

Elephant SSP/TAG Institutional Self Assessment For Assisted Reproduction



This document is intended to be used as a resource for institutions preparing for Assisted Reproduction (AI). The following questions are meant to help guide institutions to a successful AI and prepare for a birth.

- 1 Do we have a confirmed breeding recommendation from the Elephant SSP/TAG?
- 2 Do we have a cycling cow with at least a year (3 cycles) confirmed via blood analysis?
- 3 Do we have institutional support to invest the money that is needed for a successful birth? Example, Vet Consultant and Elephant Manager Consultant if needed. Drugs if not successful.
- 4 Do we have Staff with the knowledge to manage parturition and calf re-introduction to the dam and herd members?
- 5 Have we talked to the staff about the possibility of a problematic birth?
- 6 Have we identified semen donors?
- 7 Have we contacted those institutions holding semen donors to set up semen donor agreements?
- 8 Is the animal intended for AI in good physical condition?
- 9 Who will do the AI?
- 10 Are we prepared to hold a bull if we have a male calf born? Or do we have an alternative plan?