

In Closing

Welfare Issues for this TAG

- Rearing is the most important issue.
- These species produce some of the cutest chicks but please understand that imprinting a chick effects its life for 20 + years.



Welfare (Cont.)

- Please try to either foster rear chicks or raise chicks with “buddies”



Species that depend on Zoo space

- Since the financial crisis the private sector has shrunk.
- Most private breeders no longer have the funds to concentrate on large populations of hobby birds.
- Several species within this TAG have traditional thought to be “secure” in the private sector but are no longer.

Horned Guan

- Currently this program is not looking for private sector space.
- The continuation and expansion of this program is dependent on the Zoo community.



Blue-billed Curassow

- Although this species was founded in the private sector this species is no longer found in the private sector.
- If AZA institutions are unable to find spaces for this critically endangered species soon I will have to start sending birds into the private sector.



Wattled Currasow

- This species used to be the most numerous in the US private sector but the population has crashed. Northern Helmeted has now replaced the Wattled as most numerous.
- Currently there are only five known individuals of this species in the private sector.
- The AZA population is the only effective population of this endangered species in the US.



Argus Pheasant

- This species has been decreasing in both AZA institutions and in the US private sector.
- Due to the limited spaces in both sectors unless space is secured for younger age classes the demographic and genetic outlook for this species is not good.



Special concern groups under this TAG

- Megapodes
- Curassows
- Grouse

Don't Kill Me!

Social Sciences and the Zoo World

We share the same founders
(e.g. Darwin, Lord Rothschild, and
others)

Anthropology

Relativism

History

Objectivity

Is the concept of sustainability
ours?



Thank you!!!



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