



Inspection Report

Miami-Dade Zoological Park and Gardens
12400 SW 152nd Street
Miami, FL 33177

Customer ID: **3099**

Certificate: **58-C-0006**

Site: 001

Miami-Dade Zoological Park and
Gardens

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION

Date: 03-MAR-2023

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Handling of animals.

On February 28, 2023, approximately at 8:00am, a six-year male Malayan tapir escaped from its primary enclosure by jumping over the moat and into a staff parking lot; zoo was still closed to the public at this time. Zoo personnel immediately responded implementing a successful capture plan; animal was safely darted and immobilized by a staff veterinarian; tapir was secured and safely transported to its holding area. Handling of captured/immobilized animals must be done as expeditiously and carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause trauma, overheating, behavioral stress, physical harm, or unnecessary discomfort. The facility must ensure the primary enclosure for Malayan tapirs is structurally sound to prevent animals from escaping and from causing trauma and/or unnecessary stress/discomfort.

Correct by: None; this noncompliance was corrected prior to the time of inspection.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with two facility representatives.

Prepared By: MARIO MERCADO

USDA, APHIS, Animal Care

Date:
06-MAR-2023

Title: VETERINARY MEDICAL
OFFICER

Received by Title: Facility Representative

Date:
06-MAR-2023



Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
3099	58-C-0006	001	Miami-Dade Zoological Park and Gardens	03-MAR-2023

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000002	<i>Tapirus indicus</i>	MALAYAN TAPIR
000002	Total	