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Caprinae TAG

Planned SSP Changes Potential Impact and Planning



Re-imagined SSP's: Updates to the Criteria

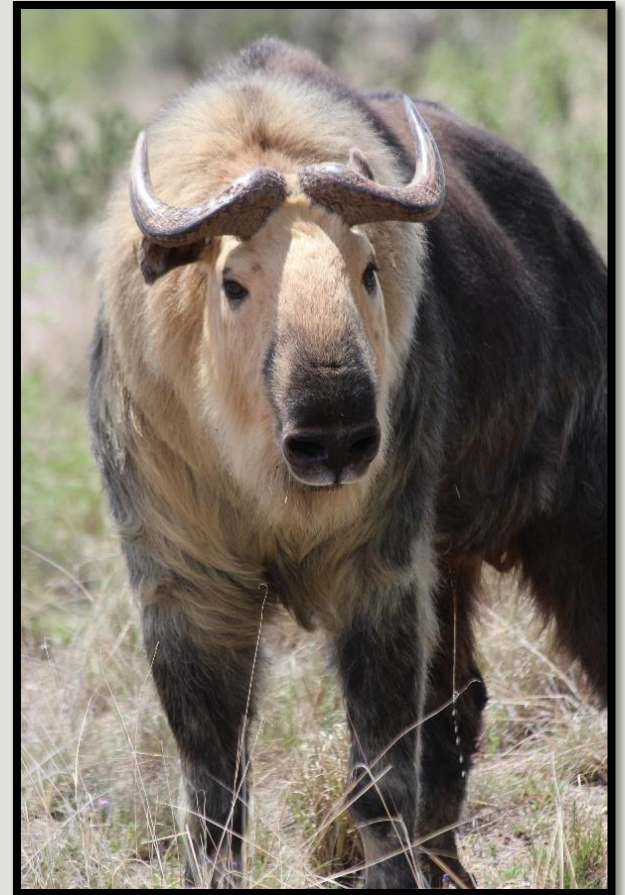
- **The majority (>50%) of individual animals of the managed population are housed in AZA member facilities**
- The program leadership is based within AZA
- No external entities significantly impact how the animals are managed
- The species is not part of a government-led recovery program
- Breeding is not prohibited by government regulations
- Breeding exceeds acquisitions from non-AZA sources
- **The species is held in at least 15 AZA facilities**

Likely Caprid to Qualify as an SSP

15+ Current AZA Holders (1 Species)



- Sichuan Takin
Currently **Yellow SSP** **20 AZA**
Provisional SSP



On The Bubble

(1 Species)



- Tajik/Turkmenian Markhor - Currently **Yellow SSP 9 AZA**

What needs to happen:

- * Requires an additional 6 AZA institutions
 - Consider adding a new Asian species
 - Consider adding an exotic caprid
 - Consider replacing species such as goral or urial that won't qualify as a provisional SSP

Current SSP That Will Not Qualify as a Future SSP (6 Species)



- Tajik/Turkmenian Markhor - Currently **Yellow SSP 9 AZA**
- Chinese Goral- Currently **Red SSP 9 AZA**
- Desert Bighorn- Currently **Yellow SSP 6 AZA**
- Transcaspian Urial- Currently **Red SSP 5 AZA**
- Nubian Ibex- Currently **Red SSP 3 AZA**
- Kordofan Aoudad- Currently **Red SSP 6 AZA**

The outcome for these species is likely to fall into the consortium/monitor framework

Caprinae TAG Programs Potentially After New Rule



- **1 SSP**
- **6 Consortium or Monitored Species**



Currently Monitored, Candidate or Phase Out Populations



- Armenian Mouflon (monitor)
- Rocky Mountain Goat (candidate)
- Japanese Serow (currently a phase out)

What will the TAG do with SSPs that are downgraded?

- Currently they would fall to Monitored status.
 - Each species will be carefully reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
 - Studbooks would continue to be kept as unofficial studbooks.
 - We would contact all holding institutions to gauge their commitment to any of the species moving forward. What desire there is to work with the TAG and willingness to manage these species outside of the SSP model.
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- Ungulate TAG leadership plan to develop these potential models together to share best practices and develop consistent methods and standards.