



## ***EAZA Amphibian and Reptile TAGs joint meeting 2025*** ***(12.5.-17.5.2025, Allwetterzoo, Münster, Germany)***

### Basic conference schedule:

Date	What	Where
12 May	Arrival & Icebreaker	Allwetterzoo, Conservation Campus
13 May	Meeting day	Allwetterzoo, Meranti Events
14 May	Meeting day	Allwetterzoo, Meranti Events
15 May	Meeting day	Allwetterzoo, Meranti Events
15 May	Farewell Dinner	Allwetterzoo, Aquarium
16 May	Excursion	Meeting Point Allwetterzoo, Entrance
17 May	Departure	

### **Monday 12 May 2025**

**Icebreaker** (Allwetterzoo, Conservation Campus, start at 17:00)

### **Tuesday 13 May 2025**

**Amphibian TAG** – all day sessions (*the program will be provided by ATAG separately*)  
(including short introductory presentation with some updates/calls for actions  
from the EAZA office by David Aparici Plaza)

### **Program of 29th (50th) EAZA Reptile TAG meeting**

*(Note: Programme is according to needs flexible and may change)*

### **Wednesday 14 May 2025**

09:00 - 11:00 **Reptile TAG I**

**Ivan Reháč** (Prague Zoo), EAZA Reptile TAG Chairman: **Introduction and welcome** (30 min)



**Chelonian session (part 1 of 3)**

chaired by **Matt Goetz** (Jersey Zoo), EAZA Reptile TAG Vice-chairman (subgroup Chelonians)

**Philipp Wagner** (Alwetterzoo Münster): **Fighting against the Asian Turtle Crisis - the conservation programs of Allwetterzoo Münster** (60 min)

**Thirza Bollema** (Wageningen University): **Genetic diversity and subspecies differentiation in captive Asian forest tortoise (*Manouria emys*) populations** (30 min)

11:00 – 11.30 coffee break

11:30 – 13:00 **Reptile TAG II**

**Chelonian session (part 2 of 3)**

chaired by **Matt Goetz** (Jersey Zoo), EAZA Reptile TAG Vice-chairman (subgroup Chelonians)

**Petr Šrámek** (Brno Zoo): **Update on *Pyxis arachnoides* EEP** (10 min)

**Markus Klamt** (Zoo Berlin): **Update on *Geochelone elegans* EEP** (20 min)

**Peter Praschag** (Turtle Island, Austria): **An update of Turtle Island's conservation programs in Mexico, Turkey, Nepal and Austria** (60 min)

13.00 – 14.00 lunch

14:00 – 15:30 **Reptile TAG III**

**Chelonian session (part 3 of 3)**

chaired by **Matt Goetz** (Jersey Zoo), EAZA Reptile TAG Vice-chairman (subgroup Chelonians)

**Petr Šrámek** (Brno Zoo): **Satellite tracking of sea turtles in Indonesia – methods and techniques** (20 min)

**Lizard session (part 1 of 3)**

chaired by **Ivan Rehák** (Prague Zoo), EAZA Reptile TAG Chairman



**Vojtěch Víta** (Prague Zoo): **Challenges in breeding *Lanthanotus borneensis***  
(40 min)

**Zahradníčková Veronika** (Prague Zoo): **Biology and husbandry of anoles of the „*Chamaeleolis*“ group** (30 min)

15:30 – 16.00 coffee break

16:00 – 17:30 **Reptile TAG IV**

**Lizard session** (part 2 of 3)

chaired by **Ivan Reháč** (Prague Zoo), EAZA Reptile TAG Chairman

**Benjamin Drouet** (Réunion project, vet): **10 years of conservation of the Manapany day gecko in La Réunion & Projects of captive breeding** (30 min)

**Matt Goetz** (Jersey Zoo): **“Release the eggs!” – oil-spill impact and first trial of repatriating lost genetic diversity to Mauritius offshore islets** (35 min)

**Ciaran Westgate** (Jersey Zoo): ***Varanus prasinus* EEP - an early days update and looking to the future** (15 min)

**Crocodile session**

chaired by **Fabian Schmidt** (Basel Zoo), EAZA Reptile TAG Vice-chairman  
(subgroup Crocodiles)

**Michel Ansermet** (Aquatris Lausanne): ***Crocodylus suchus* in Morocco** (10 min)

## Thursday 15 May 2025

**Visit to Allwetterzoo facilities in the morning**

13.00 – 14.00 lunch

14:00 – 15:30 **Reptile TAG V**

**Lizard session** (part 3 of 3)

chaired by **Ivan Reháč** (Prague Zoo), EAZA Reptile TAG Chairman



**Benjamin Drouet** (Madagascar project, vet): **First observations on diet, habitat & health of wild Parson's chameleons from Vohimana (Madagascar), with the help of metabarcoding** (30 min)

**Matthew Cook** (Chester Zoo): Updates on *Uroplatus henkelii* EEP (10 min)

### **Snake session**

chaired by **Guido Westhoff** (Hamburg Zoo), EAZA Reptile TAG Vice-chairman (subgroup Snakes)

**Iri Gill** (Chester Zoo) and **Olivier Marquis** (Paris Zoo): **Workshop on palearctic vipers** (15 min)

**Guido Westhoff** (Hamburg Zoo): **Workshop on promoting venomous snakes and boids in zoos** (30 min)

15:30 – 16.00 coffee break

16:00 – 17:30 **Reptile TAG VI**

### ***Round table:***

**European threatened reptiles (with special focus on the lizards from Ibiza)**

chaired and introduced by **Philipp Wagner** (Alwetterzoo Münster)

### ***Workshop on European reptiles***

chaired and introduced by **Olivier Marquis** (Paris Zoo)

**Content framework:** Maintaining captive colonies of European reptile species presents unique challenges. Recreating the seasonal climatic variations these species naturally experience adds technical constraints that require adaptation. Additionally, as European species tend to be less visually striking to zoo visitors, they are often kept less frequently than tropical species, resulting in more limited keeping/breeding experience. However, temperate species—especially those native to Europe—are particularly sensitive to climate change, and their conservation needs, including ex-situ efforts, are expected to grow. Every experience, whether positive or negative, contributes to our collective expertise in the long-term care of these species. Potential outcome of this working group could be the formation of a dedicated task force to develop guidelines on the specificities of keeping European species in captivity.

### **Key themes for discussion:**

1. **Technical aspects of replicating natural cycles** – How can we best recreate day/night cycles and seasonal climatic variations indoors? What equipment and techniques should be used (e.g., air conditioning, external air injection)?
2. **The role of hibernation** – How should hibernation be managed? What is the optimal duration? What are the potential benefits or drawbacks in terms of breeding success and longevity?
3. **Outdoor enclosures** – What are the best practices for designing outdoor enclosures? What technical considerations and challenges arise? How do we approach public displays?



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### **Closing of the sessions**

Amphibian and Reptile TAGs Chairs Gerardo Garcia and Ivan Reháč

### **Farewell Dinner**

**Friday 16 May 2025**

**Excursion**

**Saturday 17 May 2025**

**End of the conference, departure of ARTAGs meeting participants**