

European Studbook Foundation
– Annual Report 2018 –

Smaug giganteus
(Sungazer Lizard)



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

2. Studbook Population

As at February 2019 the total living studbook population is only 20 (6.14.0) individuals. 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 are kept at the Vissenbjerg Zoo in Denmark.

0.4 kept at Haus des Meeres Zoo in Austria.

1.2 at Hamburg Zoo & 1.2 at Frankfurt Zoo both of which are in Germany.

1.1 are kept at Drayton Manor Zoo in the UK.

2.2 & 0.1 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

No deaths have been reported.

7. Transfers

No transfers have been reported.

8. Discussion Points

The number of animals within the studbook is a real cause for concern. If numbers do not improve then I shall recommend the closure of the studbook until such times as the numbers increase to suitable levels where this becomes viable.

9. 2018– A year in review

Genetic testing is being carried out in conjunction with the National Zoo in Pretoria, South Africa.

10. 2019– A year in preview

The Studbook is aware of a number of animals being kept by private keepers. Attempts will continue to persuade the registration of these individuals within the Stud.

Fraser to deliver a presentation to the West Midlands Herpetological Society on the Sungazer Lizard, the European Studbook Foundation and his work with this species in South Africa.

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All information is assumed due to a lack of communication between the studbook participants.