

July 8, 2005

TO: MIKE KEELE
CC: MARK REED
FROM: KEN REDMAN
RE: ELEPHANT COMMITMENT

The Honolulu Zoo has made a long-term commitment toward managing a population of Asian elephants. To that end, we have invested over \$6,000,000 for the construction of new holding facilities. The facilities include an elephant restraint device, a separate holding yard for a bull, and a maternity yard. We expect to have that phase of construction completed by the end of this calendar year. We hope to attain construction funds to build the exhibit phase of the project next fiscal year.

Referring to the AZA's long-term approach to managing elephants, the Honolulu Zoo will:

1. Participate in developing a sustaining population of elephants. The new exhibit will allow us to have a maximum capacity of six elephants, counting young.
2. We are prepared to contribute and/or participate in elephant conservation efforts, though we are not able to commit to specific amounts at this time.
3. We will support and participate in the elephant TAG/SSP research projects.
4. We are prepared to abide by the TAG/SSP breeding recommendations. (We are scheduling our first attempt to artificially inseminate our younger cow in August, 2005.)
5. We will continue to promote educational messages concerning elephants.
6. We will make a contribution to develop conservation centers.
7. We will contribute to the employment of a full-time person who would oversee the entire program.
8. We agree to follow guidelines so that all participants convey the same message.
9. We will participate in a public relations campaign.
10. We will continue to support our staff so they can participate in AZA elephant activities.
11. We endorse the AZA Standards for Elephant Management and Care and strongly believe in following them.