



## EAZA Education Committee

### Call for Members – Animal Programme Liaison

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EAZA is recruiting for a new specialist member to join the EAZA Education Committee. As the new EAZA *Ex situ* Programme (EEP) structure rolls out, the Education Committee wants to help more education specialists get involved in the revised Regional Collection Planning (RCP) and Long-Term Management Planning (LTMP) processes and contribute to the assessment, development and description of relevant educational roles for species in the EAZA community. The committee would like to recruit a member to take on a coordination role to facilitate matching education specialists to TAGs and EEPs for these processes. This role would suit someone with:

- Previous animal management experience
- Familiarity with EEPs/RCPs/LTMPs and associated processes
- Excellent organization and communication skills

We would encourage applications from any individuals working in an EAZA zoo or aquarium who meet these criteria. The EAZA Education Committee is committed to maintaining a balanced and geographically diverse membership. The EAZA Education Committee has been in place since 1995. It is one of EAZA's Specialist Committees and is primarily responsible for helping to deliver EAZA's objective "maximising the conservation impact of EAZA and our Members".

### Committee Goals

The committee has the following goals:

1. Supporting the integration of conservation education within the zoo and aquarium community;
2. Improving the professional knowledge of staff responsible for education within the zoo and aquarium community;
3. Promoting of educational opportunities within other EAZA committees and specialist groups, for example within the Taxon Advisory Groups.

### Committee Roles and Responsibilities

EAZA's education objective is interpreted in two ways:

1. EAZA wants to further the quality and extent of environmental/conservation education in its member institutions in order to increase effectiveness in nature conservation. EAZA wants to be a facilitator for the membership to help achieve this objective
2. EAZA wants to promote the enormous potential value of zoo and aquarium education to authorities and conservation bodies. EAZA seeks support for its members' individual and joint education programmes, and invites other organisations to make efficient use of these programmes.

The committee works towards achieving these objectives through linking to aims as set out in EAZA strategy. The committee organises the biennial EAZA Education conferences, supports the work of the EAZA Conservation Campaign Committee, and works with the EAZA Academy to support delivery of related training courses.

## **Responsibilities of Committee Members**

The Education Committee usually meets twice a year; once during the EAZA Annual Conference, and once for a mid-year activity and strategic planning day around March/April. It is expected that Committee members will attend at least one face to face meeting per year. The Committee member must be fully supported by their institution. All Committee members are expected to actively work towards fulfilling the Committee's strategic aims. Committee members will be reviewed after a term of three years.

In addition to these responsibilities, the coordinator will be responsible for creating and maintaining a list of EAZA educators who would like to participate in RCP and LTMP meetings, and matching educators on the list to upcoming RCP and LTMP meetings so they can attend and provide an education perspective when needed.

## **Joining the Committee**

If you have a responsibility for education at an EAZA member institution and would like to be considered for membership of the Education Committee, please send an expression of interest to committee chair Sarah Thomas ([sarah.thomas@zsl.org](mailto:sarah.thomas@zsl.org)) by 25 July 2018 with the following information:

- Highlights from your CV and a brief summary of your current job role (no more than two pages)
- A letter of support from the director of your institution