Zoo Educators Association (IZE). Entitled "All About Gorillas" it is available in four languages and has been downloaded several hundred times from the WAZA website.

While gorilla conservation will go on after 2009 with a fresh start and a number of achievements during the YoG effort. See the WAZA website www.waza.org and look in the section Conservation and then click on Year of the Gorilla and download the Overview of Activities at the end of the page. In line with this project please read the following short report which is a sort of Case Study of how WAZA and the organised zoo community works.

Transfer of two western low-land gorillas, Dated: 2010/01/19

International studbooks provide the information necessary for conservation breeding programmes to make informed decisions regarding the transfer of animals between institutions.

Two western lowland gorillas were transferred from Zurich Zoo in Switzerland to the National Zoological Gardens of South Africa in Pretoria. The two males will join another two males to form a bachelor group there. The decision to transfer the two gorillas is based on advice provided by the European Endangered Species Programme. The information necessary to make such recommendations for conservation breeding is contained in international studbooks, wherein all data relevant to the captive population of a certain species are collected and continuously updated. Currently, 118 active international studbooks for 159 species and/or sub-species are kept under the auspices of WAZA.



in four languages

2010 Year of Biodiversity

Biodiversity, the variety of life on Earth, is essential to sustaining the living networks and systems that provide us all with health, wealth, food, fuel and the vital services our lives depend on. The United Nations (UN) General Assembly has declared 2010 as the UN Year of Biodiversity in recognition of the international target to significantly reduce the rate of biodiversity loss globally. WAZA has been a supporter of the Countdown 2010 initiative of IUCN in support of reaching this goal since 2005. Additionally, WAZA entered an agreement of cooperation with the UN Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in support of the UN Year of Biodiversity. WAZA and its members serve as biodiversity ambassadors and focus on conservation as well as on related education and awareness work.

2010 is the International Year of Biodiversity. Let us reflect on our achievements to safeguard biodiversity and focus on the urgency of our challenge for the future. Now is the time to act.

The main goals of the year are to:

- Enhance public awareness on the importance of conserving biodiversity and on the underlying threats to biodiversity.
- Raise awareness of the accomplishments to save biodiversity by communities and governments and to promote innovative solutions to reduce these threats.
- Call on individuals, organizations and governments to take immediate steps to halt biodiversity loss.
- Initiate dialogue among stakeholders on necessary steps for the post-2010 period.

Downloads from www.waza.org

Documents and presentations for the International Year of Biodiversity: (go to the site, click Conservation then 2010 Year of Biodiversity).

- Powerpoint Presentation with basic information (3mb)
- Implementation Strategy (1mb)
- Official Logo of the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity (1.43mb)
- WAZA Biodiversity Book Flyer (3mb)
- WAZA/IZE Education Manual (2mb)



Educators ! Have you always wanted to know where to find definitions, educational material, policy statements and statistics? The WAZA/IZE Education Manual is a guide for zoo and aquarium

educators, teachers and environmentalists and a resource about biodiversity in support of the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity and beyond.

Carnivore Campaign via EAZA

Carnivores are beautiful, charismatic animals. However, beauty and charisma alone are not enough to ensure survival. Carnivores worldwide are confronted with challenges of our making. In Europe, carnivores face two contrasting groups of problems: one arising from an increase in their numbers and the other from a decline. The theme of this campaign, "Living Together", addresses both of these aspects. On the one hand, it means acting to facilitate the survival of threatened and endangered carnivores. On the other, it means learning to live with those species that are increasing in number, encroaching our territory and generating the resumption of some age-old conflicts with human interests. If carnivores are to survive in Europe for future generations to enjoy, we need strategies to integrate their presence into modern life in a crowded continent.

Campaign aims

- to make people conscious of the diversity of wildlife that still survives in their own country;
- to raise public awareness of the expansion in both numbers and range of a number of large carnivore species;
- to draw attention to the way in which our life styles and activities endanger the future of many of our rare and endangered carnivore species;
- to explain why the presence of carnivores is a good indicator of the health of our environment;
- to teach our members and the public that conservation is needed at home and not just in the far flung corners of the earth;
- to raise money in support of specific projects that facilitate "living together".

To find out more about the EAZA European Carnivore Campaign, please visit the campaign's website.

2008 Year of the Frog -- leaps into the Year of Biodiversity

In 2008, the Amphibian Ark led zoos, aquariums and botanical gardens in a globally coordinated public awareness campaign "The Year of the Frog". Each institutional member of WAZA or any of the regional associations of zoos and aquariums was invited to participate in the campaign by organising activities and amphibian displays, and/or using their websites, zoo graphics, education materials and media releases to promote the cause.

The Amphibian Ark is a joint effort of three principal partners: WAZA, the IUCN/SSC Conservation Breeding Specialist Group and the IUCN/SSC Amphibian Specialist Group. The Amphibian Ark was formed to address the *ex situ* components of the IUCN Amphibian Conservation Action Plan. WAZA currently holds the Chair of the Executive Committee and provides support to the Amphibian

Ark. The Amphibian Ark link is listed under Conservation also. Go to it and click on Amphibian Ark in the text and get the whole AArk website with all its many riches...for learning, for teaching others, for getting involved, for saving amphibians.

Other useful links on the WAZA website under Conservation

- World Wetlands Day
- International Studbooks
- Conservation Breeding Programmes
- Environmental Education
- WAZA Conservation Projects
- Conservation Strategies
- Code of Ethics & Animal Welfare

And you can download the WAZA Magazine by clicking Marketing and Media and then Publications.

NOT downloadable but a "must have" for zoos and other institutions. New WAZA Release!

Building a Future for Wildlife Zoos and Aquariums Committed to Biodiversity Conservation

"Building a future for wildlife" is the slogan of the World Zoo and Aquarium Conservation Strategy. Modern zoos and aquariums are indeed playing an increasingly active and important role in conserving species in their natural habitat. This richly illustrated book provides an overview of the partners, approaches and achievements of the world zoo and aquarium community in wildlife conservation.

The book's main focus is on 25 conservation success stories from around the globe, portraying the many ways in which zoos and aquariums are committed to biodiversity conservation. One goal is to raise awareness of the global accomplishments to save biodiversity.

Proceeds of sales of this book are donated to biodiversity conservation projects worldwide.

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