



Hippo, Peccary, Pig and Tapir TAG

Planned SSP Changes Potential Impact and Planning



APM Guidance on 15 AZA Member Future Standard for SSPs

The first SSP criterion for TAGs to **strongly consider** is that “animal populations held at fewer than 15 AZA-accredited and/or certified-related facilities (hereafter referred to as ‘AZA facilities’) will no longer be SSPs.” TAGs managing SSPs that are held at fewer than 15 AZA facilities should consider downgrading these programs to “Monitor” status. If a population is currently at 13 or 14 AZA facilities at the time the RCP is being prepared, the TAG could justify why the program should remain an SSP at this time. **These justifications could include demonstrating that the historic number of holders of the species has reached or exceeded 15 facilities, commitments from facilities that plan to house the species in the next three years in exhibits that are in construction or design, or other factors.** For populations housed at 15 or more AZA facilities, the TAG can continue then to use the Red/Yellow/Green system to classify its SSPs for populations it chooses to manage. The TAG does not need to manage all species that are at more than 15 facilities; however, **TAGs are strongly encouraged to look at currently unmanaged species that are widely distributed in AZA facilities and help to monitor the availability from ethical, responsible, and sustainable sources.** The APM Committee encourages TAGs to maintain unofficial studbooks for the programs that no longer qualify to be an SSP as they may increase to the 15 AZA facility requirement in the future.

Likely to Qualify as SSPs Moving Forward

15+ Current AZA Holders (5 Species)



- Red River Hog Yellow SSP 156 in 45 AZA institutions
- River Hippo Yellow SSP 79 at 31 AZA institutions
- Chacoan Peccary Yellow SSP 102 in 19 institutions AZA institutions
- Common Warthog Yellow SSP 120 in 34 AZA institutions
- Babirusa Yellow SSP (GSMP) 64 animals in 19 AZA and 1 non AZA institutions

On The Bubble

~15 AZA Holders (4 Species)



- Asian Tapir **Red SSP** 52 at 17 AZA and 3 non-AZA institutions
- Baird's Tapir **Yellow SSP** 43 at 15 AZA and 5 non-AZA institutions
- Visayan warty pig **Yellow SSP** 68 in 14 AZA, 4 non-AZA institutions
- Pygmy hippo **Red SSP** 97 in 12 AZA and 6 non AZA partner institutions

Hippo, Peccary, Pig and Tapir Programs Potentially After New Rule



- 5 SSPs (+3 bubble species with 15-17 AZA Institutions?)
- 1-2 Monitored Species or Consortium Species

Other Species that could be included

- Collared Peccary
- Mountain tapir
- Lowland tapir