Mountain zebra  ... these stripes are always in style!

**Why exhibit mountain zebras?**

- Round out your African collection AND fulfill your conservation mission with the eye-catching stripes of this vulnerable species of zebra.
- Be different! Instead of the over-used “East African savanna” exhibit, inspire your guests with a display of the Namib desert - a unique, dry ecosystem that also includes black rhino, giraffe, springbok, greater kudu, gemsbok, lions, ostrich, and vultures.
- Cultivate an involved visitor base by helping guests get to know individual zebras by using stripe patterns (just like in field studies!).
- Highlight the diversity of “zebras” by comparing the distinctive stripe patterns of the three species.
- **TAG Recommendation:** Zoos with plains zebras in mixed species exhibits are urged to replace them with mountain zebras.

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**STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Namibia Nature Foundation
#mountain-zebra-project

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**Care and Husbandry**

**YELLOW SSP:** 24.50 (74) in 18 AZA institutions (2019)
Species coordinator: Tommy Jordan, San Diego Zoo Safari Park

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**Social nature:** Lives in small harem groups of 4-8 animals. Bachelor groups (males) have done well together for many years.

**Mixed species:** Mixes well. This species has been housed with many different ungulates and birds, in both large and small enclosures.

**Housing:** Very hardy in regards to temperature; acclimated individuals can tolerate below freezing temperatures during the day if heated indoor housing is provided.

**Medical notes:** Typical equine medicine. Sarcoids have been noted with this species but there has been a very limited occurrence within the North American population. Routine hoof care required.

**Special requirements:** Coarse substrate is needed to keep hooves from rapidly becoming overgrown. Cold-climate facilities may need options for separating individuals while in indoor housing.

**Keeper resources:** Easy cleaning with large, formed feces. These zebra are smart, inquisitive, and easily trained.

* Please contact the TAG for full husbandry guidelines. *

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**Measurements**

**Length:** 7-8.5 feet  
**Height:** 4-5 feet at shoulder  
**Weight:** 500-850 lbs  

**IUCN VULNERABLE**

CITES II

8,300 in the wild

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