

What are others are saying about EGZAC?

Since I started working as Curator of Primates in Barcelona Zoo, one of the fields I have been most interested in, and have tried to develop, is reproduction. Captive populations are only going to succeed if we can maintain an adequate reproductive rate. For this reason we need to promote reproduction in some cases, and moderate it in others. As this is a very specialised field, it is difficult for different institutions to have access to all of the knowledge required for application of the best techniques. The European Group on Zoo Animal Contraception (EGZAC) is a great tool and source of information to aid and promote advances in this field.

It is of vital importance to able to share knowledge, problems and solutions to these problems. Therefore, it is wonderful that a team of professionals are available to carry out research and investigations in this field on a voluntary basis. This ensures that the field can grow and advance at a much faster pace, which is essential to maintain adequate captive populations in the institutions in our region (EAZA).

I would like to take the opportunity to thank EGZAC for its cooperation and assistance updating the reproduction control chapter in the Mangabey Husbandry Manual that will be available shortly to all the EAZA members. I would like to encourage all the EAZA institutions to collaborate and register with EGZAC!

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