

Collaborating with the Zapata Crocodile Farm on the captive management of Cuban crocodiles

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Abstract: The Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) manages an important genetic reservoir for the critically endangered Cuban crocodile (*Crocodylus rhombifer*) in North America. The Zapata Crocodile Farm (ZCF) in Matanzas, Cuba manages an important genetically pure population of Cuban crocodiles that are propagated in part for repatriation in to the Zapata Swamp. Since 2017, a multi-institutional team has worked with ZCF staff to improve incubation techniques, evaluate diet, perform health assessments and behavioral studies. This poster will highlight this holistic approach to conserve the critically endangered Cuban crocodile and build capacity for all involved.

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