



Committed to Conservation

From investigating heart disease in gorillas to saving one of the world's rarest turtles in Vietnam, Cleveland Metroparks Zoo is at the forefront in the drive to protect and care for wildlife. The Zoo's research and conservation efforts – both on grounds and abroad – help ensure a better future for all wildlife and their natural habitats. Whether finding new ways to improve animal health and wellbeing or working to protect wildlife across the globe, the Zoo proudly stands as an innovator and leader in Conservation and Science.

Conservation & Science programs include:

- With support from the Cleveland Zoological Society, the Zoo supports wildlife conservation projects all over the world from elephant and gorilla conservation efforts in Africa to spectacled bear and amphibian conservation projects in South America and orangutan and gharial conservation in Asia.
- Whether it's monitoring local butterfly populations, working with community conservation groups, or cleaning up a creek in "our own backyard," the Zoo's regional conservation program encourages public action and inspires people to be better stewards of the environment.
- The Zoo supports a comprehensive on-site research program. Conservation and Science staff scientists conduct and facilitate research that not only benefits Zoo animals but also generates useful information on species typically difficult to study in the wild.
- The Zoo partners with Case Western Reserve University, Kent State University, Cleveland State University and The Ohio State University, offering a "living lab" for student research in animal behavior, health and wellbeing and offering expertise in the areas of ethology, endocrinology and epidemiology.
- Through a partnership with The Ohio State University, Dr. Pam Dennis serves as the Zoo's Veterinary Epidemiologist, conducting research that investigates the relationships between animal management, disease and the environment. Information gained through this research is instrumental in improving the health and welfare of zoo animals and free-ranging animal populations.

The Zoo also participates in many Species Survival Plans (SSPs) – breeding recommendations made by the Association of Zoo's and Aquariums (AZA) – as a means of both population management and conservation of captive animals.

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Most species chosen for an SSP are endangered and selective breeding recommendations help captive populations remain healthy and genetically diverse. The Zoo participates in over 50 SSPs. The following table lists the Zoo's current SSPs as well as its endangered species, as determined by the United States Department of Interior (USDI) and the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) .

Sorted by Class	USDI	CITES	SSP
AMPHIBIA			
Frog, Panamanian Golden	X	X	X
Toad, Puerto Rican Crested			X
REPTILIA			
Crocodile, Dwarf	X	X	
Dragon (Monitor), Komodo (on breeding loan)	X	X	X
Gharial	X	X	
Iguana, Fiji Island banded	X	X	X
Python, Indian rock	X	X	
Terrapin, Giant river	X	X	
Turtle, Malaysian painted river	X		
Turtle, Hamilton's Pond	X	X	
AVES			
Cockatoo, Palm		X	X
Condor, Andean	X	X	X
Crane, Red-crowned	X	X	X
Eagle, Bald		X	
Falcon, Peregrine		X	
Goose, Aleutian Canada		X	
Macaw, Scarlet		X	
Ostrich		X	
Vulture, Eurasian Black (aka Cinereous)			X
MAMMALIA			
Baboon, Hamadryas			X
Bat, Rodrigues Flying Fox	X		X
Bear, Malayan Sun		X	X
Bear, Polar			X
Bear, Sloth		X	X
Bear, Spectacled aka Andean		X	X
Bettong aka Brush-tailed Rat-Kangaroo	X	X	
Bontebok	X		
Cat, Black-footed (new 2009)	X	X	X
Cat, Fishing			X
Cat, Pallas'			X
Cheetah	X	X	X
Chimpanzee (out on loan)		X	X
Colobus			X

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Zoo Species List Continued

Elephant, African		X	X
Fox, Fennec			X
Gazelle, Slender horned	X		X
Gibbon, Mueller's	X	X	
Gibbon, White-handed (on breeding loan)	X	X	X
Gorilla, Western Lowland	X	X	X
Guenon, Wolf's			X
Hippopotamus			X
Hippopotamus, Pygmy (on breeding loan)			X
Koala, Queensland			X
Langur, Francois'	X		X
Lemur, Blue-eyed Black	X	X	X
Lemur, Collared	X	X	X
Lemur, Grey Bamboo (on breeding loan)	X	X	
Lemur, Mongoose	X	X	X
Lemur, Red Ruffed	X	X	X
Lemur, Ring-tailed	X	X	X
Leopard, Clouded	X	X	X
Leopard, Persian	X	X	
Leopard, Snow	X	X	X
Lion			X
Loris, Pygmy slow			X
Mangabey, Golden-bellied (aka Agile)			X
Monkey, Allen's Swamp			X
Monkey, Goeldi's	X	X	X
Ocelot	X	X	X
Orangutan, Bornean	X	X	X
Otter, Asian Small-clawed			X
Panda, Red		X	X
Potto			X
Rhinoceros, Black	X	X	X
Siamang	X	X	X
Tamarin, Pied	X	X	X
Tamarin, Golden Lion	X	X	X
Tapir, Malayan (Asian) (on breeding loan)	X	X	X
Tiger, Amur (aka Siberian)	X	X	X
Tree Kangaroo, Matschie's (on breeding loan)			X
Wallaby, Parma (aka White-footed)	X		
Wolf, Mexican Gray	X		
TOTALS			
Species	USDI 41	CITES 46	SSP 54