

How to apply for an EAZA Award

At the EAZA Annual Conference in Kolmarden, EAZA handed out its first eight awards in the category of Professional Excellence. As of this year, EAZA will introduce a second award category, i.e. Institutional Excellence. Awards in this category will be granted out annually to celebrate excellence in the core areas of zoo and aquarium activity.

The awards recognise professional excellence and outstanding achievements of conservation, education, research and exhibit design in European zoos and aquaria.



For more information on how to apply for an EAZA Award and the nomination procedure, please refer to the EAZA website member area.

Coloured leg band evaluation report completed

A survey to evaluate the EAZA coloured leg band service was carried out in 2004. The first results were presented at the EAZA Annual Conference

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in Kolmarden, and a full report on the results of the survey was completed in February 2005. The results of the questionnaire were very encouraging. EAZA members that use the leg bands are very satisfied with the provided service and the practical use of the leg bands; on average, the service was rated with an 8.5 (on a scale of 1 to 10). As a result of the responses to the questionnaire, several minor aspects of the service will be adjusted.

The most important results of the survey are:

- The suggested leg band size for scarlet and glossy ibises has been changed to 12 - 15 mm (instead of 14 - 18 mm);
- The use of glue to close the bands will be promoted more strongly and a study to determine the best type of glue will be carried out;
- One or more additional colour/engraving combinations will be added to the ones currently available;
- Many institutions were interested in an expansion of the service for other species, therefore a study to expand the service with bands for several taxa (especially vultures, anseriformes and galliformes) will be carried out in cooperation with the relevant TAGs.

The complete evaluation report is available in the 'Service' section of the EAZA website member area.

Upcoming - Rhino Campaign 2005/2006

The first preparations for the EAZA Rhino Campaign were made during a two-day meeting at Whipsnade Wild Animal Park, United Kingdom in March 2005. The very enthusiastic campaign planning group, consisting of Nick Lindsay (ZSL), Kristina Tomasova (Dvur Kralove), Friederike Von Houwald (Basel), Susanne Toft (Givskud), Jake Veasey (Woburn), Cathy Dean (SRI) and Corinne Bos (EAZA) discussed different campaign aspects. Decisions were made and necessary tasks to further preparations were divided.



EAZA will be assisted by Save the Rhino International (SRI), which is investing in staff and providing expertise to assist EAZA in making this fifth EAZA Conservation Campaign yet another success!

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As always, the campaign will be launched at the EAZA Annual Conference, where all attending members will be provided with a campaign information package.

Registration EAZA Annual Conference 2005

Reminder

We would like to encourage all members of EAZA to register for the 22nd EAZA Annual Conference in Bristol/Bath prior to the early registration deadline of 30 June 2005.

Please refer to the EAZA website for all necessary information and documents.



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