



EAZA Update on Ukrainian Zoos

Amsterdam, 18 March 2022: The situation for Ukrainian zoos continues to be extremely challenging. At the time of writing, EAZA is still in good contact with our Candidate for Membership institutions, and with other zoos via the Ukrainian Zoo Association. Ukrainian zoos are generally still not asking for assistance to relocate animals from high-risk zones; this may not correspond to information being reported in the general media coverage, but we support the direct request of the zoos not to relocate animals for the present. We are aware of a few specific requests for relocation and are working to assess the feasibility of meeting these requests. In addition, preparatory work has been done and is ongoing to facilitate future relocations if they become possible and if the zoos request them.

As of today, 18 March, the EAZA Ukraine Zoos Emergency Fund has raised € 576.371 from a very large number of individual and institutional donors, an extraordinary and humbling result that will help provide immediate and long-term assistance to our colleagues in Ukraine. The Fund has made initial transfers of money to zoos in Ukraine and will continue to assess the situation to ensure that appropriate transfers are made; these transfers are intended to allow zoos to meet the costs of local resupply while banking facilities are still available, and without elevating the risk to zoos.

To manage the transparent distribution of money, EAZA has produced a [protocol document](#) and a [list of claim items](#) which clarify the scope of the Fund and its work over the course of three identified phases, including the current primary emergency phase, a mid-term phase to deal with the continuing consequences of the war on Ukrainian zoos and finally a recovery phase to allow for the reconstruction of zoos and aquariums once the war is over.

The Fund provides the opportunity to support zoos through a wide range of activities including sourcing supplies locally or internationally, logistics to ensure they reach the zoos, local essential infrastructure, and the possible relocation of animals to temporary accommodation in Ukraine or abroad.

We would like to thank every donor for their generosity in providing donations to the Fund. A full list of donor institutions is [published on the Fund webpage](#), and a list of individual donors is also available and updated weekly at the same page.

Much of the supply work done so far for Ukrainian zoos has been done by teams from **Warsaw, Lodz, Gdansk, Wroclaw, Berlin, Prague, and Kosice Zoos**. Money from the EAZA Fund will also be used to combine with these efforts, and we recognize the extraordinary work done by these zoos so far during the crisis.

The situation is rapidly evolving, and we aim to provide up-to-date information via Member mailings and on our website and social media channels on a regular basis.