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# Sydney Zoo

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## CAPTIVE MANAGEMENT POLICY

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### Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to outline the expected operational goals of the organisation relating to captive management of the biological collection.

### Other related policies

This policy is to be read in conjunction with the Zoo and Aquarium Association's ASMP Policy and Procedures Manual, Sydney Zoo's Euthanasia policy, Animal Health policy, Animal Transactions, and Animal Records policy.

### Policy details

1. Sydney Zoo has a commitment to providing the highest standard of husbandry and care for all animals within the biological collection. The needs of each species and also individuals will be considered with an aim to providing the best care under each varying circumstances. We recognise that care of these species may change according to circumstances. These may include but are not limited to pregnancy, birth and lactation, veterinary care, introductions and enclosure or facility relocations.
2. As a member of ZAA we will be seeking to follow ASMP recommendations and guidelines wherever applicable.
3. A collection plan is currently in place which will be updated annually. Capital development may guide the plan to a certain extent in the long term. Conservation and educational priorities will also be considered.
4. As part of the collection planning process it will be determined which species are to be bred and which are not. For species not to be bred they may be held in single sex groups or various birth control methods such as implants may be used where suitable. Surgical neutering may also be considered where applicable.
5. Unplanned breeding will be managed by sourcing reputable institutions to house the species in the future. Medium term holding facilities will be available for most species but will be viewed only as a short term method of housing the specimens until suitable alternative accommodation is found. New facilities will be sourced primarily through the ASMP and NSW FMPA members. Euthanasia will only be considered as a last resort where the animal's welfare is severely compromised.



**Responsibility**

The General Manager of Life Sciences, Curators, Records Officer and Veterinarians are responsible for actioning components of this policy.