

### **BIAZA Research Committee Statement on the use of webcam footage**

The BIAZA Research Committee appreciates the value of livestream zoo webcams that provide remote access into an organisation's animal collection. Such livestreams are valuable from an educational and research perspective and provide an excellent tool for scientific and research investigation. There are multiple benefits to engaging with these zoo webcams for your research and data collection but please remember they are owned by the organisation that is providing the broadcast and (whilst in the public domain) it is ethical practice and shows professional integrity to inform the organisation of your desire to observe their animals for any form of research project. This is particularly important if the livestream covers any public areas of the enclosure and zoo visitors/guests can be seen on camera and therefore be potential research participants. Engagement with the broadcasting organisation may provide opportunities for further helpful dialogue on your project that could be mutually beneficial.