



AZA Cervid/Deer TAG

Planned SSP Changes Potential Impact and Planning



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Likely to Qualify as SSPs Moving Forward 15+ Current AZA Holders (1 Species)

Reeves' muntjac- currently Yellow SSP 29 AZA





Tufted deer- currently Yellow SSP 14 AZA



Current SSP That Will Not Qualify as SSPs12 Or Fewer AZA Holders (5 Species)

Pere David's deer- currently Yellow SSP 4 AZA

Pere David's deer- currently Yellow SSP 9 AZA

Barasingha- currently Red SSP 5 AZA

Southern Pudu- currently Red SSP 12 AZA

Malayan chevrotain- currently Red SSP 10 AZA



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Cervid/Deer TAG Programs Potentially After New Rule

- 1 SSP (+1 bubble species with 14 AZA Institutions?)
- 8 Monitored Species or Consortium Species



What will the TAG do with SSPs that are downgraded?

- Currently they would fall to Monitored status.
- RCP just completed, so TAG has a good idea how all programs are currently doing
- We would ask for studbooks to continue to be kept as registries, which has already started for moose, white-lipped deer and Bactrian deer. We do not want to lose this information for the future.
- The TAG will continue as a helpful resource to the SSPs, monitored programs and registries.
- We would contact all holding institutions to gauge their commitment to the species moving forward and their desire to work with the TAG to continue to manage these species outside of the SSP model.
- Ungulate TAG leadership plan to develop these potential models together to share best practices and develop consistent methods and standards.
 - The Ungulate TAGs want to make the transition easy and understandable and somewhat consistent between all TAGs.
 - Discussions about population planning and science/biologist advisors needs to be figured out.