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| Wildlife Habitat |
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| Captive Management Policy |

## Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to outline the expected operational goals of Wildlife Habitat relating to captive management of the biological collection

## Other related policies

To be read in conjunction with ZAA General Standards and Guidelines, ZAA ASMP Policy and Procedures Manual, ZAA Animal Transactions policy, Wildlife Habitat Euthanasia policy, Wildlife Habitat Animal Health policy, Wildlife Habitat Animal Records policy, Wildlife Habitat Animal Acquisition and Disposition policy

## Policy details

Wildlife Habitat has a responsibility to ensure sustainability in the captive population.

This will be achieved by adherence to the following

* Follow all ASMP Annual Reports and recommendations
* Follow all DAF Exhibition License Individual Management Plans – 6. Breeding
* Alert the Manager or Wildlife Supervisor to any changes in the population
* When required, consult the veterinarian when specific species are breeding and with young
* Ensure that there is no unplanned breeding which may lead to un-necessary surplus stock
* Avoid inbreeding/hybridisation in the captive population – separate related specimens
* Ensure that breeding does not cause over population
* Work closely with our sister zoos Cairns Zoom and Rainforestation utilising their expertise, species diversity and individual genetic diversity
* Ensure all animal transactions are made with reputable sources and that safe transport occurs.
* Euthanasia to be used only as a last resort in regards to over population
* Ensure maximum genetic diversity
* Selectively breed non program animals to maintain genetic diversity
* Enlist the help of industry professionals where necessary
* Attempt to maintain efficient sex ratios and age structures
* Work collaboratively with like-minded Institutions and Industry Associations to ensure captive sustainability
* Maintain an accurate, professional record keeping system

## Responsibility

The Manager is ultimately responsible for ensuring this policy is implemented and that staff involved are familiar with it. Staff are obligated to support the actioning of this policy by incorporating the elements in their daily procedures