

**Regional Collection Plan (RCP)** = In the spirit of the One Plan Approach and by applying the 5-STEP decision making process in the *IUCN Guidelines on the Use of Ex situ Management for Species Conservation*, Taxon Advisory Groups (TAGs) decide which species are recommended to be managed under an EAZA Ex situ Programme (EEP) and what the direct, and/or indirect, and/or non-conservation roles of each EEP will be.

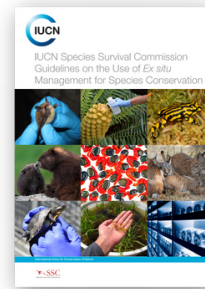
## Example

### Waterfowl and Pelecaniformes TAG



### One Plan Approach

*Ex situ* and *in situ* experts making organised and strategic decisions together for the biggest impact in species conservation



**5-STEP decision making process**



## Why do we need RCPs?

- Zoos and aquariums have limited human, financial and space resources
- Choosing the right species to house is one way for zoos to maximise their contribution to conservation
- RCPs are the documents to guide them in this process

## Each species gets a recommendation



**EEP:** This species should be managed for (mostly) conservation reasons\*



**MON-T:** No specific recommendation. The TAG will monitor numbers



**MON-T Phase out:** Please phase out from collections



**MON-T Replace with:** Please phase out and replace with species X - typically one that is more important for conservation reasons



**MON-T Do Not Obtain:** The species is currently not present in EAZA zoos, please keep it that way



\* See the "What's an EEP?" infographics for more details and/or visit [www.eaza.net/conservation/programmes](http://www.eaza.net/conservation/programmes)