

**Non-binding guidance for determining whether a proposed recipient of a living specimen
is suitably equipped to house and care for it**

With regards to the provisions of paragraph 2 a) of Resolution Conf. 11.20 (Rev. CoP18) and Article III, paragraphs 3 (b) and 5 (b) of the Convention, factors that should be considered when determining whether the proposed recipient of a living specimen is suitably equipped to house and care for it may include, but are not limited to:

- a) Physical housing (size and space [adequate space to display normal behaviour; to expand as the animal grows; availability of indoor/outdoor housing; and if animal is on public display, availability of private, off exhibit area], construction materials, shelter from sun/rain, safety and security measures, suitable arrangements for quarantine, substrate type);
- b) Species-specific enclosure furnishings (for example provisions of pools, climbing equipment, hides, nest boxes, plants and hiding places);
- c) Animal care and husbandry (climate conditions, including correct temperature and light; water quality parameters for aquatic species);
- d) Dietary needs (species-specific food and nutritional requirements, access to potable water);
- e) Adequate provisions of suitable veterinary and animal care (sufficient numbers and expertise of staff who care for the animals, disease considerations, preventative medicine);
- f) Wildlife laws (comply with all relevant wildlife laws and/or regulations and possess all appropriate permits and licenses for the species involved);
- g) Social well-being and animal behaviour (appropriate social groupings for the species, methods of integration, appropriate social and behavioural enrichment, ability to separate the group where needed);
- h) Management (facility's adequate record-keeping); and
- i) Any other taxon-specific considerations.