

Why publish from web sites ?!!! and that too, in our first e-issue?

Why indeed !

It is possible (and I feel it is likely) that few people, except those who are very active members of CBSG, have an idea of the extent and scope of their conservation activities. Conservation innovation, species assessment and analysis for conservation are the forte of the Conservation Breeding Specialist Group, IUCN SSC and its regional networks. There is no end to conservation innovation or to the need for it: as the world grows hotter (both climatically and politically) and environments change, habitats shrink and otherwise lose quality, innovation in conservation is more crucial. The same is true of WAZA. WAZA is, in addition to hosting multiple regional and national zoo associations and hundreds of member zoos, is also very much involved with the top policy makers in organizations, IUCN, CMS, CBD, & Convention on Wetlands as partners, and others who organize the important international meetings having to do with biodiversity conservation, climate change, etc. WAZA is equally innovative and active in some of the same and some very different activities. Together the two organisations are making a big difference in the world.

Probably no one who cares deeply for wildlife in the wild, wants to see the carefully bred threatened species in zoos **NEED** to be used for the purpose they were intended. We hope they will always be there for back-up but would never need to be used. Now, a growing number of species declines and extinctions make reintroductions, translocations, and other "movements" of animals needed.

We in the conservation community are all busy. Often we are too busy to read all the articles we need to, or have the discussions required for consensus or closure, OR even check out details in websites. Zoo Outreach Organisation is heavily invested in CBSG and WAZA. Now, a "True Confession from the Editor... until I got deeply into this issue, even I didn't have a clear picture of how much CBSG and WAZA have done, are doing and will do! after 20 years of involvement. So this first issue of our ZOO's Print E-zine (or ZOOzine) is devoted to the enormous work of CBSG and WAZA.

We know many of our readers in South Asia may never have checked the CBSG or WAZA websites or have not followed through with the numerous links. People who speak with respect CBSG and WAZA may not realise the full scenario. If you go through this Issue XXVI, Volume I, 11 Jan 1, you will know why ... and you may also have some new tools for your conservation activities and will check their website frequently.

It is bizarre in the extreme for ZOO to make our first issue of our quarter-century old magazine's shift to web "only" a summary of websites. We hope readers will understand that such extreme behaviour indicates our intention to **get YOUR attention** focused toward CBSG and WAZA conservation activities and processes.

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