

## **Meeting 14 Minutes**

Recorded by: Janel Lefebvre – African Lion Safari & Ginger Elliott - Canadian Species Initiative

**Date of meeting: January 30th, 2023 3:30pm EST**

**Who attended the meeting? What CAZA institute are they from?**

1. Amy Chabot - African Lion Safari
  - a. Janel Lefebvre
  - b. Ginger Elliott, Canadian Species Initiative
2. Stephen Petersen - Assiniboine Park & Conservancy
3. Emiko Wong - Biodome de Montreal
4. Menita Prasad - Greater Vancouver Zoo
  - a. Jonah Miller
5. David Page - Zoo Sauvage de St. Félicien
6. Katie M - Ripley's Aquarium
7. Kathleen Zary - Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park & Zoo
8. Catherine Shier - Edmonton Valley Zoo
  - a. Kira Vanzella
9. Cheryl Sheridan - Little Ray's Reptile Zoo Hamilton
10. Cheryl Laite - Little Ray's Reptile Zoo Ottawa
11. Patrick Pare - Zoo de Granby
  - a. Chantell Routheir
12. Matt Dixon - Riverview Park & Zoo
13. Tracey Reynolds - BC Wildlife Park
14. Etienne Laurence - Biodome de Montreal

### **Meeting resources:**

Resources from powerpoint:

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1j5-X8vs8OtEY-4m9QI2GIZTQ8iCYyXpz?usp=share\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1j5-X8vs8OtEY-4m9QI2GIZTQ8iCYyXpz?usp=share_link)

The Global Species Action Plan (GSAP):

<https://www.cbd.int/doc/c/fb33/0c69/857923de897e8fe27c400ca6/gsap-oweg3-en.pdf>

IUCN Consultation: The roles of zoos, aquariums and botanical gardens in conservation:

<https://www.iucn.org/our-union/commissions/species-survival-commission/our-work/online-public-consultation>

Canadian Species Planning Library:

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/17wETtRIONfMUxad3OUWLnevRAhBzbL5e?usp=share\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/17wETtRIONfMUxad3OUWLnevRAhBzbL5e?usp=share_link)

Conservation Training: <https://www.cpsg.org/our-approach/training>

CAZA Agenda 2023: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1BGN7zFbBMb07CjiQs6l2zLj0C6Bjb4pq/edit?usp=share\\_link&oid=109353037694980929168&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1BGN7zFbBMb07CjiQs6l2zLj0C6Bjb4pq/edit?usp=share_link&oid=109353037694980929168&rtpof=true&sd=true)

CAZA Focal Species Poll: <https://forms.gle/JTMxTRBtmNr1nBar6>

**Recording of meeting:** Not available due to technical difficulties recording to the cloud.

**Meeting summary:**

3:30pm Welcome & Introductions.

3:40pm COP15 review. Specifically Target 4, a cause to celebrate.

Target 4: “Ensure urgent management actions, to halt human induced extinction of known threatened species and for the recovery and conservation of species, in particular threatened species, to significantly reduce extinction risk, as well as to maintain and restore the genetic diversity within and between populations of native, wild and domesticated species to maintain their adaptive potential, including through in situ and **ex situ** conservation and sustainable management practices, and effectively manage human-wildlife interactions to minimize human-wildlife conflict for coexistence.”

IUCN’s Position on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity framework: Target 4 must include 3 elements: implementation of species-specific actions; enabling the recovery of threatened wild species and their genetic diversity; and inclusion of both in situ and **ex situ** conservation. IUCN calls for a Framework that prevents extinctions, reduces extinction risk of species, maintains abundance of non threatened species and brings about the sustained recovery of wild species. It should facilitate:

1. An enormous scaling up of species conservation through an ambitious species goal for 2050 and specific targets on species for 2030;
2. Conservation action ‘on-the-ground’ to alleviate threats, halt declines in species to improve the status of all species; and
3. Ensure that any use of species is legal and sustainable and that their benefits are equitably shared;
4. Mainstream species conservation across all policy and development sectors;
5. Consider establishing a programme of work for species conservation, using the **Global Species Action Plan**, as an implementation support mechanism to achieve species related goal and targets of the Global Biodiversity Framework

3:45pm The Global Species Action Plan

“Many species, including those at highest risk of extinction, will additionally require specific interventions, such as habitat management, translocation, reintroduction into the wild, demographic and/or genetic rescue, provision of breeding sites, ex-situ captive breeding or propagation, and others”

“Zoos, botanical gardens, aquariums, and museums: scale up commitments to support the conservation of species in the wild”

NOTE \* IUCN Online public consultation - Feedback requested on the role of zoos, aquariums and botanical gardens in conservation. Allowing individuals to provide feedback on draft documents.

3:50pm Focal Species within CAZA, the Canadian Species Planning Library

The Canadian Species Initiative has developed a Canadian Species Planning library. The species within were taken from Wildlife Preservation Canada and Canadian Species Initiatives Focal species lists.

The google folder can be shared with your email if you wish. Please let us know.

The library contains:

- Descriptions of IUCN Conservation planning Ex Situ Roles
- Ex Situ Role examples
- Descriptions of IUCN Translocation Ex Situ Roles
- IUCN Threats Classifications
- IUCN Stressors Classifications
- Ex situ roles that target IUCN Threats and Stressors
- Government Response Statements file
- Recovery Strategies file
- A Species list

The most important document in this folder is the species list/table.

The majority of the Species List has been filled in. The table summarizes information from the documents in the library. Species are alphabetically listed and grouped by taxa.

Recommended ex situ actions have been pulled from the recovery documents and grouped into ex situ roles (bold capitalized text). Where possible we have identified current ex situ and in situ conservation projects. Some information may be out of date. We ask that you **please** fill in any information you are able.

#### **4:00pm Agenda for 2023**

A draft agenda for the next four meetings has been established. Please let us know your thoughts.

February - A Review of Animal Programs

March - COSEWIC \*Comments from Stephen Peterson reaffirming need for further discussion

April - CAZA

May - Wildlife Trafficking, Smuggling and the illegal pet trade \*Comments from Cheryl Laite reaffirming need for further discussion

June : August - Break for summer

#### **4:15pm Homework!**

Conservation training opportunities: <https://www.cpsg.org/our-approach/training>

Review the Species table <https://docs.google.com/document/d/15EfS2ct5FieZKvoSUrchYJAt3-hqcmVT/edit?usp=sharing&oid=109353037694980929168&rtpof=true&sd=true>

and complete the CAZA Focal Species Poll: <https://forms.gle/JTMxTRBtmNr1nBar6>

**ADJOURNMENT: 4:20pm**

**Next Meeting Date: Monday February 27th 2023**