

# MAGELLANIC PENGUIN

*Spheniscus magellanicus*

Order: Spheniciformes Family: Sphenicidae

ISIS:

AZA: SSP

TAG: Penguin

Studbook: 2009

Husbandry manual: 2005

RCP: 2010-2015

Diet: capelin, large herring and lake smelt

No. Of eggs: 2

Incubation : 39-42 days

Caregiver : both parents incubate and care for young

Sexual maturity: male 5 yrs female 4 yrs

Breeding monogamous

Life span: 30 years

IUCN: near threatened

*The Philadelphia Zoo first imported Magellanic penguins into the U. S in 1912. Today twelve institutions house 168 specimens in the country. Worldwide an additional eight facilities maintain these popular birds. These numbers do not reflect the animals being cared for by rehabilitation centers in South America*

*Due to recent to recent downward trends in populations an emphasis on breeding and conservation worldwide has been placed on this species. Due to it's susceptibility to insect borne diseases like West Nile Virus and Avian malaria care must be taken when housing this species in tropical and subtropical environments. The Jacksonville Zoo and Garden has successfully developed husbandry protocols*

