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# **Micronesian Kingfisher and USFWS Recovery Committee update**



**30 years since the beginning of the Guam Bird Rescue**

**Dr. Aliza Baltz and Beth Bahner, Philadelphia Zoo**

Declines in all of Guam's Avifauna became very obvious in the 1960's



White eye



Guam rail



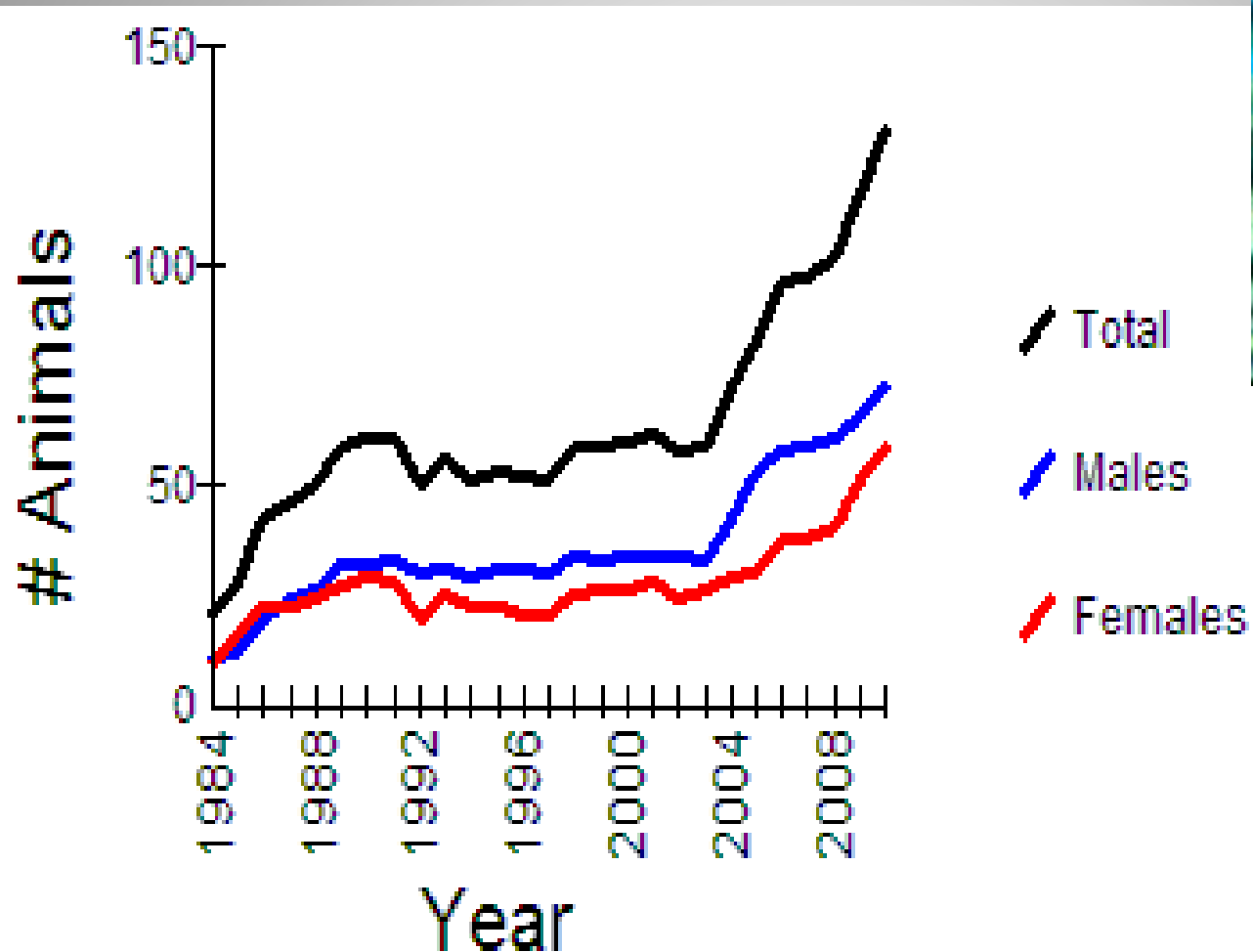
Broadbill

Fantail





## SSP Population Census (June 2011)



Current population numbers (February 2014) 84.64.7

# SSP PARTICIPANTS

**Philadelphia Zoo**

**National Zoo CRC**

**National Zoo**

**Brookfield Zoo**

**St. Louis Zoo**

**San Diego Zoo**

**Houston Zoo**

**Lincoln Park Zoo**

**Milwaukee County Zoo**

**San Diego Zoo Safari Park**

**Disney's Animal Kingdom**

**Aquarium of the Pacific**

**Memphis Zoo**

**Albuquerque Bio Park**

**Sea World San Diego**

**Bronx Zoo**

**Denver Zoo**

**Cincinnati Zoo**

**National Aviary in Pittsburgh**

**San Antonio Zoo**

**Zoo Miami**

**Busch Gardens Tampa**

**Audubon Zoo**

**Lowry Park Zoo**

**Sea World of Florida**

**Phoenix Zoo**

**Discovery Island**

**Oklahoma City Zoo**

**Kansas City Zoo**

**Riverbanks Zoo**



**Snake  
Control**

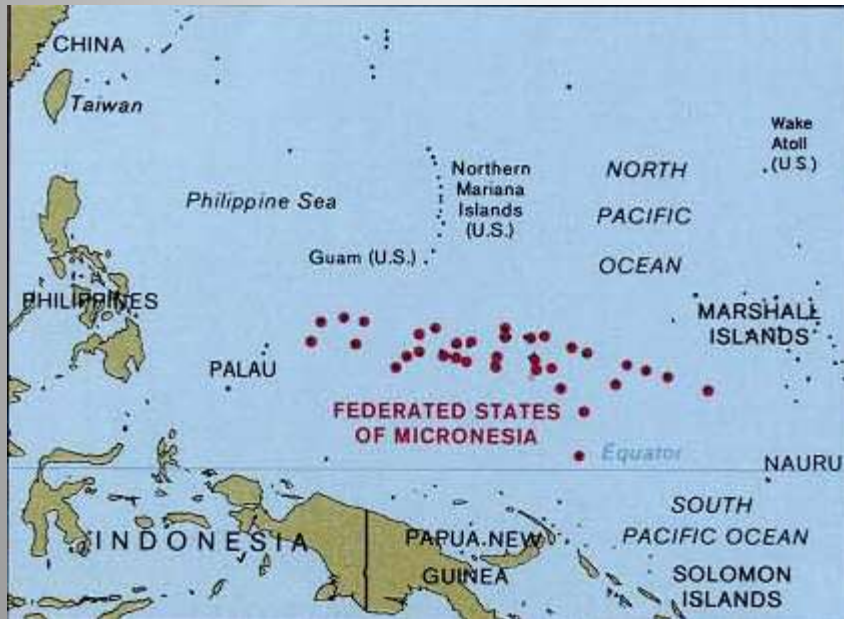




## USFWS Recovery Committee Participants:

- Tino Aguon (Guam Division of Aquatic and Wildlife Resources)
- Beth Bahner (Philadelphia Zoo)
- Aliza Baltz (Philadelphia Zoo)
- Scott Derrickson (National Zoological Park, retired)
- Susan Haig (U.S. Geological Survey)
- Dylan Kesler (University of Missouri)
- Megan Laut (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)
- Suzanne Medina (Guam Division of Aquatic and Wildlife Resources)
- Christine Ogura (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)
- Diane Vice (Guam Division of Aquatic and Wildlife Resources)
- Jeff Walters (Virginia Tech)





# “JOIN US” AS WE CELEBRATE 30 YEARS OF SAVING MICRONESIAN KINGFISHERS!



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The FWS Micronesian Kingfisher Recovery Committee has been reactivated with the intent of moving the release program forward. In order to support a release we need to continue to expand the population. While a population of 150 birds is a tribute to our long term commitment and recent successes, we need to keep growing.

Although caring for Micronesian kingfishers requires an institutional commitment, this is an excellent opportunity for more AZA zoos to become involved in a rescue effort initiated 30 years ago as we see it through to fruition. We need zoos willing to hold and/or breed. If you have some space available, please talk to other members of the Management Group to see how you might contribute to this program and contact Beth Bahner, SSP Coordinator, Philadelphia Zoo.