Conservation and Research Efforts of Zoos and Aquariums

Each year, the American Zoo and Aquarium Association (AZA) compiles an Annual Report on Conservation and Science (ARCS) to provide an annual snapshot of AZA Member Institutions' contributions to wildlife and habitat conservation. ARCS demonstrates the impressive conservation effort being made by our members and the programs they support.

- Total number of conservation and research projects supported by AZA Member Institutions in 2003 – over 2370
- Amount spent on these projects – over $77 million (83% of the projects submitted listed an amount spent)

- Total number of in situ or field conservation projects supported by AZA Member Institutions in 2003 – over 1420 in 107 countries / regions
- Amount spent on these projects – over $21.8 million

- Number of conservation and research projects taking place in the United States in 2003 – over 550
- Amount spent on these projects – over $32.8 million

- Number of projects first reported in 2003 – over 870
- Amount spent on these projects – over $64.3 million

- Number of publications, including books, book chapters, conference proceedings papers, journal articles, posters and theses / dissertations, reported published in 2003 – 711

- Number of AZA member institutions submitting reports in 2003 – 177 / 212 or 83.5%