



The involvement of Sofia Zoo in conservation efforts



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Workshop "Integrating Zoo Involvement and Developing Guidelines for
Species Prioritization in European Species Conservation."

The creation of Environmental Education and Research Centre at Sofia Zoo (EERC)

EERC is essential to Sofia Zoo and represents the Zoo Educational Department which is also responsible for an conservation activities such as:

- Organization of the conservation education in Sofia Zoo.
- Organize information campaigns related to different animal species aimed at the visitors to increase their knowledge about wild nature and to build environmental awareness
- Participate in the process of scientific research at national and international levels; provide help to pupils and students by assisting them with scientific research (reports, diploma papers, etc.)
- Create all information materials in Sofia Zoo - species information plates, posters, photo archive, etc.
- Work in cooperation with conservation NGOs, by co-organizing campaigns and educational activities at the Zoo
- Conduct and initiate projects related to nature conservation activities of the Zoo
- Organize and conduct education and training programs for zoo staff.



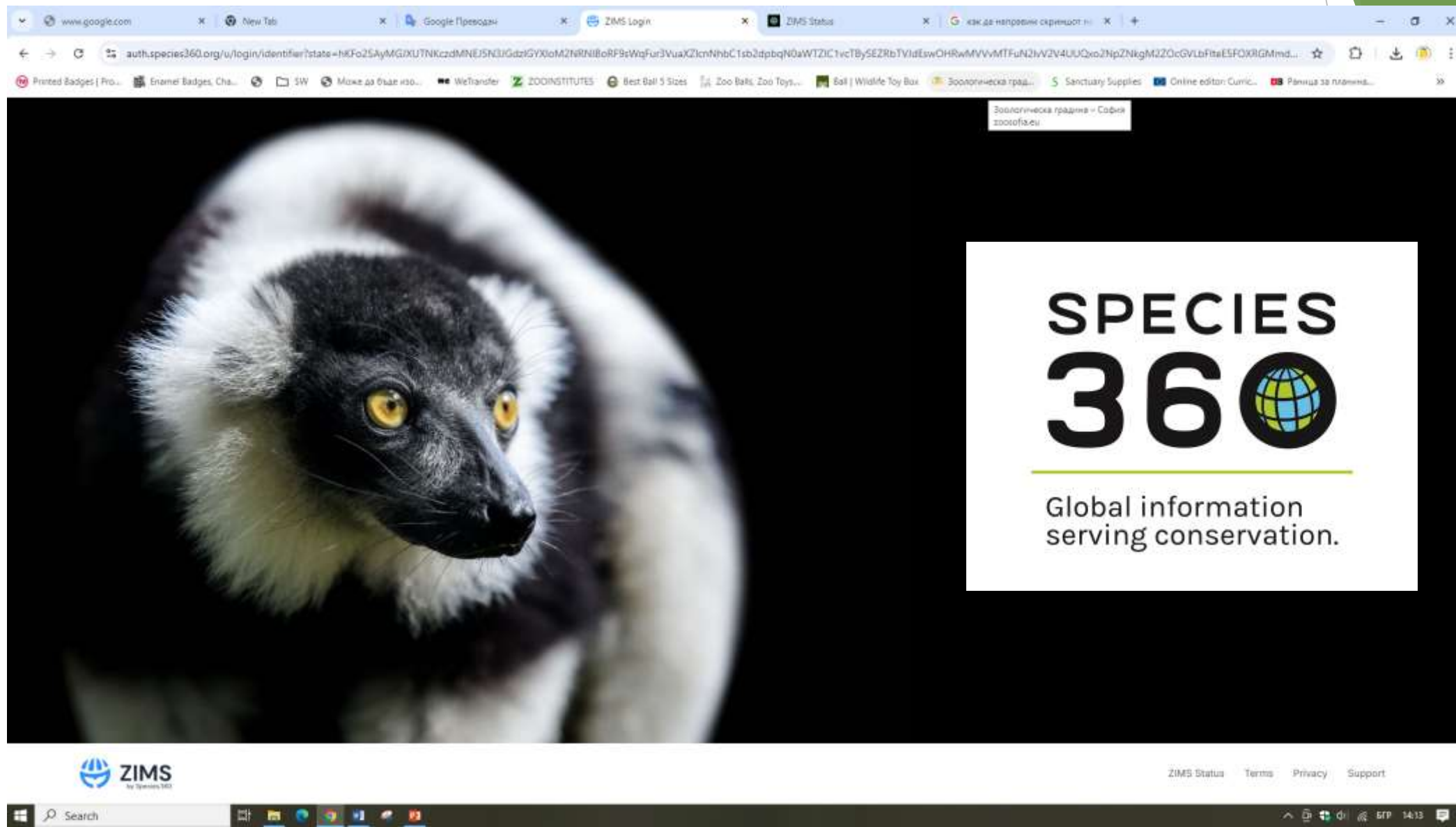
Sofia Zoo is participating in EEP programs since 2008



Sofia Municipality assists in the payment of the high transport costs when receiving and sending the animals included in the EEP program.



Sofia Zoo is a part of ZIMS since 2009



Environmental awareness campaigns in Sofia Zoo

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БИОРАЗНООБРАЗИЕ НА ВИЕТНАМ
КАМПАНИЯ НА ЕАЗА 2024-2025**

Видовете животни, включени в кампанията, са част от голямото биоразнообразие на Виетнам. Много от тях са ендемични видове и са застрашени от изчезване. Кампанията има за цел да обедини усилията между опазването им *ex situ* (извън естественото местообитание) в зоологическите градини и аквариумите и опазването им *in situ* (в естествените местообитания) във Виетнам.

 Саолар белибуза сабои (<i>Pseudosambucus leucorhina</i>)	 Едуардов фазан (<i>Capponia edwardsi</i>)	 Виетнамска белива костурка (<i>Manouria amabilis</i>)
 Виетнамски крилат гущер (<i>Accipiter viridis</i>)	 Виетнамски саламандер (<i>Amphiuma</i>)	 Жълта котка (<i>Prionailurus</i>)
 Саолар белибуза сабои (<i>Pseudosambucus leucorhina</i>)	 Виетнамски гигантски махованец (<i>Platycostus</i>)	 Панда (<i>Ailuropus</i>)



Обединяване на усилия за спасяване на виетнамските видове
Кампания на ЕАЗА 2024-2025
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Natura 2000 Day at Sofia Zoo



Bear Day



International Vulture Awareness Day

in-situ conservation - release into nature of species born at Sofia zoo

In 2019, with the decision of the deputy mayor of the city of Sofia, for the first time we received the right to return zoo-born specimens from the collection back into the wild. Previously, such an action was not possible because animals are assets of the zoo and they are charged annual depreciations, and the action is treated as a disposition of assets over which management has no authority. It took almost two years to fight through.



Cooperation with the non-governmental organizations



Participation in conservation projects

Lesser Kestrel chicks hatched at the zoo were provided for a breeding program by NGO Green Balkans as a part of the project "Greater Chance for the Lesser Kestrel in Bulgaria - Restoration of the Lesser Kestrel" (LIFE11 NAT / BG / 360).



Sofia Zoo supports the activities of the international project "Bright Future for the Black Vulture" - LIFE14 NAT / BG / 649



Sofia Zoo also collaborates on the international project "Egyptian Vulture New LIFE" (LIFE16 NAT / BG / 000874)



Participation in scientific projects

Sofia Zoo is cooperating with the project „Complex genetic and ethological research for long-term in situ and *ex-situ* conservation of the brown bear, *Ursus arctos*“ of Sofia University and Bulgarian Academy of Sciences.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!



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