



EAZA statement on the situation at Furuviksparken, Sweden

Amsterdam, 20 December 2022: The European Association of Zoos and Aquaria (EAZA) was saddened to learn last week about the escape of a group of chimpanzees from their house at Furuviksparken, an EAZA Member in Sweden, which led to the death of four chimpanzees. The situation is now under control, with the remaining animals safe and secure. Our hearts go out to the animals' keepers in this difficult time.

EAZA, along with the team at Furuviksparken and our colleagues at the Swedish Zoo Association (SDF), takes the incident and the resulting death of the chimpanzees very seriously. We also stress that protecting the health and safety of people is critical when resolving a situation like this.

We underline the need for a fair, thorough, transparent and fact-based examination, necessary for gaining clarity about this incident and for preventing such incidents from occurring again.

We therefore welcome the zoo's plan to carry out an independent investigation, in addition to an investigation by the local authority. The EAZA community stands by to provide expertise as appropriate and required.