

Mountain zebra ... these stripes are always in style!



Why exhibit mountain zebras?

- Round out your African collection AND fulfill your conservation mission with the eye-catching stripes of this vulnerable species of zebra.
- Be different! Instead of the over-used "East African savanna" exhibit, inspire your guests with a display of the Namib desert - a unique, dry ecosystem that also includes black rhino, giraffe, springbok, greater kudu, gemsbok, lions, ostrich, and vultures.
- Cultivate an involved visitor base by helping guests get to know individual zebras by using stripe patterns (just like in field studies!).
- Highlight the diversity of "zebras" by comparing the distinctive stripe patterns of the three species.
- **TAG Recommendation:** Zoos with plains zebras in mixed species exhibits are urged to replace them with mountain zebras.

MEASUREMENTS

Length: 7-8.5 feet

Height: 4-5 feet
at shoulder

Weight: 500-850 lbs



Rocky plateaus



Southern Africa

IUCN
VULNERABLE
CITES II

8,300 in
the wild

Stewardship Opportunities

Namibia Nature Foundation

<http://www.nnf.org.na/index.php/projects.html>
[#mountain-zebra-project](https://twitter.com/mountain-zebra-project)

Care and Husbandry

YELLOW SSP: 24.50 (74) in 18 AZA institutions (2019)

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Social nature: Lives in small harem groups of 4-8 animals. Bachelor groups (males) have done well together for many years.

Mixed species: Mixes well. This species has been housed with many different ungulates and birds, in both large and small enclosures.

Housing: Very hardy in regards to temperature; acclimated individuals can tolerate below freezing temperatures during the day if heated indoor housing is provided.

Medical notes: Typical equine medicine. Sarcoids have been noted with this species but there has been a very limited occurrence within the North American population. Routine hoof care required.

Special requirements: Coarse substrate is needed to keep hooves from rapidly becoming overgrown. Cold-climate facilities may need options for separating individuals while in indoor housing.

Keeper resources: Easy cleaning with large, formed feces. These zebra are smart, inquisitive, and easily trained.

Please contact the TAG for full husbandry guidelines.

<http://www.azaungulates.org/>

