



Inspection Report

Maryland Zoological Society Inc
1876 Mansion House Drive
Baltimore, MD 21217

Customer ID: **2002**

Certificate: **51-C-0006**

Site: 001

Maryland Zoological Society Inc

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION

Date: 05-AUG-2025

3.125(a) Critical

Facilities, general.

On July 29, 2025, two Seba's short-tailed bats were found to be consumed by a black snake in the bat enclosure. When husbandry staff found the black snake in the enclosure, it was immediately removed and radiographed to confirm the deaths of the bats. After removing the snake, the facility evaluated the enclosure for potential entrance points and ensured the structural strength of all vulnerable areas.

Enclosures that are constructed in a way that allows for predators or other unintended animals to enter the enclosure can result in stress, injury, or death of the regulated species.

Correct by ensuring that housing facilities for the bats are kept in good repair to protect the animals from injury and contain them.

Corrected prior to this inspection (08/05/2025).

3.126(a) Critical

Facilities, indoor.

On Sunday, June 29, 2025, the heating system in the Seba's short-tailed bat enclosure malfunctioned causing the death of 25 bats. Upon arrival to the exhibit, husbandry staff discovered several dead and compromised bats within the enclosure which had reached an ambient temperature around 104 degrees Fahrenheit. The staff quickly shut down the heating system, added fans and misters to cool the area, and provided supportive care, however, 25 bats succumbed to heat exhaustion over a two day period. The facility reported the incident to the USDA in a timely manner, and quickly performed several corrective actions to ensure that temperature fluctuations would not occur in the future.

High temperatures in housing areas for species that are not properly acclimated to that climate can cause significant health risks to the animals and can result in overheating, dehydration, and death.

Correct by ensuring that temperatures in indoor housing facilities are sufficiently regulated by heating or cooling to protect the animals from extreme temperatures, to provide for their health and to prevent their discomfort. The ambient temperature shall not be allowed to fall below nor rise above temperatures compatible with the health and comfort of the animals.

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This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000097	<i>Carollia perspicillata</i>	SEBA'S SHORT-TAILED BAT
000097	Total	