



Marine Teleost TAG

Dear Colleagues,

The EAZA Marine Teleost TAG is calling for your engagement in the shaping of our future! Most of the aquariums keep marine Teleost species and many of them have breeding success. This provides excellent base to establish sustainable populations with 'popular species' and help to increase the efforts and focus on the developing of breeding programs for marine teleost fishes under risk.

The co-operation with partners from the field of the Ornamental Fish trade and with researchers will contribute to the integrity of our captive breeding programs and besides collecting new knowledge about the species it can also decrease the pressure on the wild populations.

Our general goal is to improve the management of marine fish species with developing breeding protocols and facilitate the communication and the collaboration between European and other international actors in this work.

During the planned spring meeting in 2020 we are targeting to discuss the following topics:

1. Setting up steering committee for outline the goals of popular species breeding programs. This group focuses on species those are particularly important for the zoo and aquarium community due to their high abundance in our collections.
2. Setting up steering committee for species under risk. This group of experts focuses on the planning of the future MON, EEP and ESB programs on the base of RCP was done. By the end of the year proposals should be provided for the EAZA EEP Committee and EEO and for EUAC committee.
3. Setting up common public education program about Marine Teleost species. The TAG should encourage the environmental education with ambassadors like popular species 'Nemo' (*Amphiprion ocellaris*) and with fascinating species like seahorses (*Syngnathidae*), humphead wrasse (*Cheilinus undulatus*), cleaner wrasse (*Labroides dimidiatus*) etc. The shared public education program also can support standardizing the message from the aquarium world about our efforts on rising public awareness about the exploitation, pollution and degrading coral reefs and about our scientific work with the help of our ambassadors under human care. As this program and topic highly meets with the goals of the forthcoming EAZA campaign called „Which fish?“ that focus on the sustainable human consumption, sustainable animal feed and sustainable acquisition of aquatic species for collection plan the co-operation and participation is essential. Educational specialists who can manage this field are also welcomed in the TAG.

Your participation is essential and highly desired, please do not hesitate to contact any of us!

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