

Conservation Programs Evaluation Task Force

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Who Are We?

- A working group started from a mid-year meeting
- The task force is comprised of several TAG meeting attendees like yourself
- Our focus is to create a searchable database of vetted and TAG supported ungulate conservation projects



What Tasks Have We Completed?

- Designed an application process for interested candidates / conservation programs


AZA Ungulates
AZA Ungulates – Application for TAG Endorsement

The AZA Ungulate Taxon Advisory Groups (TAGs) – overseeing Antelope and Giraffe; Caprinae; Deer; Equids; Rhinos; Tapirs; Wild Cattle and Camelids; and Wild Pigs, Peccaries, and Hippos – support and enhance the conservation of ungulates in the wild and in human care. Under the “AZA Ungulates” umbrella, we work together to promote programs that enhance the survival of ungulates.

Conservation programs that pass review by a panel of TAG members are eligible to receive official TAG endorsement. To facilitate this process, programs looking for support are asked to fill in the form below and return the completed form to azaungulates@gmail.com.

General Project Information	
Project Title	Click here to enter text.
Location of Project	Click here to enter text.
Name of Principal Investigator	Click here to enter text.
Primary Affiliated Organization	Click here to enter text.
Other Organizations and Entities Involved	Click here to enter text.
Focal Species (note IUCN status if applicable)	Click here to enter text.
Other Impacted Species (note IUCN status if applicable)	Click here to enter text.
Aspects this Project Includes (choose all that apply)	In Situ: <input type="checkbox"/> Ex Situ: <input type="checkbox"/> Community Education: <input type="checkbox"/> Habitat Restoration: <input type="checkbox"/> Husbandry: <input type="checkbox"/> Monitoring: <input type="checkbox"/> Research: <input type="checkbox"/> Reintroduction: <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/>
Project Longevity	New project: <input type="checkbox"/> Established/Ongoing project: <input type="checkbox"/> Start Date: Click here to enter text. Expected End Date: Click here to enter text.
Desired Assistance (choose all that apply)	Advice: <input type="checkbox"/> Animals: <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment: <input type="checkbox"/> Funds: <input type="checkbox"/> Personnel: <input type="checkbox"/> Tech Support: <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/>
Budget	Please attach proposed budget for funds requested.
Curriculum Vitae	Please attach the principal investigator's CV.



What Tasks Have We Completed?

- Drafted an evaluation process for projects to receive TAG approval
 - Currently 3 different formats
 - Additional projects needed for testing

Evaluation Tool Option #1- Capacity Assessment

Pros: Allows for weighting of categories, allows for justification of the score which could be used over time to evaluate if a project has change; allows for comparison across projects based on numerical outcome; should be quick to fill out if questions are written well.

Cons: Would need to establish what a 1 versus a 4 means for questions where answers would fall into one of only two or three categories; categories like community involvement may be hard to compare and evaluate across projects with a 1-4 rating.

Capacity Assessment			
Topic	Components	Score (1-4)	Reason for
species	Focuses on a species of ungulate (or group of ungulates)		
	Includes a TAG Priority species		
	Includes a TAG In-situ Focus species		
	Focuses on a species that is threatened with extinction		
Community affairs	Project has local government approval		
	Support from the community exists for this project		
Organization	A component of this project includes community capacity building		
	This project is well established		
	There are clear goals for this project		
Conservation	An evaluation process exists for this project		
	Goals for this project are clearly stated		
	This project has a component of sustainability included		
	This project addresses a gap in research for this species		
	A legitimate conservation issue is being addressed by this project		
Total:			

PROGRAM GOALS

What is the primary thrust of the program?

Research
 Conservation
 Education
 Other. Please describe: _____

What sustainability issue is the program trying to address?
 Is there a critical reason that the TAGs should support this program?

SCORING

- This project does not fill a research gap or develop a new relationship with the community (0)
- This project addresses a gap in research (3)
- This project addresses a gap in work to conserve this species (3)
- This project addresses a conservation need with intention to create a sustainable future for the focal species (5)

What outcomes and impacts are the program aiming to accomplish?

Attitudes/Awareness
 Capacity building
 Livelihoods and Governance
 Policy
 Species and Habitat management
 Please describe: _____

How will these outcomes and impacts be measured?
 (We recommend the PRISM toolkit as a guide for evaluating programs).

SCORING

- Project goals are unclear or don't make sense with the project (0)
- Project has goals, but does not have an avenue to evaluate them (3)
- Project has clear goals and a process for evaluation (5)

What is the time-frame of this program? (How long has this program been running for? How long is it expected to continue?) Describe the current status of the project. If the program has been operational for over a year, please include the most recent annual report.

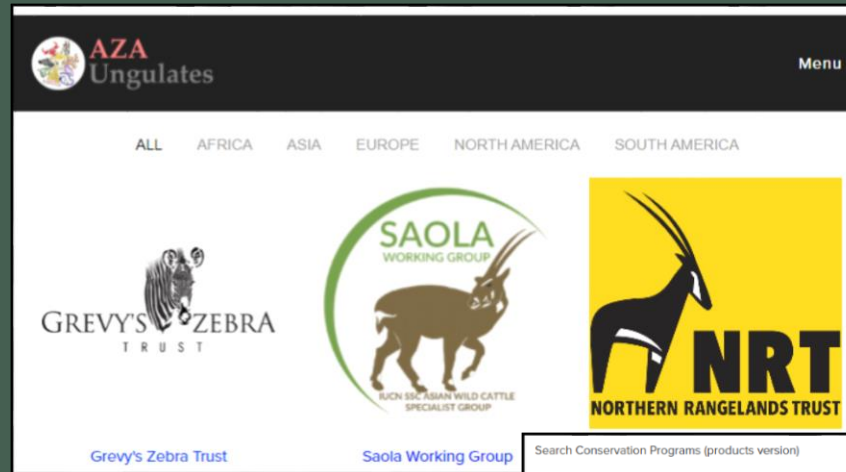
SCORING

- This program is brand new and has no previous funding or establishment (1)
- This program has commenced, but is relatively new (1-3 years) (2)
- This program has been running for 4+ years (5)
- This program has been running for 4+ years, with annual reports available (10)



What Tasks Have We Completed?

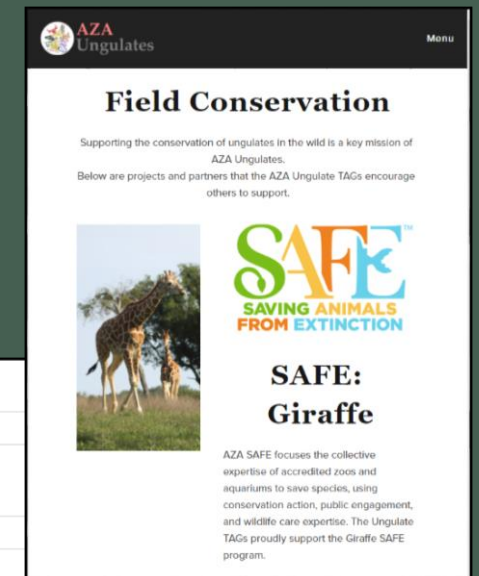
- Created a prototype conservation page on the AZA Ungulate Web Site
 - Searchable by program and continent
 - Forecasted "Go Live" - EOY 21'



Search Conservation Programs (products version)

Search the entire site:

Search the conservation gallery:



Want To Help Us?

- Assist in marketing this process
- Participate in application evaluations
- Maintain the master project database
- Project manage applicants at designated intervals to evaluate completion status

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Questions?

