

## Live animals

Samples should be taken in accordance with national legislation.

Whole blood (max 5 ml), in plastic EDTA or PAXgene blood collection tubes. Invert 15 times to mix.

Or

Tissue (max 1 cubic centimeter) from e.g. skin, muscle, or umbilical cord. Placed in a plastic tube (2ml screw cap) containing 70% ethanol or frozen in a plastic bag.

**Do not use formalin or methylated alcohol.**

Serum (1-10 ml) in plastic tubes. Must be spun and separated. **Should only be provided if it is accompanied by a blood or tissue sample.**

## Dead animals

Samples should be taken in accordance with national legislation.

Tissue (max 1 cubic centimeter) from internal organ, skin or muscle. Placed in a plastic tube (2ml screw cap) containing 70% ethanol or frozen in a plastic bag.

**Do not use formalin or methylated alcohol.**

Serum (1-10 ml) in plastic tubes. Must be spun and separated. **Should only be provided if it is accompanied by a tissue sample.**

## CITES

Samples from some species will require CITES permits.

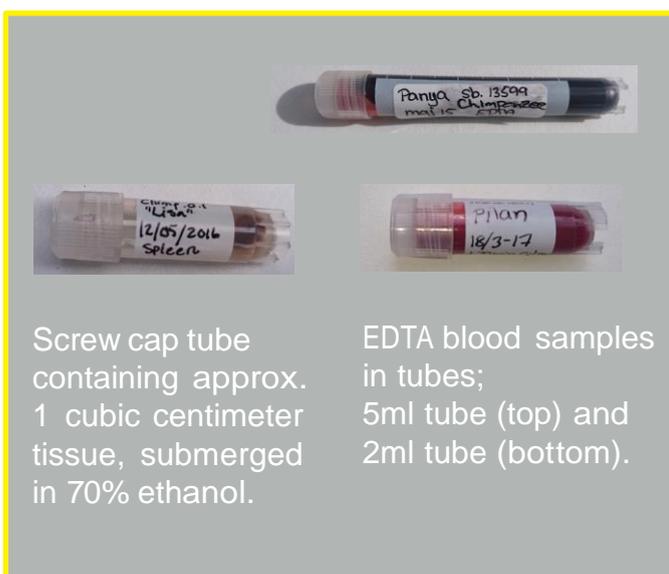


Within EU, according to CITES regulations there is no need for CITES export and import permits.\* Outside EU, then CITES export permits must be applied for at the national CITES office. **Remember to apply for CITES export permits in due time before sending the samples.**

CITES exemption is possible for scientific institutions (see article VII, §6 of the CITES convention). Your institution may apply. All four EAZA Biobank hubs have the CITES exemption.

When CITES export permits are obtained, please send a scanned copy to the contact person of the receiving Biobank hub, who will proceed to obtain CITES import permits.

\* Exemptions may apply.





# Shipping

## Labeling



Label the sample with **animal identifiers** (transponder, ring, GAN or local ID), **species name**, **tissue type** and **date** when sample was taken.

Enclose the animal's ZIMS specimen report and contact details of sender, **otherwise your sample will not be processed.**

If you do not have a ZIMS report, then please include typed identification, species name, date of sampling and institution.

## Storage

If you cannot ship the samples within 12 hours, then store them in the freezer until shipment is possible. If desired, it's possible to collect samples over a period for batch shipment. Please ship the samples as soon as possible and please avoid arrival at the hub on a weekend.

## Packaging



- 1 Primary package  
The samples in tubes



- 2 Secondary package  
Plastic container or bag for the samples with enough material within to absorb the total sample content.



- 3 Tertiary package  
Reinforced envelope or cardboard box with ZIMS specimen report. Enclose an icepack in the envelope or box if the tissue samples are frozen.



## Shipping

The package should be labeled on the outside with the diamond 'UN3373' logo and the text "Exempt animal specimen" and "**refrigerate upon arrival**".

The 'UN3373' label can be provided by one of the biobank hubs.



If you would like to send us your samples then please send them to the biobank hub relevant for your country.



Shipping country: UK, Ireland, Qatar, UAE, Kuwait

## Edinburgh hub

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