

WAZA and CITES

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History of WAZA

- ❖ Founded 1946 in Rotterdam as IUDZG – The International Union of Directors of Zoological Gardens.
- ❖ IUDZG became a INGO Member of IUCN in 1950
- ❖ Around 1990, a number of regional zoo and aquarium associations were founded and IUDZG had to give some thoughts to its future.
- ❖ Decision to change, in particular to shift from personal to institutional membership, to establish formal links with the regional associations, to be more pro-active in various respects and to become more conservation oriented.

The transition from IUDZG to WAZA

As a consequence the character of the organisation changed step by step. Most recent developments:

- ❖ 2000: New By-laws, new logo and the name “WAZA” are adopted.
- ❖ 2001: Permanent Executive Office with full-time director
- ❖ 2002: Participation in CITES.
- ❖ 2003: Revision of By-Laws, Combination of Code of ethics and animal welfare, new WZACS under way
- ❖ 2004: Participation in CBD.

Mission and Vision of WAZA

To provide leadership and support for zoos, aquariums and partner organisations of the world in animal care and welfare, conservation of biodiversity, environmental education and global sustainability

WAZA will be recognised as a trusted and leading partner in the conservation of biodiversity



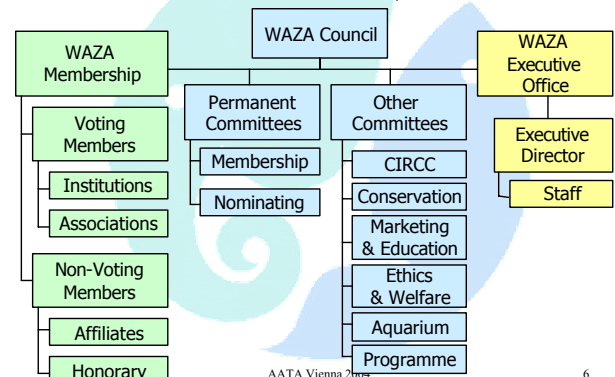
Code of Ethics and Animal Welfare



Members must comply, Association members must have equivalent rules for their members:

- ❖ top priority for conservation and survival of species
- ❖ co-operation with conservation authorities and NGOs
- ❖ co-operation with authorities to improve animal welfare standards encourage conservation research
- ❖ promote public education programmes and cultural recreational activities
- ❖ all animal transfers must conform to international standards and laws
- ❖ Only general directions re animal welfare - Detailed standards at the level of regional associations

The structure of WAZA



WAZA Council

- ❖ 2 Meetings per year
- ❖ Composition: President, president elect, immediate past president, 7 members at large:
 - 2 from North America
 - 3 from Europe
 - 2 from "Region III"



Ed McAlister, Adelaide Zoo, President 2003-2005



The WAZA Committees

- ❖ Ethics and Welfare (Ed Mc Alister)
- ❖ Conservation (Jo Gipps)
- ❖ CIRCC (Jonathan Wilcken)
- ❖ Marketing (Mark Reed)
- ❖ Aquarium (Gordon McGregor Reid)
- ❖ Education (Henning Julin)
- ❖ Programme (Karen Sausman)
- ❖ Membership (Bill Denner)
- ❖ Nominating (Alex Rübél)



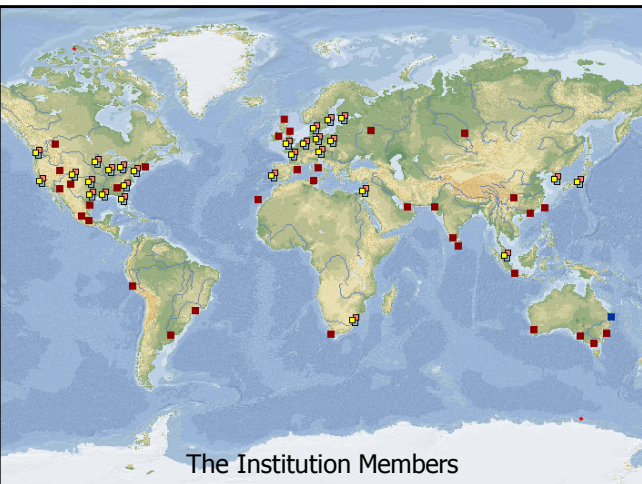
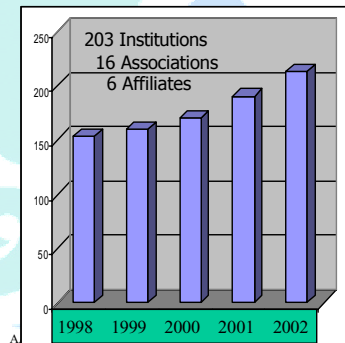
The WAZA Executive Office



The WAZA Membership

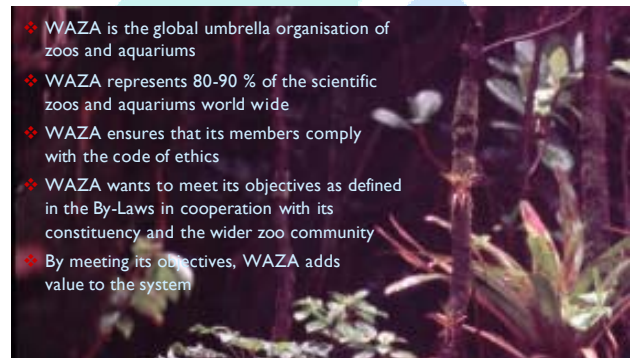
Membership growth

31.12.98:	153
31.12.99:	160
31.12.00:	170
31.12.01:	190
31.12.02:	212
31.12.03:	216
31.01.04:	225



What is the role of WAZA in the jungle of zoo associations ?

- ❖ WAZA is the global umbrella organisation of zoos and aquariums
- ❖ WAZA represents 80-90 % of the scientific zoos and aquariums world wide
- ❖ WAZA ensures that its members comply with the code of ethics
- ❖ WAZA wants to meet its objectives as defined in the By-Laws in cooperation with its constituency and the wider zoo community
- ❖ By meeting its objectives, WAZA adds value to the system



To meet its objectives, WAZA

(1) Organises Annual Conferences



2000 Palm Desert • 2001 Perth • 2002 Vienna • 2003 San José • 2004 Taipei • New York

(2) Participates in the organisation of specialised conferences and publishes Proceedings

- ❖ *In situ* Workshops 2000, 2001
- ❖ Marketing Conferences 1997, 1999, 1991, 2003 2005
- ❖ Rigi Symposium 2003, 2005

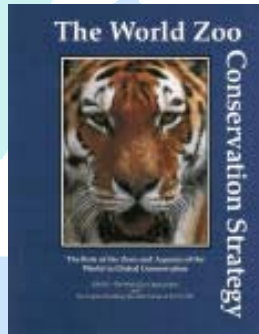


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(3) Prepares and disseminates strategic and position papers

- ❖ WZCS 1993
- ❖ Zoo Future 1995
- ❖ Code of Ethics and Animal Welfare 2003
- ❖ WZACS 2004



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(4) publishes News, Magazines, Directories, Fact Sheets

News
Magazine
Directory
Proceedings
Fact Sheets



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(5) engages in global campaigns

- ❖ Kabul Zoo ☹️
- ❖ Prague Zoo ☹️



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(6) issues media releases

- ❖ Kabul Zoo
- ❖ Prague Zoo
- ❖ Air Transport
- ❖ Jo'burg Summit
- ❖ Taiping Gorillas etc.



World zoos and aquariums oppose dumping of lions and other species into the wild

In response to media reports on the planned transfer of traag lions to game parks in South Africa, the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA) and the Pan-African Association of Zoological Gardens, Aquariums and Botanic Gardens (PAAZAB) state their opposition in principle to the indiscriminate transfer and release to the wild of animals kept in human care. The two organisations emphasise that such actions must always be in keeping with the provisions of the relevant Guidelines issued by the Survival Specialist Group of the World Conservation Union (IUCN).



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(7) represents the zoo world in international fora and coordinates the input into these fora

The WAZA Network
- links ex situ with in situ conservation

I. Author (Institution, Regional Zoo Association)
World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA)

II. Taxon (Species, subspecies, population)
Northern Tuatara (*Sphenodon p. punctatus*)
C. Uver and Red Mercury Island populations

III. Range states where this taxon is found
New Zealand

IV. Current estimated wild population size (if known)
unknown

V. Species status
CITES Appendix I IUCN RDB not listed

VI. Population trend for the taxon in the wild
Increasing

VII. Ex situ breeding operation

a. Name
Northern Tuatara ASMP (ARAZPA)


b. Location
ASMP coordinated by Wellington Zoo Trust. Animals (ca. 40) are held at Auckland and Hamilton zoos.

c. Year of establishment
1990

d. Type of operation
Non commercial

e. Origin of the founder stock if known
New Zealand - Wild caught.

VIII. Number of individuals successfully bred annually



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(8) concludes MOUs with Conventions and international organisations

- ❖ IUCN (2003)
- ❖ CITES and IATA (in preparation)
- ❖ CMS (in discussion)
- ❖ FFI (in discussion)



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(9) supports lobbying activities of its constituency

- ❖ EU Commission (Veterinary)
- ❖ Airlines
- ❖ National Authorities



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(10) participates in training activities of its constituency



Animal Transport Seminar in Vienna 2002

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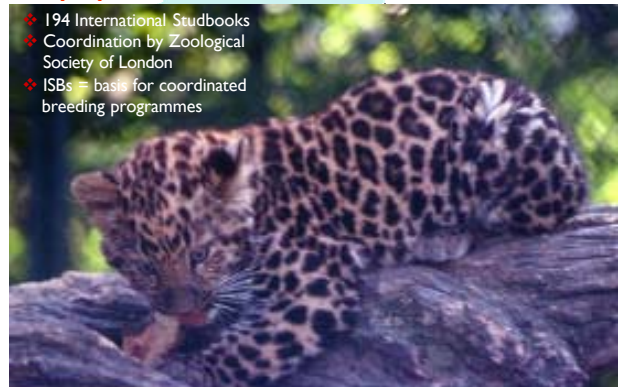
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(11) Promotes the WAZA brand and makes the brand available to members



(12) endorses International Studbooks

- ❖ 194 International Studbooks
- ❖ Coordination by Zoological Society of London
- ❖ ISBs = basis for coordinated breeding programmes



(13) grants financial support to inter-regional training projects

- ❖ Associations invited to submit projects
- ❖ Procedure in CIRCC
- ❖ 1-3 projects / year supported



(18) works towards generally accepted global data bases

- ❖ IADISC - ZIMS
- ❖ *In Situ* Projects



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Conclusion



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CITES

- ❖ Concluded in March 1973.
- ❖ Effective 1st July 1975.
- ❖ Currently 165 Party states.
- ❖ In principle trade agreement: regulates trade in animals, plants and products under species conservation criteria.
- ❖ Animal welfare provisions regarding transport of live animals.
- ❖ Provides for biannual meetings of the COP
- ❖ Organisation-like structure: Secretariat, Standing Committee, Animals + Plants Committees
- ❖ Transport WG of Animals Committee
- ❖ IATA LAR accepted as standard for air transport

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CITES Decision 12.86

“The Secretariat shall, in consultation with the Animals Committee, liaise with the International Air Transport Association (IATA) and the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA) with a view to concluding a Memorandum of Understanding in order to:

- strengthen further collaboration in order to improve transport conditions of live animals;
- establish an official training programme on animal transport; and
- facilitate the exchange of technical information relevant to animal transport, between the Secretariat, the IATA Live Animals and Perishables Boards and the WAZA Executive Office.”

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Current situation

- ❖ Draft prepared by CITES Secretariat
- ❖ Discussed and amended at Meeting in Geneva (spring 2003)
- ❖ Accepted by CITES Secretariat and WAZA Council
- ❖ No decision yet from IATA
- ❖ OIE may be interested to join MOU
- ❖ Transport WG has mandate to develop standard for other modes of transport than by air (where necessary)

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Thank you for your attention



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