

The Role of Animal Keepers in AZA Animal Programs

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**Does your idea of a fun night include data entry
and a glass of wine....and you admit it?**

You might be ready for a studbook!



Choosing your studbook:

- Species
- Population
- New vs. inherited program
- Other ways to be involved

Which species will you choose to manage?

The screenshot shows the AZA website's navigation menu and a search results page. The navigation menu includes: HOME, MEMBERSHIP, ACCREDITATION, ANIMAL CARE & MANAGEMENT, CONSERVATION, EDUCATION, CONFERENCES & MEETINGS, and PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT. The search results are titled "Animal Program Search Result" and list 20 species with their corresponding studbooks.

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Animal Program Search Result

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Amazon, Cuban Studbook	Starling, Grosbeak Studbook
Aracari, Curl-Crested Studbook	Stork, Abdim's (White-Bellied) Studbook
Chat, Snowy-Headed Robin Studbook	Stork, Milky Studbook
Cormorant, White-Breasted Studbook	Teal, Madagascar Studbook
Crake, Black Studbook	Tragopan, Cabot's Studbook
Duck, White-Winged Wood Studbook	Turkey, Ocellated Studbook
Goose, Orinoco Studbook	Wood Partridge, Crested Studbook
Goose, Red-Breasted Studbook	
Guineafowl, Crested Studbook	
Junglefowl, Green Studbook	
Mousebird, Speckled Studbook	
Pelican, Dalmatian Studbook	
Pheasant, Brown-Eared Studbook	
Pheasant, Edward's Studbook	
Starling, Emerald Studbook	



Evaluating the Population

- Research captive/wild population
- How would this SSP be designated?
 - Green
 - Yellow
 - Red Program



Evaluating the Population

How involved is the private sector?



Evaluating the Population

How fast does the population “move?”



New Program vs. Inherited Program



New Program

- Organization
- Familiarity of population
- Following up/"sleuthing"



Inherited Program

- Maintenance
- Multiple programs
- Learning the population

Sounds complicated...Where do I sign up?!?

- Research vacancies on AZA website
- Talk to your curator/manager
- Contact TAG chair
- New program?



Thank you

