

Meeting Minutes

Recorded by Janel Lefbvre – African Lion Safari

Date of meeting: July 21st, 2022

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

1. Amy Chabot - African Lion Safari
 - a. Janel Lefebvre - African Lion Safari
 - b. Ginger Elliott - African Lion Safari
2. David Page - Zoo Sauvage de St. Felicien
3. Adam Grottoli - Assiniboine Park Zoo
4. Katrina - Science North
5. Vicky Carriere - Parc Omega
6. Cheryl Sheridan - Little Ray's Reptile Center
7. Cheryl Laite - Little Ray's Reptile Center
8. Jim Facette - CAZA

Contact information for main speaker:

- Amy Chabot, Director of Research, Education & Conservation Programs, African Lion Safari - achabot@lionsafari.com

Reminders:

- The Sharepoint library is open and access has been given to your institution. If you have any problems please contact: Donna Lahey: donna@promaxistraining.com
- Please sign-up for a meeting to present your facility's conservation efforts: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/12E9HRixI7DUTC-pKjs5duTOd122nTCX6/edit?usp=sharing&oid=109353037694980929168&rtpof=true&sd=true>
- The 2022 CAZA Conference will be hosted by BC Wildlife Park in Kamloops, October 18 - 20, 2022.

Meeting resources:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1aASs5p68kF_fOk-dBrv4p3Wm4be7BcSn/edit?usp=sharing&oid=109353037694980929168&rtpof=true&sd=true

Meeting summary:

2:05pm Meeting called. Brief hellos.

2:10pm Jim Facette - CAZA

Note to all, the CAZA Board of Directors heard from committee lead Amy Chabot at the recent board meeting in June. The board was very pleased with updates as to our efforts and supportive of our initiatives moving forward!

2:20pm Ginger Elliott - Canadian Taxon Advisory Groups (or similar system)

In 2020 the Canadian Species Initiative hosted an integrated assessment planning workshop for Canadian snake taxa. Through the workshop a desire to have Canadian plans for conservation and ex situ action was noted.

The American Association of Zoos & Aquariums (AZA)

1. Forms Taxon Advisory Group (TAG)
2. TAG completes Regional Collection Plan (RCP)
3. TAG uses RCP to select species for conservation action
4. Species Survival Plan (SSP) developed

HOWEVER this system is being scrapped. AZA is reorganizing these programs.

AZA's Saving Animals From Extinction (SAFE) programs

1. Two institutions or more collaborate on a 3 year plan
2. Plan based off existing species recovery plan
3. Program plan must include:
 - a. measurable field conservation
 - b. public engagement
 - c. funding objectives
4. Meets "Open Standards for the Practice of Conservation"
5. Must coordinate with TAG, WAZA, and SSP
6. Annual reports developed
7. Project reassessed after 3 years

European Association of Zoos & Aquariums (EAZA)

1. Forms Taxon Advisory Group (TAG)
2. TAG completes Regional Collection Plan (RCP)
3. TAG uses RCP to select species for conservation action
4. Development of EEP - European ex-situ program

Conservation Planning Specialist Group (CPSG) is a Specialist Group of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Species Survival Commission (SSC). Their mission "is to save threatened species by increasing the effectiveness of conservation efforts worldwide. For 40 years, we've accomplished this by using scientifically sound, collaborative processes that bring together people with diverse perspectives and knowledge to catalyze positive conservation change. We provide species conservation planning expertise to governments, Specialist Groups, zoos and aquariums, and other wildlife organizations." <https://www.cpsg.org/>

CPSG and EAZA

1. Uses the 5-step assessment process of the IUCN ex situ guidelines as the foundation of its Regional Collection Planning process.
2. Integrated Collection Assessment and Planning (ICAP).
3. The 5-step assessment process can be applied to develop EAZA Regional Collection Plans focussed on regional level only but can also be used on a global level.
4. This 5-step assessment process can equally be used for assessing and developing the non-conservation roles and goals (if any) for EAZA Ex situ Programmes.”

World Association of Zoos and Aquaria (WAZA) – Global Species Management Plans (GSMP)

Articulates an agreed plan for building the long-term sustainability of a zoological population. Provides a “Master Plan” and collaboration ranges from Aspirations to MOUs

1. Proposed partners nominate Convenor
2. Convenor and regional coordinators develop application
3. Submitted for review to regional representative on WAZA Committee for Population Management
4. WAZA regional rep seeks endorsement from partners
5. WAZA regional rep submits to WAZA CMP for approval
6. Convenor organizes Master Planning workshop with GSMP partners
 - a. Within 1 year of approval
7. Convenor and partners produce Master Plan
 - a. Within 6 months of workshop
 - b. Using guiding documents/Master Plan Template
8. Convenor and partners submit Annual Exec Summary to CMP
 - a. WAZA CPM disseminates to WAZA membership

CAZA - us! How can CAZA better assist collaboratively (among CAZA and with external partners) to implement species recovery in Canada??

Resources available to us: the Canadian Species Initiative (CSI) regional resource center for CPSG in Canada.

TAGS - is this what we would like to do? Canadian species based?

2:30pm Amy Chabot - Canadian TAGS

There has been interest by CAZA in developing ‘Made in Canada Models’, this is due to the low prevalence of Canadian species represented in zoological conservation plans. This is partly due to the fact certain Canadian species are classified as endangered in Canada but not given a designation internationally (on the IUCN RedList).

2:35pm Ginger Elliott - Sharepoint & Confrence

SharePoint is up and running! For those who do not know about SharePoint it is a collaborative CAZA effort to share conservation and history among institutions. We hope to have facilities begin to populate the web program with their histories. Donna Lahey is the contact for

Sharepoint however you can also contact myself, gelliott@lionsafari.com, with any questions and I will do my best to assist.

The CAZA Conference has been announced and will be held in Kamloops at BC Wildlife Park in October.

2:40pm Jim Facette - CAZA Board Update

First, noting it may be relevant to hold a CAZA Conservation & Education Committee meeting to discuss TAGs and similar programs at the upcoming CAZA Conference in Kamloops.

The conference is short, October 18th Icebreakers & zoo visit till October 20th when the awards banquet will be held. However, we are having some interesting presentations from CAZA members and it would be great to organize a time for these discussions.

Also please note: the CAZA Board is now accepting nominations for the 2022 awards ceremony. There is a new award: The Greg Tarry Lifetime Achievement award, which will be given out at the Board's discretion to an individual who has given their life to the zoological field in Canada.

Lastly the CAZA Board is fully behind Sharepoint, we are creating our story. CAZA has had issues in the past with conveying our story to the public. Public perception has included "CAZA members don't do conservation". BUT THAT'S NOT TRUE, and we know it. Your uploads help us to tell our story, not just to collaborate with each other but to garner support from our communities. We can change the narrative. At a recent meeting WAZA members were very intrigued/excited by our SharePoint initiative.

2:45pm Ginger Elliott - Wrapping Up

To populate SharePoint 3 options:

1. Present your facilities conservation initiatives at a Conservation & Education committee meeting, we will turn your presentation into drafts that will be sent to you for final edits (this was done for GVZ and Granby)
2. We have started to use some of your websites to develop drafts for SharePoint, the text is directly from your website and will need editing! Please contact us if you would like these drafts (this has been done for: Assiniboine, BC Wildlife Park, Montreal Biodome, Ecomuseum Zoo, Little Ray's, St. Felecian, Toronto Zoo and Yukon Wildlife Preserve)
3. Templates are available both on the Sharepoint and here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NLJB2JbEEjTpnzkaNZdRxdMin7T9WMMY/view?usp=sharing>

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Thank-you all for coming. It was great to see you.

ADJOURNMENT: 2:47pm

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, August 4th 2022 2pm EST