

Case study on engaging in conservation horticulture through the Global Conservation Consortium for Cycads

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The San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance (SDZWA) recently joined the Global Conservation Consortium for Cycads (GCCC) Species Stewardship program in an effort to align *ex situ* conservation collection work with *in situ* species conservation. As Species Stewards, SDZWA has developed an *Encephalartos* Conservation Garden focusing on research and propagation of *Encephalartos eugene-maraisii*, *Encephalartos horridus*, *Encephalartos lehmanii* and *Encephalartos nubimontanus*. This presentation explores the design, planning, site selection, and organizational process required steps to develop the Garden and how involvement in the GCCC has helped develop international *in situ* conservation collaboration opportunities. As an international non-profit conservation organization, the San Diego Zoo Wildlife integrates wildlife health, science, and education to develop sustainable conservation solutions.