

# Getting to Know You: Learning the AZA and SSP Terminology

1. Okay, you have been wondering, “what do SSP and AZA stand for”? What did you find out?
2. When did the SSP program begin?
3. Each SSP manages the breeding of a species to maintain a healthy, self-sustaining captive population that is both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
4. List at least 3 other conservation activities of SSP’s besides breeding programs.
5. What are two criteria that must be met if an animal is going to be considered for an SSP?
6. Explain a “flagship species” and why are they selected.
7. Each SSP has a species coordinator. What are three responsibilities they have?
8. What is a SSP Master Plan and how does it use the “family tree” of a captive population?
9. What four vital records of a captive population are containing in a “Studbook”?
10. Even if an animal isn’t going to be reintroduced to the wild, how do SSP’s have a positive impact on wild populations?

