



# **Felid Taxon Advisory Group SSP Designation Addendum for Existing Regional Collection Plans 2022-2027**

The following document serves as an addendum to existing Regional Collection Plans (RCPs; published in 2022 and earlier) to update the status of the Taxon Advisory Group's (TAG) Species Survival Plan (SSP) programs after completing the SSP Assessment process and moving programs into the new SSP Framework as of January 2023. The SSP designations outlined here supersede any previous designations and remain valid until the TAG publishes their next RCP, between the years of 2023 and 2027.

The TAG used the standardized AZA SSP Assessment process to identify appropriate SSP designations for the species under its purview. This process is presented and described at [AZA SSP Reimagination Resources](#).

## Program Management Update

The table below lists all of the SSPs approved in the current RCP, the new designation (Signature SSP, Provisional SSP, TAG-Monitored, Other), the previous designation (Red/Yellow/Green SSP), and contact information for the SSP Coordinator or Species Monitor assigned to that population, if relevant. If a population is no longer going to be actively monitored, they will be designated as 'unmonitored' in the last column.

**Table 1: Animal Program Management Update Table**

<b>Common Name (Scientific Name)</b>	<b>New 2022 SSP Program Designation</b>	<b>Previous SSP Program Designation</b>	<b>Contact (Name)</b>	<b>Contact (Email)</b>
Amur Leopard ( <i>Panthera pardus orientalis</i> )	Provisional SSP	Yellow SSP	Michael Frushour	<a href="mailto:Michael.frushour@toledo zoo.org">Michael.frushour@toledo zoo.org</a>
Canada lynx ( <i>Lynx canadensis</i> )	Signature SSP	Yellow SSP	Amanda Ista	<a href="mailto:amanda.ista@milwaukee county wi.gov">amanda.ista@milwaukee county wi.gov</a>
Cheetah ( <i>Acinonyx jubatus</i> )	Signature SSP	Yellow SSP	Adrienne Crosier	<a href="mailto:crosiera@si.edu">crosiera@si.edu</a>
Clouded leopard ( <i>Neofelis nebulosa</i> )	Signature SSP	Yellow SSP	Jilian Fazio	<a href="mailto:ifazio@parks.essex county nj.org">ifazio@parks.essex county nj.org</a>
Jaguar ( <i>Panthera onca</i> )	Provisional SSP	Green SSP	Stacey Johnson	<a href="mailto:sjohnson@rwp zoo.org">sjohnson@rwp zoo.org</a>
Lion ( <i>Panthera leo</i> )	Signature SSP	Green SSP	Hollie Colahan	<a href="mailto:hcolahan@birmingham zoo.com">hcolahan@birmingham zoo.com</a>
Ocelot, Brazilian ( <i>Leopardus pardalis mitis</i> )	Provisional SSP	Yellow SSP	Bill Swanson	<a href="mailto:bill.swanson@cincinnati zoo.org">bill.swanson@cincinnati zoo.org</a>
Ocelot, Generic ( <i>Leopardus pardalis</i> )	Provisional SSP	Yellow SSP	Bill Swanson	<a href="mailto:bill.swanson@cincinnati zoo.org">bill.swanson@cincinnati zoo.org</a>
Pallas' Cat ( <i>Otocolobus manul</i> )	Signature SSP	Yellow SSP	Scott Kayser	<a href="mailto:skayser@birmingham zoo.com">skayser@birmingham zoo.com</a>
Sand Cat ( <i>Felid margarita</i> )	Provisional SSP	Yellow SSP	Heather Down	<a href="mailto:hdown@living desert t.org">hdown@living desert t.org</a>
Serval ( <i>Leptailurus serval</i> )	Provisional SSP	Yellow SSP	Dan Dembiec	<a href="mailto:ddembiec@memphis zoo.org">ddembiec@memphis zoo.org</a>

Snow Leopard ( <i>Panthera uncia</i> )	Provisional SSP	Yellow SSP	Jay Tetzloff	<a href="mailto:jrtetzloff@blankparkzoo.org">jrtetzloff@blankparkzoo.org</a>
Tiger, Amur ( <i>Panthera tigris altaica</i> )	Provisional SSP	Green SSP	Karen Goodrowe Beck	<a href="mailto:karen.goodrowe@pdza.org">karen.goodrowe@pdza.org</a>
Tiger, Malayan ( <i>Panthera tigris jacksoni</i> )	Provisional SSP	Yellow SSP	Karen Goodrowe Beck	<a href="mailto:karen.goodrowe@pdza.org">karen.goodrowe@pdza.org</a>
Tiger, Sumatran ( <i>Panthera tigris sumatrae</i> )	Signature SSP	Yellow SSP	Karen Goodrowe Beck	<a href="mailto:karen.goodrowe@pdza.org">karen.goodrowe@pdza.org</a>
Black-Footed Cat ( <i>Felis nigripes</i> )	TAG-Monitored	Red SSP	Jason Ahistus	<a href="mailto:jasona@fossilrim.org">jasona@fossilrim.org</a>
Bobcat ( <i>Lynx rufus</i> )	TAG-Monitored	TAG-Monitored	Amanda Ista	<a href="mailto:amanda.ista@milwaukeecountywi.gov">amanda.ista@milwaukeecountywi.gov</a>
Caracal ( <i>Caracal caracal</i> )	TAG-Monitored	TAG-Monitored	Kristen Clark	<a href="mailto:clarkk@si.edu">clarkk@si.edu</a>
Fishing Cat ( <i>Prionailurus viverrinus</i> )	TAG-Monitored	Red SSP	Tyler Boyd	<a href="mailto:tboyd@okczoo.org">tboyd@okczoo.org</a>
Puma ( <i>Puma concolor</i> )	TAG-Monitored	TAG-Monitored	Michelle Shireman	<a href="mailto:pumacoug@aol.com">pumacoug@aol.com</a>
Tiger, Generic ( <i>Panthera tigris</i> )	TAG-Monitored	Red SSP	Karen Goodrowe Beck	<a href="mailto:karen.goodrowe@pdza.org">karen.goodrowe@pdza.org</a>

## SSP Assessment Results

Below are the outcomes of the SSP Assessments across the genetic, demographic, space & interest, and husbandry criteria for current SSPs within the TAG. The scores shown for each species have been agreed upon by the TAG and the APMC liaison and reviewed by the full APMC.

**Table 2: SSP Assessment Results Summary Table**

Species	Genetics	Demography	Space & Interest	Husbandry	Designation
Amur Leopard	Neutral	+	-	Neutral	Provisional SSP
Black-Footed Cat	Neutral	-	-	-	Not an SSP
Canada lynx	+	+	Neutral	Neutral	Signature SSP
Cheetah	+	+	+	+	Signature SSP
Clouded leopard	Neutral	+	+	Neutral	Signature SSP
Jaguar	Neutral	-	Neutral	Neutral	Provisional SSP
Lion	+	+	+	Neutral	Signature SSP
Ocelot, Brazilian	+	+	+	-	Provisional SSP
Ocelot, Generic	+	+	+	-	Provisional SSP
Pallas' Cat	+	+	+	Neutral	Signature SSP
Sand Cat	Neutral	+	Neutral	Neutral	Provisional SSP
Serval	+	-	+	Neutral	Provisional SSP
Snow Leopard	Neutral	+	+	-	Provisional SSP
Tiger, Amur	+	-	+	Neutral	Provisional SSP
Tiger, Malayan	+	-	Neutral	Neutral	Provisional SSP
Tiger, Sumatran	+	+	Neutral	Neutral	Signature SSP

**Further resources outlining the overall SSP Assessment Process can be found at [AZA SSP Reimagination Resources](#) and in the following documents:**  
**[AZA SSP Assessment Criteria Flowchart](#)**  
**[AZA SSP Assessment Form](#) and [How to fill out the AZA SSP Assessment](#)**  
**[AZA TAG Evaluation of the SSP Assessments](#)**