

AZA Galliformes TAG: Guineafowl

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An Introduction to Fowl...



- 6 species; unique to Africa
- One IUCN Vulnerable sp.
- Zoo vs. Private Aviculture
- Incredible exhibit birds
- 2012 RCP:
 - 1 Unmanaged Sp.
 - 1 Yellow SSP
 - 1 Red Program

Helmeted Guineafowl

- Most numerous AZA spp.
- ~680 in AZA collections
- Unmanaged...
- Trainable (A to B...)
- Popular in mixed species exhibits...
- Have any in an aviary?



Vulturine Guineafowl



- 2011 Yellow SSP
 - Managed Pop: 77
- 2012 RCP Target: 200
- 2014 Studbook Update
 - Managed Pop: 48
- Inbreeding intolerance...
- Increased demand has led to increased cost of acquisition: \$1500/pair
- Singletons @ AZA zoos...
- 18 zoos on waiting list...

Vulturine Guineafowl

- NOT cold hardy...
- Plays well with others...
- Easy introductions...
- Seasonal breeder...
- Artificial Incubation:
 - 99.75 degrees (dry)
 - 81 - 83 degrees (wet)
 - 24 days



Crested Guineafowl



- 2012 RCP Target: 120
- Pop (ZIMS): 92!
 - Thanks, Toledo...
- Studbook update in progress...
- Plays well with others...
- Easy introductions...
- Birds likely available...

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