

WZACS Rocks on ! September News of the new WZACS in the World

Note : We wrote to the Directors of all regional zoo associations and WAZA to see what is going on in different parts of the world with WZACS themes. Here's what we got back.

Koen Brouwer, Director of the European Association of Zoos and Aquaria wrote :

"at the upcoming EAZA Annual Conference in Bristol (September 2005) we will work on producing the second (final?) draft of an EAZA Action Plan based on the Recommendations of WZACS. The first draft was produced in workshop organized during our Council meeting in Jerez, April 2005. Furthermore EAZA will soon be distributing several hundred copies of the WZACS to relevant European relations, e.g. conservation and animal welfare NGOs, governmental representatives, European Union representatives and relevant European media."

Onnie Byers, Executive Director of the IUCN SSC Conservation Breeding Specialist Group writes : We plan to run a working group which will discuss global, coordinated zoo-based conservation project identification/selection and possibly a group to discuss how high currency country zoos can engage high biodiversity country zoos in WZACS inspired *in situ* projects in their locality. Good idea to list what is going on. I think that knowing other regions and institutions are developing action plans for WZACS implementation will be very motivating."

Dave Morgan, Director of PAAZAB, the African Zoo Association, writes that PAAZAB will convene a single day workshop during its Annual Conference 8-12 May 2006 in East London, South Africa to cover the Association's implementation of WZACS.

Rosamira Guillen, Executive Director of ALPZA, the Latin American Zoos and Aquariums Association, writes that their (Association) meeting in April 2005 was completely focused on implementing the Strategy. "Based on that we had our ACOPAZOA (Colombian Zoo Assn.) meeting this past July, also about developing strategic planning around the strategy. From that meeting we decided we will develop a workshop on October, here in Barranquilla Zoo, for Colombian Zoos, on how to contextualize the strategy on our cultural and economic situation, and incorporate it on the strategic planning of each member institution, defining how our work will contribute to conservation."

Peter Dollinger, Executive Director of the World Association of Zoos and Aquaria sent a list of WZACS related activities in which he has been or will be involved in 2005.

May 05.- ARAZPA/SEAZA Conference, Melbourne (Launch of WZACS).

May 05. - WZACS featured in VDZ Annual Meeting, Berlin (German version distributed to VDZ Members and papers by Alex Rübel and Lothar Philips on the WZACS).

June 05 — Zoo Marketing Conference, Münster (German version presented to medias). Conf. themes relating to WZACS. Paper presented by Dollinger on zoos as habitat for native wildlife.

June 05 — Kronberg Meeting. Drafting of "WAZA Guidelines for Member *in situ* Conservation involvement"

September 05 - DGHT (German Association for Herpetology and Terraristic) Annual Meeting, Lörrach

October 05 - working groups on WAZCS during WAZA Annual Conference, New York.

Letters about WZACS from the zoo and wildlife community in South Asia

Ref. Thanks for WZACS

Thank you very much for sending us a copy of the World Zoo Aquarium Conservation Strategy. It certainly makes for an interesting read. We would send you our comments on this book after reading it thoroughly, and would like to incorporate some of the strategies mentioned in this document into our environment education efforts.

Farida Tampal, State Director, WWF-India, Andhra Pradesh State Office, Hyderabad

Reg: Thanks for sending WZCS book, 11.07.05

This is to thank you for sending me the full version of "World Zoo and Aquarium Conservation Strategy". The publication provides impacts for "*in situ*" Conservation. It is very useful for all these connected with zoos and conservation activities.

K.K. Nair, Indian Forest Service (Retd.), M.E.S. College Road, Nadakkavu, Calicut 673 011 Tel: 2765 607

Ref. World Zoo Strategy

Thanks a million for the above publication. This has many good articles and the one by you is quite bold. This is unfortunate that zoos have least priority at least in the Northern part of the country. Every department has become

"monotonised". I had tried to suggest species conservation by genetic approaches but big bosses in the forest department heard patiently but never allowed me to take up the matter. Too much "clerkism" is heavier than subject expertise. There is no will of cooperation. Universities are starving lack sufficient people more concerned with academics. There are many species of plants which can be and should be conserved. Also there are bats, bandicoots, etc. I had seen *Varanus* in the wild some years ago but no one wants to approach them scientifically and alive. To many, describing a species is science enough. I feel very happy to realize that activities of your organisation, great !! Go ahead. My compliments!

Professor HKGoswami, Retired Professor of Genetics Chief Editor, BIONATURE, Bhopal

More !

I got an opportunity to go through a few pages of the book 'Building a Future for Wildlife' you had sent to one of your members. I would like to get one copy of the same for our school library. If it is a priced edition, kindly let me know the price so that I can arrange to buy one. In case it is a free publication I request you to spare one copy to our school.

T.C. Pandian, Principal, Chinmaya Vidyalaya, P.A.C.R.

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Many thanks !

Thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to go through a copy of "World Zoo and Aquarium Conservation Strategy". It is very comprehensive and well thought document with inputs from experts, as expected, like you. I must renew my sincere thanks to you for giving a boost to thought and action to zoo-subjects for the last quarter century in this country. Of late, I am particularly keen about Bioinformatics/databases, etc. I am impressed about ZIMS under ISIS. I know I have to catch up with several things with you, but as usual my plate is always full with work. After Similipal, it is now for the entire state and also most of links with Delhi. Best regards. **Lala A.K. Singh, Research officer, Similipal Tiger Reserve, Orissa**

Many thanks for sending me the copy of World Zoo and Aquarium Conservation Strategy.

Dr.E.A. Jayson, Scientist, Forest Ecology and Biodiversity Conservation, Kerala Forest Research Institute, Peechi 680 653, Kerala, India. Email jayson@kfri.org

Thanks for sending a copy of this document for our library. Will it be possible for you to send a copy for my personal library? It is a very useful report. I need it for personal use - bad habit of highlighting and underlining important points. This I can't do in a library copy.

Asad Rahmani, Director, Bombay Natural History Society, Mumbai

I received the WAZA conservation strategy. The document has now placed added responsibilities on the zoo community in India. The document has give as new directions and mandate. The Chapters in the document require a lot of discussion for implementation of the concepts in India. Some definite guidelines for achieving the document concepts have to be framed with relevance to Indian zoos and conservation. I will offer my comments separately on the chapter coordinated by you. We should now organize some seminars in tune with the second strategy, so that the message is transmitted widely. Thank you for the opportunity provided to contribute some thoughts for the WZACS.

N. Krishna Kumar, I.F.S., Conservator of Forests (Research), Forest Department of Tamil Nadu, Chennai

Thanks

Thanks for sending us the WAZA's new Conservation Strategy document. I have just finished browsing through and found it to be an extremely useful and handy document. I wish enough policy makers and in large number of countries around the world could peruse and use it. Two things strike me immediately. One in which SAZARC could play a part. That is to work on developing standards for Zoos in the region to enable them to apply for, get inspected and win status recognition (say on lines of ISO 14000) and then use such a recognition in various ways least of which could be their brand development. Since such a standardisation would assess a Zoo in an holistic manner it would ultimately be the wild animals there who would come to benefit. I realise that what the CZA is trying to do as part of its recognition drill is somewhat on these lines but

this would be something much more rigorous and ongoing. Second is of course to do with our (PEACE) expertise in CITES. I was happy to note the important mention of Zoos meeting the CITES requirements while accessing animals from overseas. Unfortunately CITES is little understood by most practitioners. We at PEACE through our Research and Resource Centre on CITES can offer our advisory and training services to the Zoo world.

Manoj Mishra, PEACE Institute, New Delhi

Ref. Thanks for WZACS book

Thank you very much for you're above quoted letter along with we have received a copy of book titles "World Zoo and Aquarium Conservation Strategy WZACS" published by the World Association of Zoos and Aquaria WAZA. We found that it very informative and useful.

C.N. Pandey, Director, Geer Foundation

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Reg: Thanks for sending WZACS Book

Thank you very much for sending us a copy of the World Zoo Aquarium Conservation Strategy. The document will be of great use to us. As you may be aware, CEE has been identified by CZA, for developing the Master Zoo Education Plan for Zoos of India. In this context also the document will provide useful insights. Thank you for sharing it with us, and us always we look forward to strengthening our efforts and working together for future programmes.

Kartikaya V. Sarabhai, Director, CEE-Ahmedabad, Email: cee@ceeindia.org

Ref. Thanks for WZACS

This is to thank you for very kind gift of the following book, World Zoo and Aquarium Conservation Strategy. The book has been duly accessioned and added to the Library's collection where it can be of great benefit.

Acquisition Section, Khuda Bakhsh Oriental Public Library, Patna, Bihar

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I am in receipt of the copy of the full version of the "World Zoo and Aquarium Conservation Strategy"

The book is very useful and is full of information which I can make use.

Dr. Jacob V Cheeran, Cheeran Lab (P) Ltd. Thrissur, Kerala

Re. WZACS

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the The World Zoo and Aquarium Conservation Strategy. which you have sent gratis. We find it very useful for our readers.

Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati University, Central Library, Ajmer