

CAZA Position Re: Cultivation and Commercial Sale of Wildlife or Products

Preamble

Whereas CAZA believes that acceptable cause to maintain captive wildlife and exotic animals includes:

- Public education
- Research and study
- Species preservation and/or conservation
- Recreation

And whereas the commercial sale of wildlife or the products thereof may involve a significant risk of:

- Infectious disease transmission and/or introduction
- Genetic contamination of endemic wildlife (hybridization)
- Accidental exotic species introduction
- Inhumane husbandry practices
- Illegal animal trade or movement
- Increased incidence of poaching of endemic wildlife

Position

The Canadian Association of Zoos and Aquariums does not support the keeping of wildlife or exotic species solely for the purpose of commercial sale of such animals or the products thereof.

Further, the Canadian Association of Zoos and Aquariums encourages zoological parks and aquariums to turn all net profits of animal transactions into programs for:

- Education
- Research and study
- Species preservation and conservation