

To: Animal Acquisition Committee

From: Dr. Willam Rapley,
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Subject: **AQUISITION OF BLACK DUIKER**

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Summary:

The Los Angeles Zoo has 1.0 black duiker (*Cephalophus niger*) on loan to Mountain View Conservation Society (Mt View). They are also in the process of trying to purchase 2.1 black duiker from a private source that is currently housed at Mt View. Mt View is getting rid of all their exotic animals so Los Angeles is looking to place these black duiker at another accredited institution. They would like to place these animals ASAP.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Board of Management approve the acquisition of up to 3.1 black duiker (*Cephalophus niger*) on breeding loan from Los Angeles Zoo.

Financial Impact:

There is no financial impact for obtaining these animals. Los Angeles Zoo will coordinate transportation.

Background:

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Comments/Discussion:

Toronto Zoo was looking for a small duiker species for the newly renovated turtle exhibit in the African Rainforest Pavilion. This would add a mixed species exhibit and improve visitor viewing and satisfaction. Animals may also be exhibited in the outside crane exhibit in the African Rainforest Pavilion which currently does not have any animals in it. We would also be helping out a fellow AZA accredited institution by taking these animals during a difficult transition period at Mountain View.

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