

Freshwater Teleost TAG seeks EEP Coordinators

The Regional Collection Plan for Freshwater Fishes is now published and the FWTAG is seeking EEP coordinators for the priority families of fish identified by the Regional Plan working group.

The families identified for collaborative management in Europe include a wide range of taxa, with several species already maintained in European aquariums and zoos. We now seek coordinators to lead the EEPs. At the RCP workshop in Amsterdam in 2019, we selected thirty families for EEP management. **We would now like to find coordinators for at least five families to work with the TAG to develop the EEP structure.**

The list of families selected for EEP management are:

1. Adrianichthyidae - Ricefishes
2. Alestidae - African tetras
3. Aplocheilidae - Killifishes
4. Atherinopsidae - Neotropical silversides
5. Bedotiidae - Madagascar rainbowfishes
6. Callichthyidae armoured catfishes
7. Characidae - Characins
8. Cichlidae - Cichlids
9. Cobitidae - Loaches
10. Cyprinidae - Minnows or carps
11. Cyprinodontidae (incl. Aphaniidae) - Pupfishes
12. Distichodontidae - Distichodus
13. Fundulidae - Topminnows and killifishes
14. Gasterosteidae - Sticklebacks and tubesnouts
15. Goodeidae - Splitfins
16. Lebiasinidae - Pencilfishes
17. Melanotaeniidae - Rainbowfishes
18. Nemacheilidae -
19. Nothobranchiidae - African rivulines
20. Osphronemidae - Gouramies
21. Percidae - Perches
22. Phallostethidae - Priapiumfishes
23. Poeciliidae - Poeciliids
24. Profundulidae - Middle American killifishes
25. Pseudomugilidae - Blue eyes
26. Telmatherinidae - Sailfin silversides
27. Tetraodontidae - Puffers
28. Umbridae - Mudminnows
29. Valenciidae - Toothcarps
30. Zenarchopteridae - Halfbeaks

What does an EEP Coordinator do?

- Acts as the contact point for information about their family – connecting interested parties from across aquarium/zoo world and wider conservation community when possible
- Maintains an annual inventory of institutional (and private) holders for each species within the family. This inventory is kept up to date and made available to TAG members

- Identifies opportunities for conservation (both ex-situ and in-situ) for the species in their family
- Provides a short annual report on any news from the EEP or about the family they coordinate
- Forms part of the TAG's steering committee

Please let us know if you are interested in being a coordinator by contacting:

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