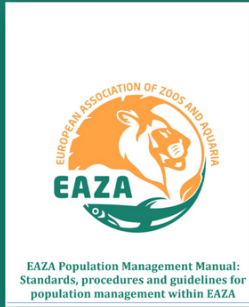


Diving into Regional Species Planning



Regional Species Plan (RSP) = In the spirit of the One Plan Approach and by applying the 5-STEP decision making process in the *IUCN Guidelines on the Use of Ex situ Management for Species Conservation*, Taxon Advisory Groups (TAGs) decide which species are recommended to be managed under an EAZA Ex situ Programme (EEP) and what the direct, and/or indirect, and/or non-conservation roles of each EEP will be.

Example

Waterfowl and Pelecaniformes TAG



5-STEP decision making process



One Plan Approach

Ex situ and *in situ* experts making organised and strategic decisions together for the biggest impact in species conservation



Why do we need RSPs?

- Zoos and aquariums have limited human, financial and space resources
- Choosing the right species to care for is one way for zoos to maximise their contribution to conservation
- RSPs are the documents to guide them in this process

Each species gets a recommendation



EEP: This species should be managed for (mostly) conservation reasons*



MON-T: No specific recommendation. The TAG will monitor numbers



MON-T Phase out: Please phase out from collections



MON-T Replace with: Please phase out and replace with species X - typically one that is more important for conservation reasons



MON-T Do Not Obtain: The species is currently not present in EAZA zoos, please keep it that way

* See the "What's an EEP?" infographics for more details and/or visit www.eaza.net/programmes