

River Otters of South Florida

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## **Otters and People**

# **Otters in NA Zoos & Aquariums**

American Zoo and Aquarium Association (AZA)

Species Survival Plans (SSP's) and What They Are!

A SSP is a plan that uses a variety of tools and resources in an effort to maximize the long-term sustainability of populations of species in zoos and aquariums. These tools and resources are both quantitative and qualitative and allow scientists to identify patterns in population challenges and to strategically address population needs. SSP's focus on managing collections and allocating resources with sustainable Animal Program populations in mind. A database is formed from information gathered on each species. The database automatically generates SSP Sustainability Reports which summarize SSP species' basic care, exhibit design, and population management considerations and priorities.

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