

What's an Ex situ Programme or ?

An **EAZA Ex situ Programme (EEP)** = population management activities endorsed by EAZA for species that are managed by EAZA Members aiming towards (maintaining) healthy populations of healthy animals within EAZA or beyond.
The EEP species is held by several institutions working together towards these goals.

Each EEP has:

a team of experts, led by a **coordinator** from an EAZA institution, to develop and implement its management strategy

its own tailor made set of **roles and goals** defined in the *Regional Collection Plan (RCP)* by experts from the Taxon Advisory Group (TAG) and conservation organisations

its own tailor made **management strategy** defined in the *Long Term Management Plan (LTMP)*



EAZA Population Management Manual: Standards, procedures and guidelines for population management within EAZA

In 2021: > 400  involving > 300  & 

Example

White-naped mangabey EEP (*Cercocebus lunulatus*)



↓ population decreasing



- Conservation**
- Direct**
 - ✓ Education
In and outside range
 - ✓ Training, sharing expertise
 - Indirect**
 - ✓ Advocacy
 - ✓ Fundraising
- Non-conservation**
- ✓ Research

GOALS

- Use as flagship species to promote Tropical Forest conservation, celebrate Mangabey Awareness Day (1 August)
- Train field staff and share husbandry / veterinary knowledge and skills gathered in zoos
- Continue the dialogue with Ghanaian authorities to level up habitat protection
- Generate financial support for WAPCA - a key partner of the EEP

MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

coordinated by Barcelona Zoo

- Following transfer and (non-) breeding recommendations:
- gradually increase the population size to 150 individuals by 2027, with around 40 individuals at EEP participants in Ghana
 - prioritize genetically valuable individuals for breeding

For more details, click on the documents  and visit www.eaza.net/conservation/programmes

