Studbook breeding programme
Smaug (Cordylus) giganteus
(Sungazer Lizard)

Photo by Fraser Gilchrist

Annual Report 2012

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1. Introduction

This is the latest report on the Sungazer population registered with the European Studbook Foundation.

2. Studbook Population

As at May 2012 the total studbook population is 58 specimens (18.40.0) of this, only 34 (10.24.0) are currently still living. The ratio of males to females is still cause for real concern.

3. Locations

As far as the studbook is aware, this species is kept at 9 different locations throughout Europe. 1.2 animals are kept at Rotterdam Zoo in the Netherlands, 1.2 are kept at the Vissenbjerg Zoo in Denmark, 1.10 kept at Vienna Zoo in Austria, 1.2 at Hamburg Zoo & 1.2 at Frankfurt Zoo both of which are in Germany. A male and female pair are kept at a private collection in the UK, 2.4 animals in Sweden with the remaining animals (1.1 & 1.1 respectively) being kept at two private locations in the Netherlands.

4. Births

Sadly, no births of this species have been reported.

5. Imports

No imports have been reported.
6. Deaths

Since last years report it is with sadness that I must report that the Studbook lost a female being kept at a private location in the Netherlands.

7. Transfers

No transfers have taken place since last years report.

8. Discussion Points

The relatively low number of male Sungazers registered within the studbook still gives cause for concern – although 2 new males were added since last years report. Significant efforts need to be made to increase the number of males within the studbook population. Only then can we hope to recreate the communal living habits of this species.

9. 2011 – A year in review

Really please to be reporting on the addition of 2.3 animals to the Studbook since the last report.

The Herpetological Society of Ireland – Fraser Gilchrist wrote an article on Sungazer Lizard in the wild for the Lacerta publication. A follow up article is planned on keeping Sungazers in captivity in the next issue.

10. 2012 – A year in preview

Studbook Keeper - Fraser Gilchrist will give a presentation to the Scottish Parrot Society on the European Studbook Foundation with specific emphasis on the Sungazer Lizard in June. It is hoped that this will help increase awareness of the foundation and the plight of the lizard itself.

Request

The population at Vienna Zoo is, as reported, very female heavy. The curator would be keen to hear from anyone wishing to trade a male for one of these females. Please email me directly for further information.

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