

PROJECTS OF SAZARC -- Conference Resolutions -- into Action

SAZARC Conference 2004 unanimously resolved endorsement of three international activities and agreed to cooperate with these campaigns by involving the zoos and zoo personnel of South Asia to the extent possible. These include



1. The European Association of Zoos and Aquaria (EAZA) Shellshock Campaign for Conservation of Turtles and Tortoises,
2. The European Association of Zoos and Aquaria (EAZA) campaign for Conservation of Rhinoceros,
3. The International Zookeeper Congress (IZC) campaign currently based in Melbourne, Australia for highlighting the importance of and improving the professional competence of zookeepers.

We should get started thinking about SAZARC resolutions which were published last February 2005 issue. This page is to update you why we put up these projects and the people who you can contact if interested. We will be doing this as a region so please mark your communication to President, SAZARC <ahmedabadzoo@icenet.net> and Director, SAZARC <zooeach@vsnl.com>.

International Zookeeper Congress

Last first, the IZC resolution. Earlier in ZPM we published an invitation from IZC to find zookeepers from South Asian Zoos who could possibly attend their 2nd International Congress in 2006. So far only Dr. R. K. Sahu, Superintendent of the Kamla Nehru Zoo, Ahmedabad has nominated his Animal head keeper, Mr. Bharat Kumar S. Maratha who has been working with Ahmedabad zoo since 15 years. Mr. Maratha and also reads, writes and speaks English. He is a graduate and has had a good records throughout his career. I would be good if all Directors who are interested in uplifting their zookeepers could find an animal keeper among their staff with some facility for English and some reading skills. It is not a necessity for nomination or acceptance for a scholarship, but it will be difficult for a non-English speak to follow the conference. Send your nomination soon. The conference is only 2006 but this is something that can't be done at the last minute.

EAZA campaign for Conservation of Rhinoceros,
Date: Mon, 22 Nov 2004 23:26:07 +0100
From: Nick Lindsay <Nick.Lindsay@zsl.org>
To Sally Walker, Director, SAZARC

Dear Sally

At the recent EAZA meeting (in the forests of Sweden) we heard that the Rhino TAG had been given the challenge of running the EAZA Campaign in 2005/2006. This follows a hugely successful Tiger Campaign in which they raised over 660,000 euros in 2 years, and the latest one, Shellshock, launched then.

I have spoken to the TAG chairs in AZA and ARAZPA and both have expressed their enthusiasm to help out with the campaign so we may go global on this. I wanted to contact you as we then need to get zoos in range countries involved, but perhaps from a different angle.

The aim will be to raise awareness and funds to support field programmes, probably for each of the 3 species held in European zoos but we may even stretch to the Sumatran as well. It depends on what others think. Maybe we can provide information boards for South Asian zoos with rhinos, and special events for visitors.

I would see the rhino campaign providing support for those zoos in Asia with rhinos to help them get new information boards where needed. These could be produced locally as they want them to get the message over to their particular visitors but using information that we will be collating for the campaign. We will be doing this for the European zoos anyway as we know many have out of date text with inaccurate figures.

International Zoo Programmes, Zoological Society of London,
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Ref: Shellshock ! EAZA Campaign
Date: Mon, 22 Nov 2004 23:26:07 +0100
From: Koen Brouwer <koen.brouwer@nvdzoos.nl>
To Sally Walker, Director, SAZARC

Dear Sally,

EAZA recently lauched its "Shellshock" Tortoise and Freshwater Turtle Conservation Campaign. We are extremely interested in working together with zoos and aquaria in your region, especially as so many of the endangered, and critically endangered species of turtles and tortoises are kept by your members and or live in the wild in South Asia. We would appreciate any attention you could give to the Shellshock campaign at your annual conference. SAZARC as an entity can participate in the campaign, but individual zoos and aquaria interested in participating can also contact my colleague Drs. Corinne Bos at corinne.bos@nvdzoos.nl who is coordinating the campaign together with Kevin Buley of Chester Zoo. Best wishes,
Koen Browher <koen.brouwer@nvdzoos.nl>

Turtles & Tortoises in South Asian Zoos

<u>Pakistan</u>	(2003 stock list)
East Asian Tortoise Lahore Zoo	<i>Geochelone elongate</i> 1.0.0.1
Land Tortoise Karachi Zoo	<i>Testudo graeca</i> 0.0.10.10
Spur Thighed Tortoise Karachi Zoo	<i>Testudo sulcata</i> 0.0.88.88
Afghan Tortoise Karachi Zoo	<i>Testudo Iberian</i> 0.0.10.10
Star tortoise Karachi Zoo	<i>Testudo elegans</i> 0.0.12.12
Tortoise Zoo Garden, Bahawalpur	<i>Testudo graeca</i> 4.2.0.6
Tortoise Islamabad Zoo	<i>Testudo graeca</i> 3.0.0.3
<u>Nepal</u>	(2003 Stock list)
Giant Land Tortoise Central Zoo	<i>Testudo gigantia</i> 1.2.0.3
Pond Turtle Central Zoo	<i>Melanochelys trijuga</i> 0.1.0.1
Tricarinate Hill Turtle Central Zoo	<i>Melanochelys tricarinata</i> 0.0.1.1
Indian Roofed Turtle Central Zoo	<i>Kachuga tecta</i> 0.0.1.1

Bangladesh

(Dhaka & Chittagong Zoo 2003 stock list; Rangpur Zoo 2004)

Indian rufus shell Tortoise

Dhaka Zoo 3.3.6.0

Land Tortoise *Testudo graeca*

Dhaka Zoo 2.1.0.3

Rangpur Zoo 1.0.0.1

Chittagong Zoo 0.0.4.4

Spotted Flap shell Tortoise

Dhaka Zoo 0.1.0.1

Sri Lanka

(date unknown)

Sri Lanka Black Turtle

Melanochelys trijuga thermalis

National Zoological Garden 46.44.04.94

Star Tortoise

Geochelone elegans

National Zoological Garden 42.46.04.92

Galapagos Tortoise

Geochelone nigra sp.

National Zoological Garden 0.1.0.1

African Spurred Tortoise *Geochelone sulcata*

National Zoological Garden 0.0.6.6

Indian Flap Shelled Turtle *Lissemys punctata*

National Zoological Garden 4.4.0.8

India

(as on 31.03.2004)

Terrapin Deccan Sawback *Kachuga tentoria tentoria*

Sayaji Baug Zoo 1.1.0.2

Terrapin Eastern Hill

Melanochelys tricarinata

Sepahijala Zoological Park 2.2.0.4

Terrapin Indian Sawback *Kachuga tecta*

Indira Gandhi Zoo Park 3.7.0.10

Sayaji Baug Zoo 2.2.0.4

Terrapin Pond Indian

Melanochelys trijuga

Mysore Zoo 0.0.5.5

Sri Venkateswara Zoo 0.0.4.4

Terrapin Red Eared

Pseudemys scripta elegans

Rajiv Gandhi Zoological Park 4.1.0.5

Terrapin River -Batagur

Batagur baska

Alipore Zoological Garden 0.0.1.1

Madras Crocodile Bank 1.1.0.2

Terrapin Spotted Black

Geoclemys hamiltoni

Assam State Zoo 0.0.3.3

Tortoise

Unidentified

Aurangabad Municipal Zoo 2.3.0.5

Bikaner Zoo 0.1.0.1

Kamla Nehru Zoo 0.0.19.19

Mahendra Chaudhury Zoo 3.4.4.11

Manipur Zoological Garden 0.0.4.4

Mini Zoo, Haddo 0.0.20.20

National Zoological Park 1.2.2.5

State Museum & Zoo 0.0.1.1

Tortoise Aldabra

Geochelone gigantea

Alipore Zoological Garden 0.0.1.1

Chennai Snake Park Trust 1.0.0.1

Tortoise Giant

Geochelone elephantopus

Kamla Nehru Zoo 1.0.0.1

Nehru Zoological Park 2.0.0.2

Tortoise, Indian Star

Geochelone elegans

Alipore Zoological Garden 0.0.28.28

Arignar Anna Zoological Park 0.0.101.101

Calcutta Snake Park 0.0.7.7

Chennai Snake Park Trust 0.0.9.9

Gandhi Zoological Park 2.3.0.5

Indira Gandhi Zoological Park 7.22.0.29

Indroda Nature Park 0.0.7.7

Jaipur Zoo 0.0.2.2

Jodhpur Zoo 4.13.0.17

Kamla Nehru Zoo 0.0.48.48

Marble Palace Zoo 1.1.0.2

Nandankanan Biological Park 3.3.0.6

Bannerghatta Zoo 4.7.63.74

Nehru Zoological Park 6.4.0.10

NBC Pranisangahalay(Sn 3.4.2.9

Rajiv Gandhi Zoological Park 7.12.0.19

Rajkot Zoo 7.3.5.15

Sakkarbaug Zoo 4.9.9.22

Sayaji Baug Zoo 4.7.27.38

Mysore Zoo 0.0.6.6

Sri Venkateswara Zoo 0.0.135.135

Sundervan Nature Centre 0.0.36.36

Udaipur Zoo 0.0.10.10

V.O.C. Park Mini Zoo 0.0.6.6

VJB Udyan & Zoo 2.3.0.5

Turtle

Unidentified

Calcutta Snake Park 9.16.0.25

Kamla Nehru Zoo 0.0.6.6

Lucknow Zoological Park 3.2.1.6

Bannerghatta Zoo 0.0.22.22

State Museum & Zoo 0.0.1.1

Turtle Crowned River

Hardelia thurjii

Thiruvananthapuram Zoo 0.0.7.7

Turtle Flap Shell

Lissemys punctata

Arignar Anna Zoological Park 0.0.10.10

Bondla Zoo 0.1.3.4

Madras Crocodile Bank Trust 0.0.2.2

Mini Zoo, Haddo 0.0.2.2

Rajiv Gandhi Zoological Park 1.5.8.14

Mysore Zoo 0.0.1.1

Indian Soft-Shelled *Lissemys punctata punctata*

Chennai Snake Park Trust 0.0.7.7

Nandankanan Biological Park 0.0.1.1

Nehru Zoological Park 45.25.0.70

NBC Pranisangahalay(Sn 0.0.0.0

Sepahijala Zoological Park 1.1.0.2

Thiruvananthapuram Zoo 0.0.1.1

Turtle Ganges Soft-Shelled

Aspiderates gangeticus

Nandankanan Biological Park 0.0.9.9

Sayaji Baug Zoo 2.2.10.14

Turtle Indian Black

Melanochelys trijuga

Bondla Zoo 4.8.0.12

Sri Chamarajendra Zoo 0.0.1.1

Thiruvananthapuram Zoo 0.0.4.4

Turtle Indian Tent

Kachuga tecta tecta

Assam State Zoo 0.0.2.2

Madras Crocodile Bank 0.0.2.2

Nandankanan Biological Park 0.1.0.1

Turtle Madras Pond

Melanochelys trijuga spp.

VJB Udyan & Zoo 0.0.20.20

Turtle Peacock-Marked Soft-Shelled

Trionyx hurum

Assam State Zoo 0.0.1.1

Gandhi Zoological Park 0.0.6.6

Turtle Pond

Melanoehelys trijunga

Arignar Anna Zoological Park 0.0.19.19

Chennai Snake Park Trust 0.0.31.31

Pililkula Wildlife Safari 0.0.10.10

Turtle Riverine Chitra

Chitra indica

Assam State Zoo Cum

Botanical Garden 0.0.2.2