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# 1 Introduction

The following documents, websites and other sources of information are considered useful ancillary documents that facilitate compliance with the European Communities (Licensing & Inspection of Zoos) Regulations 2003 S.I. No. 440 of 2003.

The contents of this guidance note are not exhaustive nor should they be considered to form part of the Irish Standards of Modern Zoo Practice (the 'Standards'). These should be considered alternative sources of information complementary to the Standards unless directly referred to in the main body of the Standards.

Collections are reminded that they keep current with trends in best practice in zoo management. Sources include current scientific literature; zoo professional bodies; relationships with other zoos; textbooks; websites; training courses and other relevant and appropriate sources of information.

## 2 Zoo Licencing and Related Legislation

- Irish Standards of Modern Zoo Practice (2016)
- National Parks and Wildlife Service - Zoo Licencing in Ireland  
<http://www.npws.ie/licences/education-and-science/zoo-licences>
- European Communities (Licensing & Inspection of Zoos) Regulations 2003: S.I. No. 440 of 2003 - governs licensing of zoos and aquaria in Ireland  
<http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2003/si/440/made/en/print>
- EC Zoos Directive (Directive 1999/22/EC) – the European Directive outlining the requirements and licensing requirements of EU member states  
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:1999:094:0024:0026:EN:PDF>

- The Balai Directive 92/65/EEC (amended) on rules for trade between EU Member States (in live animals & germ plasm) not covered elsewhere by EU legislation on specific domestic species. Bodies (e.g. zoos) may have all or part of their premises approved, & these bodies should find it simpler to transfer animals to approved premises in other EU Member States.  
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CONSLEG:1992L0065:20040703:EN:PDF>
- CITES (the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) is an international agreement between governments. Its aim is to ensure that international trade in specimens of wild animals and plants does not threaten their survival  
<http://www.cites.org/>  
<http://www.speciesplus.net>
- Council Regulation (EC) No 338/97 on the protection of species of wild fauna and flora by regulating trade – provision of Article 10 for live or dead commercial use of animals listed in Annex A CITES  
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CONSLEG:1997R0338:20080411:EN:PDF>
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 865/2006 laying down detailed rules concerning the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 338/97 – additional detailed rules for implementation of the above, provides for Article 60 to be issued for live or dead commercial use of animals listed in Annex A CITES  
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CONSLEG:2006R0865:20080225:EN:PDF>
- Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005  
<http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2005/en/act/pub/0010/>

<http://www.hsa.ie/eng/>

- European Union (Animal By-Products) Regulations 2014 S.I. No. 187 of 2014  
<http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2014/si/187/made/en/print>
- Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013 S.I. No. 15 of 2013  
<http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2013/act/15/enacted/en/html>

### **3 Zoo Professional Bodies and Supporting Documentation**

- British and Irish Association of Zoos and Aquariums (BIAZA) is the British and Irish professional zoo body  
<http://www.biaza.org.uk>
- European Association of Zoos and Aquaria (EAZA) is the umbrella organisation for Europe  
<http://www.eaza.net>
- World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA) is the global zoo and aquarium professional body  
<http://www.waza.org/en/site/home>
- EU Zoos Directive Good Practices Document  
[http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/pdf/EU\\_Zoos\\_Directive\\_Good\\_Practices.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/pdf/EU_Zoos_Directive_Good_Practices.pdf)
- Zoo Animals: Behaviour, management and welfare, Editors Hosey, Melfi and Pankhurst – useful overview of zoo animal management
- An introduction to Zoo Biology and Management, Rees - useful overview of zoo animal management

- BIAZA Animal Transfer Policy (and other useful Codes of Practice)  
<http://www.biaza.org.uk/animal-management/animal-management-resources/>

## 4 Conservation and Education

- Actions for Biodiversity 2011-2016: Ireland's National Biodiversity Plan  
<http://www.npws.ie/legislation/national-biodiversity-plan>
- WAZA Conservation Strategies  
<http://www.waza.org/en/site/conservation/conservation-strategies>
- WAZA Towards Effective Environmental Education (WAZA Magazine vol. 15) (2014)  
[http://www.waza.org/files/webcontent/1.public\\_site/5.conservation/environmental\\_education/WAZA%20Magazine%2015.pdf](http://www.waza.org/files/webcontent/1.public_site/5.conservation/environmental_education/WAZA%20Magazine%2015.pdf)
- WAZA Towards Sustainable Population Management (WAZA Magazine vol. 12) (2011)  
[http://www.waza.org/files/webcontent/1.public\\_site/6.marketing\\_and\\_media/publications/WAZA%20Magazine12.pdf](http://www.waza.org/files/webcontent/1.public_site/6.marketing_and_media/publications/WAZA%20Magazine12.pdf)
- WAZA Towards Integrated Species Conservation (WAZA Magazine vo. 14) (2013)  
[http://www.waza.org/files/webcontent/1.public\\_site/5.conservation/integrated\\_species\\_conservation/WAZA%20Magazine%2014.pdf](http://www.waza.org/files/webcontent/1.public_site/5.conservation/integrated_species_conservation/WAZA%20Magazine%2014.pdf)
- World Conservation Union (IUCN) Red list of Endangered Species lists wild animal species and their conservation status  
<http://www.iucnredlist.org/>
- IUCN Guidelines for Reintroductions and Other Conservation Translocations  
<https://portals.iucn.org/library/efiles/edocs/2013-009.pdf>

## 5 Veterinary Programmes and Husbandry

- WAZA Animal Welfare Strategy  
<http://www.waza.org/en/site/conservation/animal-welfare-1439197763>
- Extending the 'Five Domains' model for animal welfare assessment to incorporate positive welfare states, D.J. Mellor and N.J. Beausoleil, 2015, *Animal Welfare*, 24: 241-253
- *Zoo and Wild Animal Medicine*, Editors Miller and Fowler – currently the 8th Edition, a very useful overview of zoo and wildlife medicine. Considered the principal textbook for zoo veterinary work.
- *Zoo Animal and Wildlife Immobilization and Anesthesia*, Editors West, Heard and Caulkett – currently 2 editions, a useful overview of anaesthesia across a wide range of species.
- *Reptile Medicine and Surgery*, Editor Mader – a useful review of medicine and surgery for reptiles and amphibians.
- *Advances in reptile lighting: A resource for all reptile keepers*  
<http://www.uvguide.co.uk/index.htm>
- *Fish Disease: Diagnosis and Treatment*, Noga – useful overview of fish husbandry and disease management.
- *The Marine Aquarium Reference: Systems and Invertebrates*, Moe – useful book on the management of marine aquarium systems, including water quality management
- *Captive Seawater Fishes: Science and Technology*, Spotte – another useful book on the management of marine aquarium systems, including water quality management



- Invertebrate Medicine, Lewbart – useful overview of invertebrate medicine.
- USDA Handling fish fed to fish-eating animals: A manual of standard operating procedures <https://nagonline.net/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Maslanka-Et-Al-2023.-USDA.fish-fed-to-fish-eating-animals.-2nd-Rev.pdf>
- USDA Handling frozen/thawed meat and prey items fed to captive Exotic animals: A manual of standard operating procedures <https://nagonline.net/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/S.-D.-Crissey-et-al.-2001-Handling-frozenthawed-meat-and-prey-items-fed-to-.pdf>
- EAZA Best Practice Guidelines (species specific) <http://www.eaza.net/conservation/programmes>

Note: collections are reminded to review the appropriate husbandry manuals for individual; species as well as consult sources found in the current scientific literature.

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