

# Report: Ukraine Zoos Emergency Fund

April 2023

## Background

Russia invaded Ukraine on 24 February 2022. EAZA's Candidate for Membership programme, which mentors zoos and aquariums seeking to achieve our Standards, includes three zoos in Ukraine: Kyiv Zoo, Kharkiv Zoo and Mykolaiv Zoo. Contact was made with these zoos and the Ukrainian Association of Zoos and Aquariums (UAZA – now has become Association of Zoos of Ukraine, AZU) to see if any support was needed. Initially, Ukrainian Members did not ask for immediate assistance from other Members or from the public; there was hope that the war would come to a swift and peaceful conclusion. EAZA therefore worked to coordinate communications and fundraising so that the zoos could focus on the immediate situation facing them.

Within a days of the war starting, EAZA established the Ukraine Zoos Emergency Fund with a dedicated [Fund Protocol](#) and [Claims List](#). It was agreed that funds raised could be used to assist Ukrainian zoos to continue to provide food and care to animals in conditions of relative welfare and safety, as well as providing support for care staff and management at the zoos. The Fund enabled individuals and organisations to donate to EAZA as a central collection point. A [dedicated webpage](#) was set up and various communications were shared on how to donate.

EAZA released a [Statement on the War in Ukraine](#) (updated 8 December 2022), and numerous communications and updates were shared as the war progressed and the need for support became more long-term. A summary can be seen in this [video from the EAZA Annual Conference 2022](#) (from 2:04:40) and this [video one year after the start of the war](#).

The Ukraine Zoos Emergency Fund provides direct financial assistance to institutions as well as coordinating efforts with AZU who are able to receive money from EAZA and distribute to those most in need. In addition, the Fund has been used to make payments for food supplies, veterinary equipment, and six generators, which have then been transported into Ukraine and distributed to institutions.

EAZA is also aware that colleagues at Panda Foundation of Warsaw, Łódź Zoo, Berlin Zoo and Tierpark, Prague, Wrocław, Košice, Gdansk, Tallinn Zoos and other EAZA Members have also arranged trucks that delivered supplies to, at least thirteen institutions. Wherever possible EAZA has sought to combine and coordinate with these efforts so that maximum benefits can be received by as many organisations as possible.

EAZA commits to full transparency on the collection and distribution of funds for Ukraine, with 100% of donations going to help Ukrainian zoos and aquariums.

## Donations and Spending

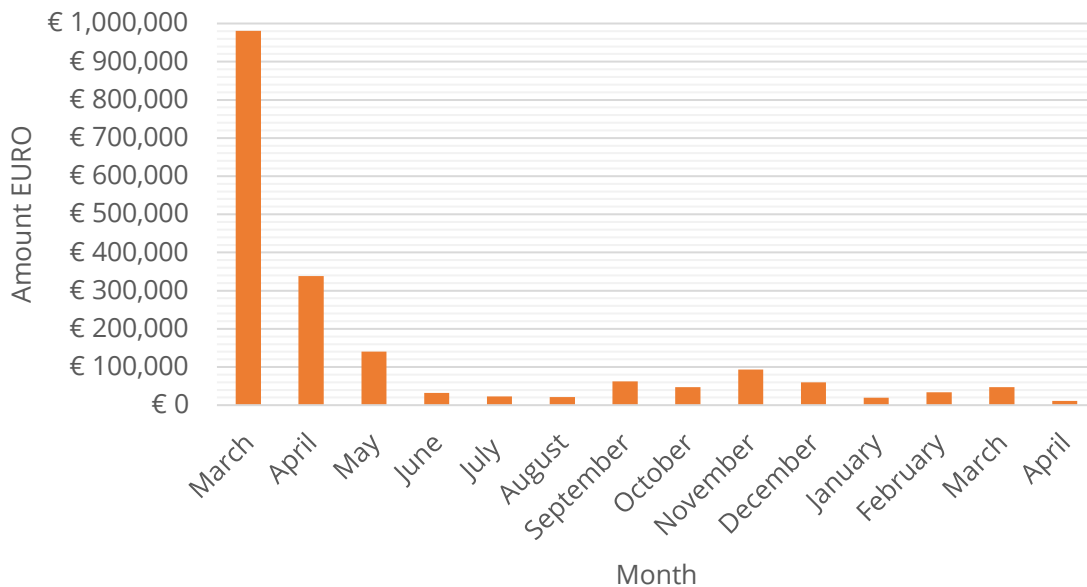
As per 19 April 2023, the EAZA Ukraine Zoos Emergency Fund has:

- Raised €1,920,304
- Spent: €1,751,607

Weekly meetings are held by a Ukraine Fund group to review new donations and agree spending. A due diligence process is in place to check the validity of those requesting support, develop cooperation agreements, and agree reporting on use of funds.

As might be expected, the majority of funds were donated in the first few months (see Figure 1).

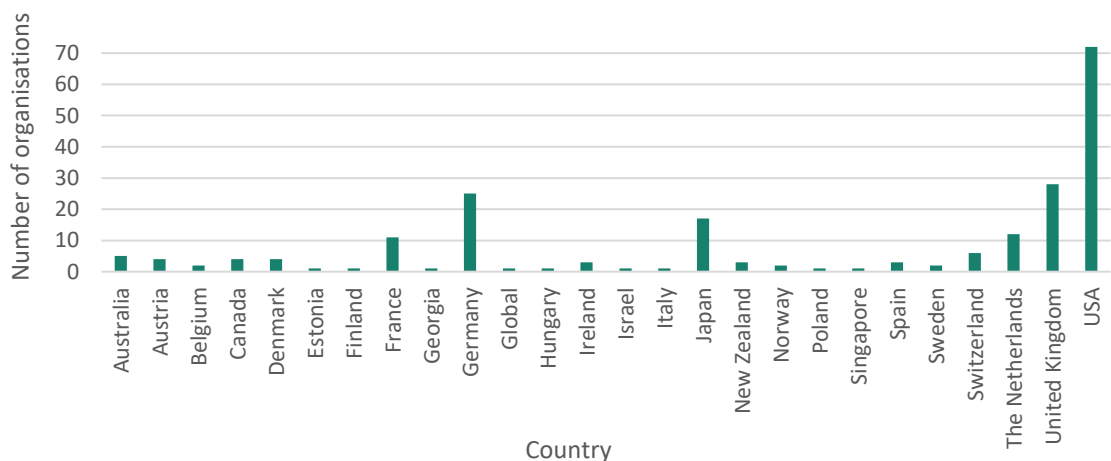
**Figure 1: Funds raised per month**



Specific calls for additional donations were made in September during the Annual Conference, and in February 2023 one year after the war started.

Individuals across the world have made 11,710 donations so far, with many making multiple donations ([see list of names here](#)). Two hundred and twelve EAZA Members and other organisations worldwide have made donations, again sometimes multiple ones. The spread of donations from organisations per country is given in Figure 2.

**Figure 2: Number of donations from organisations per country**



The full list of organisational donors can be found on the [Ukraine Zoos Emergency Fund webpage](#). EAZA thanks all the donors for their generosity and would like to especially acknowledge the following organisations for their high level of support:

**€100,000**

IFAW

**€50,000 and more**

Tierpark Hellabrunn Munich, DE

**€30,000 and more**

Boguth Jonak Stiftung, CH

Tallinn Zoo, EE

ZAA, AU

**€20,000 and more**

AVMF, US

Deutsche Tierparkgesellschaft, DE

Opel-Zoo Kronberg + Foundation, DE

Stichting Pieterella Pols Fonds, NL

Tokyo Zoological Park Society, JP

WAZA

Wilhelma Stuttgart, DE

Wrocław Zoo, PL

**€10,000 and more**

Aachener Tierpark AG, DE

Calgary Zoological Society, CA

Chessington World of Adventures, UK

Cologne Zoo, DE

DAZA, DK

DierenPark Amersfoort + Foundation, NL

Georgia Aquarium, US

Kansas City Zoo, US

KMDA Antwerp, BE

Kristiansand Dyrepark, NO

Leipzig Zoo, DE

Nuremberg Zoo + Friends, DE

Rotterdam Zoo Blijdorp, NL

RZSS, UK

Schoenbrunner Tiergarten Vienna, AT

Tierpark Goldau, CH

Tierpark Hagenbeck + Foundation, DE

Toronto Zoo, CA

West Midland Safari Park, UK

Zooparc de Beauval, FR

ZSL London Zoo, UK

Note: Data filtered from among 12 thousand donations; some transfers had the name of person paying but not institution, thus the list may not be fully complete.

Funds have been distributed to the following 24 institutions in Ukraine, often in multiple donations over the year:

Askania Nova Reserve

Berdyansk Zoo

BION Terrarium Center

BioPark Odessa

Cherkasy Zoo

Ecopark Kovalivka

EkZoterra

Feldman Ecopark

Home Zoo Center

Kharkiv Zoo

Kyiv Zoo

Limpopo Zoo

Lutsk Zoo

Mena (Mensky) Zoo

Mykolaiv Zoo

Odesa Zoo

Oles Honchar Dnipro National

University

Oscar Dolphinarium

Podilsky Zoo

Rivne Zoo

Safari Park on the Arabat Arrow

XII Months Zoo

Zolotoj Fazan (Golden Pheasant)

ZooMir

Table 1 shows how the funds were distributed across different institutions. The highest level of spend was to the large EAZA Candidate for Membership zoos and zoos who are members of AZU.

**Table 1: Summary of total spent by number of institutions in receipt of that amount**

Total spent amount €	Number Institutions
0-10,000	5
10,001-50,000	7
50,001-100,000	3
100,001 +	9

The different organisations provided receipts, photo and video evidence of how the funds have been spent. A sample of their images is provided below.

One of the supported institutions, Feldman Ecopark, was attacked and needed to relocate the animals they could to a new location. Amongst the Ukrainian zoos there has been a strong preference to support each other internally and move animals in need of extra care or accommodation to other Ukrainian zoos. To date, there has not been a need to relocate animals from the supported organisations to zoos outside Ukraine. EAZA has been in contact with a group of animal rescue organisations and assisted with information regarding relocations from such centres to zoos outside Ukraine when needed.

The Fund remains open however, the majority has now been spent out. Calls for donations will continue and EAZA remains committed to supporting zoos and aquariums in Ukraine care for their animals and staff.

**Figure 3: Shelter and food for animals in Askania Nova Reserve**



Figure 4: Vegetable supplies for BioParc Odessa



Figure 5: Fruit and vegetables for Kyiv Zoo



Figure 6: Fuel burner to heat primate house at Limpopo Zoo



Figure 7: Veterinary supplies for Kharkiv Zoo



Figure 8: Meat for ZooMir



Figure 9: Six generators sent from The Netherlands to zoos in Ukraine to assist with heating and lighting over the winter period after usual energy supplies became restricted.

