



British and Irish Association of Zoos and Aquariums

BIAZA Disposal of Dead Specimens Policy

When an animal has died or is euthanised, it is important to provide for the optimal use of the materials available, particularly for studies, which may benefit the species. A post-mortem examination should be performed and biological material preserved for research and gene conservation as needed. The results of the post-mortem should also be passed to the relevant programme coordinator, and full records of any results and outcomes should be archived. Tissue collection and post-mortem protocols, and addresses of recommended recipients of material are available from the BIAZA Office, relevant Taxon Working Group and EAZA TAG chairs.