

## RECOMMENDATIONS

### MADE AT THE IV MEETING OF THE IUCN/SSC ASIAN RHINO SPECIALIST GROUP

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Jakarta, Indonesia

#### (The Singapore Proposals with appropriate modifications)

1. The primary goal is long term survival of the Sumatran rhino as a species and a component of natural ecosystems.
2. A comprehensive masterplan for conservation of the species will be developed, which will be collaborative and multinational in nature and which will identify and integrate all of the actions necessary to achieve the primary goal.
3. Development and oversight of the masterplan will be the responsibility of the SSC/Asian Rhino Specialist Group.
4. The conservation programme will include the following three fundamental activities :
  - (a) Develop an educational programme to enhance public awareness and support for the Sumatran rhinoceros.
  - (b) Provide primary support for a programme of conservation of the Sumatran rhinoceros as viable populations in sufficiently large areas of protected habitat.
  - (c) Establish a captive breeding programme for the preservation of the genetic diversity of the Sumatran rhinoceros in the countries of origin, among others Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand, and in North America and Europe, using animals with no hope of survival in the wild.

The parties are committed to contribute to each of these in each country as mutually agreed, with details subsequently recorded in a bilateral memorandum of understanding or similar document.

5. The following principles and actions are to be observed in the captive propagation programme :
  - (a) Animals selected for capture in the wild are to be "doomed" individuals or come from "doomed" populations or habitats; that is, those whose future long term viability or contribution to the survival of the species is determined to be unsatisfactory as measured

by objective criteria subject to continuing refinement.

- (b) Currently presumed subspecies stocks will not be mixed, either in captive breeding or in the wild translocation until further work is done on their taxonomy.
- (c) The Zoo communities will provide support and technical assistance in field capture and transfer operations.
- (d) Bilateral agreements will provide for captive breeding programmes in the countries of origin as well as in the US and UK.
- (e) Animals sent abroad will be on breeding loan from the countries of origin, or under some similarly equitable ownership agreement of sufficient time span to protect all interest.
- (f) All animals placed in captivity and their future progeny will be managed cooperatively as part of a "world population" in the light of the primary overall goal of the programme. Decisions will be taken by consultation among the owners and interested parties with oversight by the SSC/Asian Rhino Specialist Group.
- (g) Bilateral agreements will provide for appropriate support, training and technical assistance in captive breeding in the countries of origin.