

## **CPSG North America**

EAZA Tuberculosis workshop at the Paris Zoo brought together animal care experts from European countries to discuss the issues surrounding identification and treatment of tuberculosis in order to develop a protocol that identified the best practices in the management of tuberculosis. A secondary goal was to develop a method for the reporting of TB within EAZA that would insure confidentiality of information while facilitating movement of animals between zoos and between countries.

The 2005 Amphibian Summit, held in response to the declining amphibian crisis, resulted in several major initiatives. The formation of the Amphibian Ark (AArk) in 2006 created a mechanism to promote the survival of species that cannot currently be safe-guarded in their natural environments. In 2007 the IUCN SSC Amphibian Specialist Group (ASG) produced a comprehensive plan to guide amphibian conservation. The Amphibian Conservation Action Plan (ACAP), updated in 2015, currently comprises over 400 recommendations from 12 expert Working Groups (ranging from habitat protection, to emerging infectious diseases and species conservation strategies).

Although AArk's focus is on captive breeding, it recognizes the need to develop comprehensive species action plans that extend beyond the captive component and has been working closely with ACAP working groups. AArk staff currently co-chair the ASG Captive Working Group and the ASG Species Conservation Strategies Working Group. A key AArk advisor is a member of the Reintroduction Working Group. This integration reflects the "One Plan" approach to species conservation planning.

The AArk staff member who co-chairs the ASG species Conservation Strategies Working Group is also the CPSG convener for North America, bringing added resources to ASG species conservation planning efforts. For example, in September, a Conservation Planning Workshop for Darwin's frog (*Rhinoderma darwinii* and *R. rufum*) was held in Chile. CPSG North America provided extensive assistance in the organization and planning of the workshop, offering guidance on ways to ensure stakeholder engagement throughout the process. Spanish-speaking members of ASG facilitated the workshop. CPSG North America will continue to work with ASG and AArk to identify conservation planning needs and assist with conservation planning efforts as requested.