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## Section A: Review records and documentation

Date:	Assessor:	Start time:	Weather:
Enclosure#:	Species:		
Individual Animal IDs:			

  

Q2	NUTRITION	A diet sheet is available for the species and is suitable with no known issues	Yes	No		
If yes:	Is it reviewed incorporating best practice guidelines for nutrition and evidence based literature as available for the taxa			Yes	No	
If no:	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	Notes:

  

Q6	HEALTH	Regular weights are taken and recorded	Yes	No		
If no:	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	Notes:

  

Q10	HEALTH	Species/individuals are subject to preventative medicine regime (consider import testing, quarantine, vaccinations, parasitology, bacteriology etc)	Yes	No		
If no:	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	Notes:

  

Q12	HEALTH	Animals are free from chronic or recurring acute disease/injury/impairment (and note remedial actions in place if not)	Yes	No	Unk	
If no:	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	Notes:

  

Q14	ENVIRONMENT	Species appropriate parameters for temperature levels/gradients are set out in an environmental management plan (EMP) (and considers internal/external, seasonal, night-time, appropriate variation, choice, records etc)	Yes	No		
If yes:	Measurements of appropriate temp levels/gradients made as per EMP			Yes	No	
If yes:	Temperature levels/gradients have been within parameters appropriate for the species year round over the last year			Yes	No	Unk
If no:	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	Notes:
If yes:	Is artificial heating required to maintain appropriate temperatures?			Yes	No	Unk
If yes:	Is the heating on a thermostat?			Yes	No	N/A
If yes:	How reliable is the heating?			Very	Some-what	Less
						not at all

  

Q15	ENVIRONMENT	Species appropriate parameters for humidity levels/gradients are set out in an environmental management plan (EMP) (and considers internal/external, seasonal, night-time, appropriate variation, choice, records etc)	Yes	No		
If yes:	Measurements of appropriate humidity levels/gradients made as per EMP			Yes	No	
If yes:	Humidity levels/gradients have been within parameters appropriate for the species year round over the last year			Yes	No	N/A
If no:	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	Notes:

  

Q16	ENVIRONMENT	Species appropriate parameters for light levels, quality and photo period are set out in an environmental management plan (EMP) (and considers UV, photoperiod, flicker/glare, colour, internal/external, seasonal, night-time, appropriate variation, choice, records etc)	Yes	No		
If yes:	Measurements of appropriate light levels, quality and photo period made as per EMP			Yes	No	Unk
If yes:	Light levels, quality and photo period have been within parameters appropriate for the species year round over the last year			Yes	No	N/A
If no:	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	Notes:

  

Q36	ENVIRONMENT	Water testing is carried out on a routine basis and checked against acceptable ranges (as defined in the EMP) (answer not applicable if non-aquatic spp)	Yes	No	N/A	
If no:	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	Notes:

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## Section B: Animal condition scoring

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Assessor: \_\_\_\_\_ Start time: \_\_\_\_\_ Weather: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosure#: \_\_\_\_\_

Species: \_\_\_\_\_

Individual Animal IDs: \_\_\_\_\_

Q5 HEALTH Body Condition Score is within normal limits Yes No N/A Unk

If no: **A B C D E** Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

Q7 HEALTH Animals appear to be in good physical condition (consider plumage/pelage/scales/scutes, skin, teeth, feet/hoves/claws, horns/antlers, eyes, nostrils etc) Yes No N/A Unk

If no: **A B C D E** Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

Q9 HEALTH Animals have good muscle tone and fitness level with no evidence of weakness/debility Yes No N/A Unk

If no: **A B C D E** Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

Q11 HEALTH Animals are currently free from signs of injury, pain or discomfort (consider lameness, flinching, wincing, husbandry mutilations, current treatment, shivering etc) Yes No N/A Unk

If no: **A B C D E** Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Section C: Behavioural observations

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Assessor: \_\_\_\_\_ Start time: \_\_\_\_\_ Weather: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Enclosure#: \_\_\_\_\_ Species: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Individual Animal IDs: \_\_\_\_\_

Q37	BEHAVIOUR	Animals can be observed approaching and moving away from conspecifics freely	Yes	No	N/A	Unk
If no: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E Notes: _____						
Q38	BEHAVIOUR	Performs appropriate levels of self-care behaviours (grooming, preening, drinking, resting, comfort activities)	Yes	No	N/A	Unk
If no: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E Notes: _____						
Q39	BEHAVIOUR	Has mostly positive interactions with conspecifics or other animals	Yes	No	N/A	Unk
If no: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E Notes: _____						
Q40	BEHAVIOUR	Has mostly positive or neutral interactions with staff/visitors (e.g. not aggressive, fearful, aversive)	Yes	No	N/A	Unk
If no: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E Notes: _____						
Q41	BEHAVIOUR	Responds appropriately to novel changes in the environment (interest in appropriate enrichment vs fear/aversion/apathy)	Yes	No	N/A	Unk
If no: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E Notes: _____						
Q42	BEHAVIOUR	Can express choice and control over being in different (indoor/outdoor) areas (except for maintenance periods)	Yes	No	N/A	Unk
If no: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E Notes: _____						
Q43	BEHAVIOUR	Exhibit appropriate territorial behavior (patrolling, scent marking)	Yes	No	N/A	Unk
If no: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E Notes: _____						
Q44	BEHAVIOUR	Exhibits appropriate foraging and feeding behaviours	Yes	No	N/A	Unk
If no: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E Notes: _____						
Q45	BEHAVIOUR	Exhibits play behavior (alone or socially)	Yes	No	N/A	Unk
If no: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E Notes: _____						
Q46	BEHAVIOUR	Exhibit appropriate levels and of rest and sleep	Yes	No	N/A	Unk
If no: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E Notes: _____						
Q47	BEHAVIOUR	No evidence of dysfunctional social interactions (Yes=good; No=bad!)	Yes	No	N/A	Unk
If no: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E Notes: _____						
Q48	BEHAVIOUR	No evidence of abnormal or stereotypic behaviour (Yes=good; No=bad!)	Yes	No	N/A	Unk
If no: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E Notes: _____						
Q49	BEHAVIOUR	Exhibits reproductive behaviours as appropriate to the species and individual (courtship, mating, nest-building, incubating, birth, rearing etc)	Yes	No	N/A	Unk
If no: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E Notes: _____						
Q50	BEHAVIOUR	Exhibits species specific behavioural needs (rooting, burrowing, climbing, perching, social grooming etc)	Yes	No	N/A	Unk
If no: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E Notes: _____						

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## Section D: Environmental observations

Date:	Assessor:	Start time:	Weather:
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Q1	NUTRITION	Clean fresh water is available on demand in a species appropriate manner to all animals	Yes No N/A Unk
If no:	<input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C <input type="radio"/> D <input type="radio"/> E	Notes:	
Q3	NUTRITION	An appropriate quantity of high quality, nutritious food is available to all species/individuals and lifestages (include browse and/or grazing where appropriate)	Yes No N/A Unk
If no:	<input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C <input type="radio"/> D <input type="radio"/> E	Notes:	
Q4	NUTRITION	Food is presented appropriately for the species/individuals (consider timing, method, position in enclosure, social interactions, variation)	Yes No N/A Unk
If no:	<input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C <input type="radio"/> D <input type="radio"/> E	Notes:	
Q8	HEALTH	Faeces are appropriately formed and normal for the species	Yes No N/A Unk
If no:	<input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C <input type="radio"/> D <input type="radio"/> E	Notes:	
Q13	HEALTH	Veterinary care can be provided in a way which minimizes distress (consider operant conditioning, nets, darting, crush cages, separation areas)	Yes No N/A Unk
If no:	<input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C <input type="radio"/> D <input type="radio"/> E	Notes:	
Q17	ENVIRONMENT	Noise and vibration levels are within parameters appropriate for the species year round (consider internal/external, seasonal, night-time, appropriate variation, choice etc).	Yes No N/A Unk
If no:	<input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C <input type="radio"/> D <input type="radio"/> E	Notes:	
Q18	ENVIRONMENT	Air quality is high and free from pollutants, heavy dust, aversive odours and is well ventilated.	Yes No N/A Unk
If no:	<input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C <input type="radio"/> D <input type="radio"/> E	Notes:	
Q19	ENVIRONMENT	Perimeter is secure (prevent escapes, excludes predators) and safe with no risk of harm (e.g. electric fences).	Yes No N/A Unk
If no:	<input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C <input type="radio"/> D <input type="radio"/> E	Notes:	
Q20	ENVIRONMENT	The size, shape and topography of the enclosure is appropriate for the species to exercise, explore and exhibit normal territorial behaviours.	Yes No N/A Unk
If no:	<input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C <input type="radio"/> D <input type="radio"/> E	Notes:	
Q21	ENVIRONMENT	Substrates are suitable for the species (consider locomotion (abrasion, traction, support); resting (comfort, depth, cleanliness); foraging (depth, cleanliness); burrowing (will support tunnels, depth, secure))	Yes No N/A Unk
If no:	<input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C <input type="radio"/> D <input type="radio"/> E	Notes:	
Q22	ENVIRONMENT	Surfaces drain well with no pooling of faecal matter, urine or rainwater (unless this is appropriate to the species)	Yes No N/A Unk
If no:	<input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C <input type="radio"/> D <input type="radio"/> E	Notes:	
Q23	ENVIRONMENT	Has appropriate retreats, visual barriers, off show areas from conspecifics and visitors	Yes No N/A Unk
If no:	<input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C <input type="radio"/> D <input type="radio"/> E	Notes:	
Q24	ENVIRONMENT	Has appropriate shade and shelter from weather/climate	Yes No N/A Unk
If no:	<input type="radio"/> A <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/> C <input type="radio"/> D <input type="radio"/> E	Notes:	

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Q25	ENVIRONMENT	Planting is appropriate for the species, providing shelter, shade, retreats, microclimate provision, feeding opportunities, and plants are not toxic and do not present an escape risk	Yes	No	N/A	Unk
If no:	<b>A</b> <b>B</b> <b>C</b> <b>D</b> <b>E</b>	Notes:				
Q26	ENVIRONMENT (husbandry)	Furnishings allow appropriate species specific behavioural needs (climbing, swinging, jumping, perching, nesting, stretching, hiding, sleeping, flight etc)	Yes	No	N/A	Unk
If no:	<b>A</b> <b>B</b> <b>C</b> <b>D</b> <b>E</b>	Notes:				
Q27	ENVIRONMENT (husbandry)	There is evidence of changes/variability to the environment and furnishings (enrichment)	Yes	No	N/A	Unk
If no:	<b>A</b> <b>B</b> <b>C</b> <b>D</b> <b>E</b>	Notes:				
Q28	ENVIRONMENT (husbandry)	The animal has access to all areas of the enclosure	Yes	No	N/A	Unk
If no:	<b>A</b> <b>B</b> <b>C</b> <b>D</b> <b>E</b>	Notes:				
Q29	ENVIRONMENT (husbandry)	The enclosure is clean and hygienic to the appropriate level for the species	Yes	No	N/A	Unk
If no:	<b>A</b> <b>B</b> <b>C</b> <b>D</b> <b>E</b>	Notes:				
Q30	ENVIRONMENT (husbandry)	The enclosure is not over-stocked	Yes	No	N/A	Unk
If no:	<b>A</b> <b>B</b> <b>C</b> <b>D</b> <b>E</b>	Notes:				
Q31	ENVIRONMENT (husbandry)	Social grouping is appropriate	Yes	No	N/A	Unk
If no:	<b>A</b> <b>B</b> <b>C</b> <b>D</b> <b>E</b>	Notes:				
Q32	ENVIRONMENT (husbandry)	There is evidence of a pest control programme within the enclosure	Yes	No	N/A	Unk
Also;	There is no evidence (live animals, faeces etc) of pest species within the enclosure		Yes	No	N/A	Unk
If no:	<b>A</b> <b>B</b> <b>C</b> <b>D</b> <b>E</b>	Notes:				
Also;	Enclosure age and structure allow good housekeeping in support of pest control		Yes	No	N/A	Unk
AQUATIC questions (Q33 to 35) Answer all 3 qus for fully aquatic species, answer Q33 and indicate N/A for others if it is a terrestrial species with a pool for enrichment. Answer as appropriate for semi-aquatic.						
Q33	ENVIRONMENT	Water feature is safe and of a depth/size/volume/gradient that allows species specific natural behaviours	Yes	No	N/A	Unk
If no:	<b>A</b> <b>B</b> <b>C</b> <b>D</b> <b>E</b>	Notes:				
Q34	ENVIRONMENT (husbandry)	Life support systems are fully operational and regularly maintained	Yes	No	N/A	Unk
If no:	<b>A</b> <b>B</b> <b>C</b> <b>D</b> <b>E</b>	Notes:				
Q35	ENVIRONMENT (husbandry)	Water flow and movement allows sufficient oxygenation	Yes	No	N/A	Unk
If no:	<b>A</b> <b>B</b> <b>C</b> <b>D</b> <b>E</b>	Notes:				