

Studbook breeding programme

Smaug giganteus

(Sungazer Lizard)



Annual Report 2015

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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 February 2015 the total studbook population is 66 specimens (21.45.0) of this, only 27 (8.19.0) 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 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.
- 3.4 are kept at a private location in the UK.
- 0.2 animals in Sweden.
- 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

The studbook lost a female being held at one of the private locations in the Netherlands.

7. Transfers

1.1 animals were transferred from the UK to a private collection in Denmark. The individuals already at this location are not registered within the studbook at present - it is hoped that they are registered in time for the next report.

8. Discussion Points

There have been several animals offered for sale recently in the pet trade. Provided these animals are legal, we would welcome their registration within the studbook.

9. 2015– A year in review

No activity worthy of note during 2015.

10. 2016– A year in preview

Work will continue to identify new animals to add to the European Studbook population.

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- Fraser Gilchrist began a 3-5 year study to record the temperature and humidity every 2 hours in prime Sungazer habitat in South Africa. These readings will provide valuable information on ‘typical’ environmental conditions both above ground and at the terminus of the burrow.

June, 2016

Fraser Gilchrist, studbook keeper.
