Keepers as Population Managers
The Basics of Population Management

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AZA Managed Programs

*578 managed programs (as of March 2012)

*How the programs are managed:
  - TAG
  - SSP
  - Studbook

*Levels of management:
  - Green SSP
  - Yellow SSP
  - Red Studbook
Studbook

*What is a studbook?

*What is the purpose of a studbook?

*How is a studbook used?
How to Create a Studbook

*Programs used to create studbooks
  - SPARKS
  - Poplink

*Information needed to create a studbook
  - taxon reports
  - specimen reports

*Where to get information for the studbook
  - Registrars
  - IRs
Management Plans - Breeding Recommendations

* Management plans are created from:
  - information in the studbook
  - wants/needs survey

* Required to be done at least every 3 years

* Recommendations made for:
  - breeding
  - transfers
  - companionship
A Keepers Role in Management Plans

*Keepers are the experts on their animals
  - Husbandry
  - Natural History
  - Behavior
  - Conservation
Becoming a Population Manager

*AZA website - www.aza.org
  - Animal Program Handbooks

*Vacant Positions

*Application
  - Institution support
  - Population management class
Qualities of a Successful Population Manager

* Organized
* Time Manager
* Problem Solver
* Communicator
Questions?