



AZA Galliformes TAG: Argus Pheasant

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Malayan Argus



- 2012 RCP Target: 80
- 2013 Managed Pop: 61
- Unique & charismatic exhibit species...
- Native to Borneo, Malaysian Peninsula, Sumatra; extinct on Java

Population Issues

- Upside down age class pyramid.
- Space!
- There is the possibility of importing birds from EAZA to expand the AZA founderbase but the AZA population needs to be stable before this occurs.

Palm Oil Crisis...



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- Monkeys are in danger. More importantly, BIRDS are in danger.
- Existing (mammal-centric) educational initiative...



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Questions?



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