



Ostrich Update



Supporting Institutions

Audubon Nature Institute
AZA Conservation Endowment Fund

AZA Ratite TAG

Busch Gardens
CERNK
Columbus Zoo & Aquarium
Dallas Zoo AAZK
Detroit Zoological Society
Dickerson Park Zoo
Disney's Animal Kingdom
Doué La Fontaine
Exotic Wildlife Association
FFEM
Fort Wayne Children's Zoo
Fresno's Chaffee Zoo
Hotel Roniers Niamey
John Ball Zoo
Lion Country Safari AAZK
Marwell Wildlife
Milwaukee County Zoo
Mulhouse Zoo

Musée Nationale du Niger
North Carolina Zoo
Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo
Phoenix Zoo
Planète Sauvage
Sacramento Zoo
Safari West
Saint Louis Zoo
San Diego Zoo Global
San Francisco Zoo
Smithsonian National Zoological Park
The Living Desert
Tulsa Zoo
Utah's Hogle Zoo
West Texas AAZK
Woodland Park Zoo
ZACC
Zoo Atlanta
Zoo Miami
Zoo New England



Ostrich Goals & Activities

- Save and restore North African ostrich
- Captive-breeding and multiplication
- Reintroduction to suitable areas
- Development of local capacity and infrastructure (Kellé Ostrich Breeding Centre)
- Supporting local NGOs (CERNK, GAGE-Azihar)
- Education and outreach in local schools
- Applied research (genetics, diet, behaviour)
- Building support in US and European zoos for captive-breeding of North African ostrich

Project Site: Kellé



Improved Infrastructure



Improved Rations



Improved Care



Improved Awareness



Setbacks



- Wild ostriches are not the same as domesticated ones!
- Fertility issues
- Chick survival
- Broken eggs
- Chick predation (crows)
- Learning what works best

Successful Breeding



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Obtaining New Stock



- Morocco (captive-bred, Souss-Massa NP)
- Tunisia (captive-bred, national parks)
- Nigeria (farmed ostriches)
- Chad (wild caught with support from National Parks service)
- Zoos (stock from Chad via Morocco)

Broadening the Strategy



- Continued support for our Niger operations (solar electrification)
- New opportunities in Tunisia and Chad
- New partnerships with private and formal sectors

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