

To: Animal Acquisition Committee

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Subject: **AMPHIBIAN AND REPTILE DISPOSITION**

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**Recommendations:**

**It is recommended that the following species be removed from the collection:**

**1.0 Alligator snapping turtle (*Macrochelys temminckii*)**

**Financial Impact:**

There is no financial impact.

**Background:**

Collection planning for amphibians and reptiles in the Conservation, Education & Research Division is completed for 3-5 year time frames and is reviewed each year to ensure that the collection is achieving display, education, and conservation, and AZA Taxon Advisory Group objectives of the long range collection plan. The alligator snapper has been on surplus list for 4 years.

**Comments/Discussion:**

Based on the above review, approval is sought to remove this species from the Zoo collection. This move is in part in anticipation of a change from species associated with the Americas to those from South America as part of the north site development. South American turtle species will replace this species.

**Conclusions:**

Based on the above review, approval is sought to remove 1.0 Alligator snapping turtle (*Macrochelys temminckii*) from the collection.

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