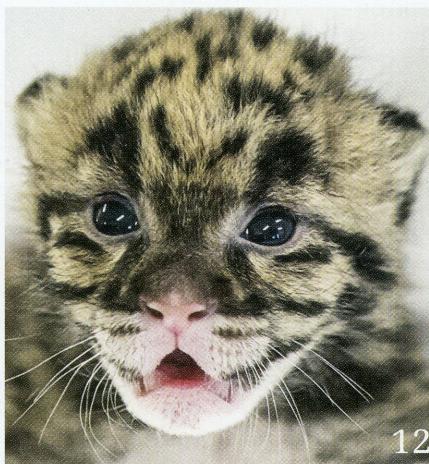


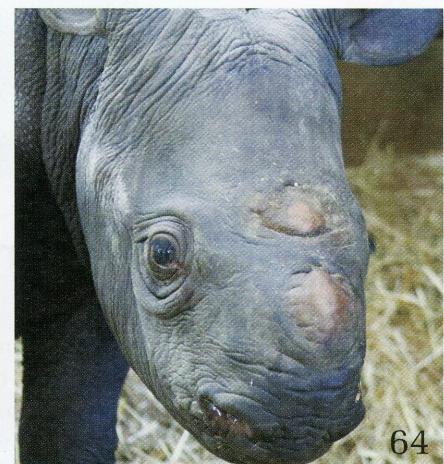
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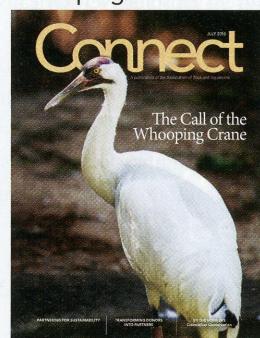
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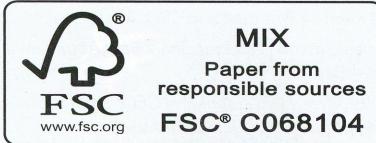
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# Births & Hatchings

## AUDUBON NATURE INSTITUTE

New Orleans, Louisiana

The Freeport McMoRan Audubon Species Survival Center is celebrating its first sitatunga birth at the center. Sitatunga arrived in October 2018 as a new species for the center and were chosen for their unique adaptations to a wet, swampy habitat, which makes up a majority of their new 12 acre home in southern Louisiana.



## SMITHSONIAN CONSERVATION BIOLOGY INSTITUTE

Front Royal, Virginia

A female brown kiwi chick hatched at the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute on 3 February. Kiwi are native to New Zealand, where there are five species. The International Union for Conservation of Nature classifies the brown kiwi as vulnerable.



## THE WILDS

Cumberland, Ohio

Five rare dhole pups are thriving at The Wilds as the result of the successful hand-rearing efforts of the conservation center's care teams. Born on 16 February, this is the second litter of dhole pups ever born at The Wilds—one of just four facilities in the United States that cares for this endangered species.



## ROSAMOND GIFFORD ZOO

Syracuse, New York

A baby Sichuan takin calf was born at the Zoo on 9 March. The calf represents the Zoo's first birth of this unique species of hooved mammal native to the mountains of China. The birth is part of the Zoo's participation in the Species Survival Plan® for Sichuan takin.



## LOUISVILLE ZOO

Louisville, Kentucky

The Louisville Zoo announced the hatching of four little penguins. Two of the chicks are being parent-reared by two sets of parents and two are being hand-reared by Curator of Birds, Gary Michael and the Bird Department staff. The four chicks hatched in January.



## BLANK PARK ZOO

Des Moines, Iowa

Iowa's Blank Park Zoo announced that Ayana, a nine year-old eastern black rhino, has given birth on 5 April. Ayana's first calf, Tumani, was born on 11 October 2016 and weighed 80 pounds at birth and nearly 1,000 pounds by her first birthday. She still lives at the Zoo, but will likely move to another zoo to participate in the SSP.

