



Zoo animal nutrition: a historical approach and some general rules



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Child of the wilderness ...


... or potato couch?

Feeding herbivores in zoos

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Feeding ruminants

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Zoo animal nutrition - nutritional diseases



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Historical approach

Variations in Eastern Bongo (*Tragelaphus eurycerus isaaci*) Feeding Practices in UK Zoological Collections

D. J. Wright,^{1*} H. M. Omed,¹ C. M. Bishop,¹ and A. L. Fidgett²
Zoo Biology 30 : 149–164 (2011)

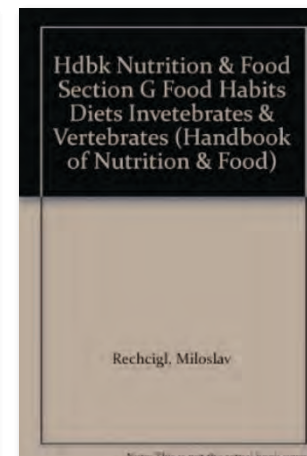
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Research Article

Feeding practices for captive greater kudu (*Tragelaphus strepsiceros*) in UK collections

Lucy A. Taylor^{1,*}, Christoph Schwitzer¹, Norman Owen-Smith², Michael Kreuzer³ and Marcus Clauss⁴



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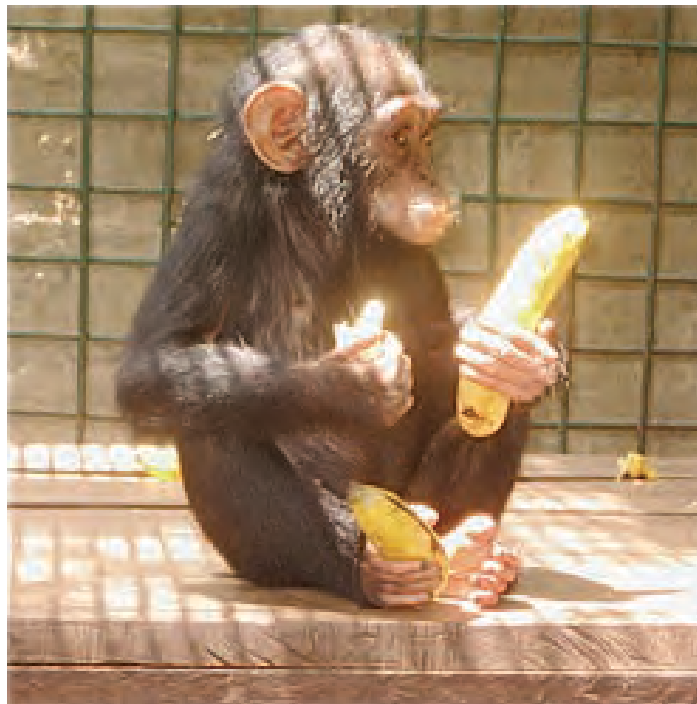
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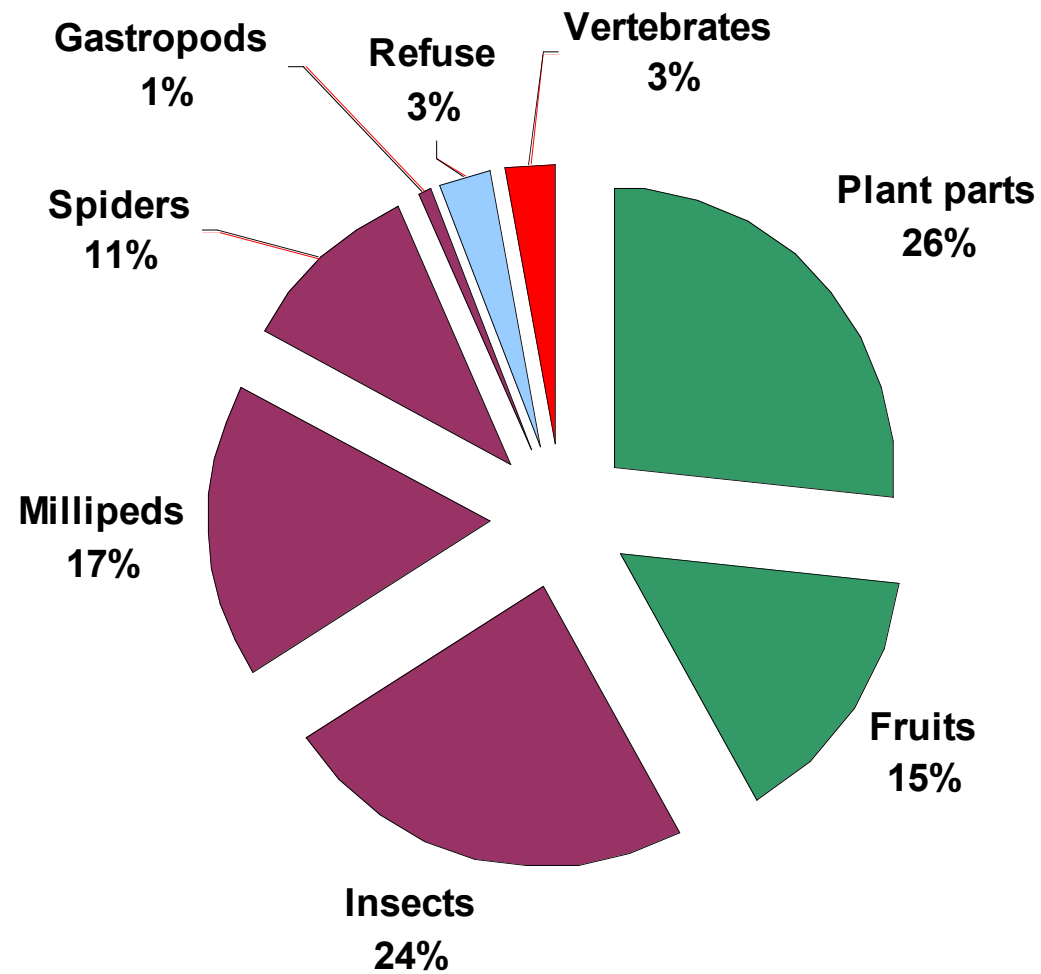
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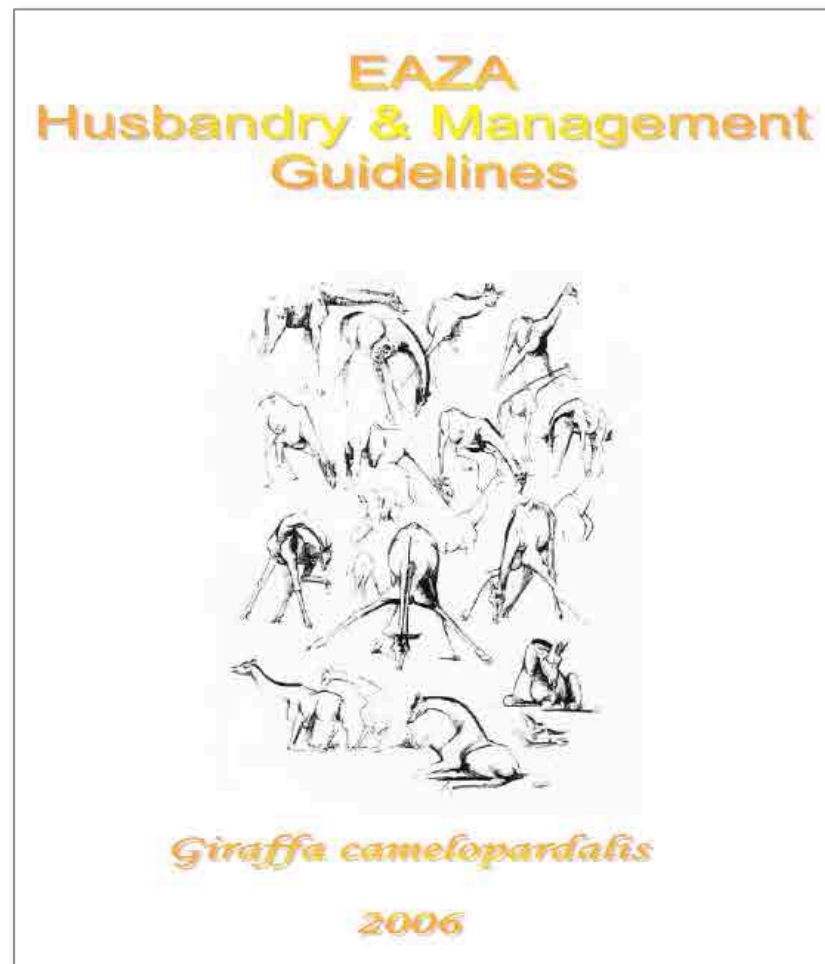


Example: Coati (*Nasua* spp.)





Natural diets



EAZA Husbandry and Management Guidelines *Giraffa camelopardalis*



2.2 Feeding

A. Knowledge of giraffe nutrition in the wild



It is important to know what giraffes are feeding on in the wild, when determining the proper diet in captivity

2.2.1 Selection of feeding plants

Hofmann (1973) classifies the giraffe as a browser. Tree or shrub browse are the dominant food plants (for a compilation of literature references see section 4, part D), leaves and shoots making up the most important items of the diet (Table 2-1). Selectivity of feeding behaviour is characterised by Van Soest (1994) to be of an intermediate degree. Due to its large body size, a giraffe just cannot afford to feed as selectively as smaller ruminant species.

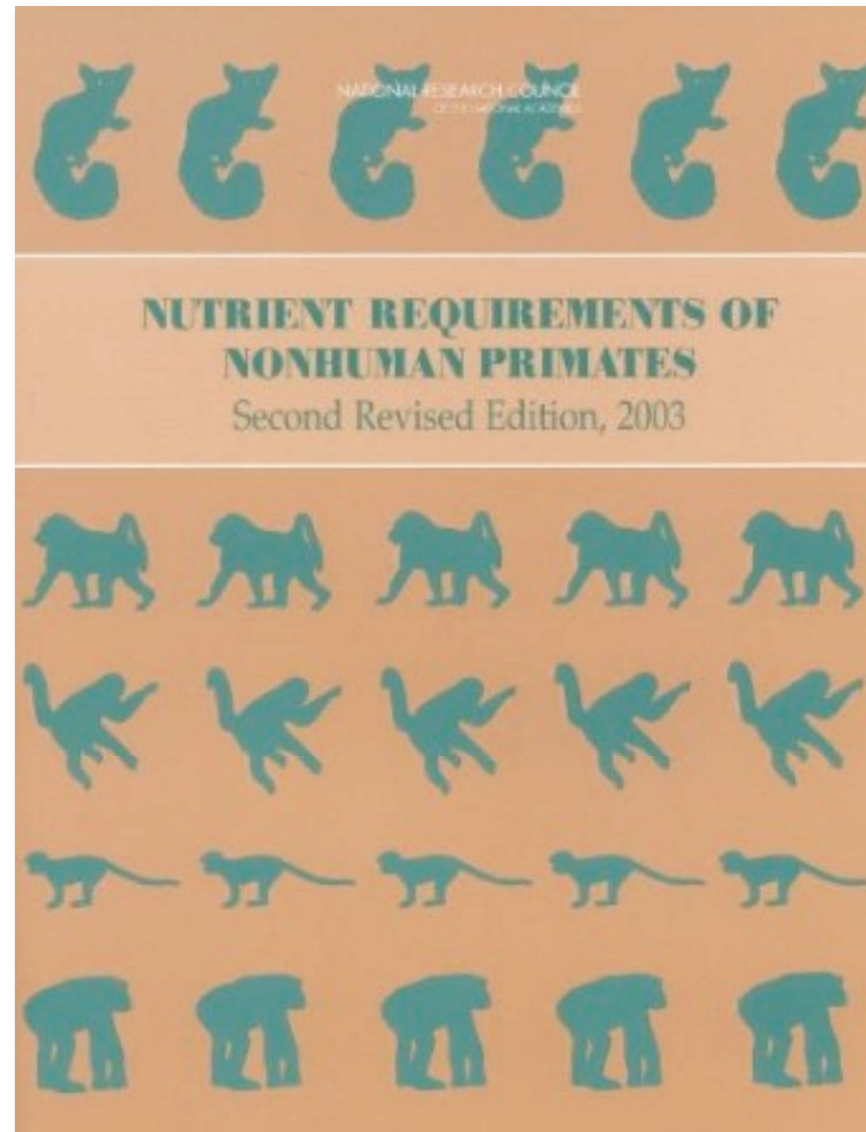
Table 2-1: Description of feeding behaviour

Plant parts ingested	Importance to the diet	Reference
Leaves, small twigs	++	Leuthold and Leuthold (1972, 1978)
Some bark, flowers and fruits	+	
Leaves and shoots of trees and shrubs	++	Owen-Smith (1988)
Herbaceous material (climbers, vines, tall forbs)	Up to 7 %	
Shoot tips	78 %	Pellew (1984a+b)
Leaf whorls	14 %	
Flowers	5 %	
Pods	3 %	
Others	1 %	

If new growing shoots are available (including young leaves, twigs and thorns), they represent the favoured food resource according to Sauer et al. (1982). Older leaves are ingested when shoots are not available. Owen-Smith (1988) reports considerable amounts of woody material to be included in the diet (5 % in the rainy and 15 % in the dry season).



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EltonTraits 1.0: Species-level foraging attributes of the world's birds and mammals

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B761 Nasalis larvatus																
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P
1	MSW3_ID	Scientific	MSWFamilyLatin	BodyMass-Value	Diet-Inv	Diet-Vend	Diet-Vect	Diet-Vfish	Diet-Vunk	Diet-Scav	Diet-Fruit	Diet-Nect	Diet-Seed	Diet-PlantO	Diet-Source	Diet-Certainty
2	1	Tachyglossus aculeatus	Tachyglossidae	3025	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Ref_1	ABC
3	2	Zaglossus attenboroughi	Tachyglossidae	8532.39	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Ref_65	ABC
4	3	Zaglossus bartoni	Tachyglossidae	7180	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Ref_2	D1
5	4	Zaglossus bruijnii	Tachyglossidae	10139.5	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Ref_1	ABC
6	5	Ornithorhynchus anatinus	Ornithorhynchidae	1484.25	80	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	Ref_1	ABC
7	6	Caluromys philander	Didelphidae	229.25	20	0	0	0	10	0	20	0	10	40	Ref_1	ABC
8	7	Caluromys derbianus	Didelphidae	297	20	0	0	0	10	0	20	0	10	40	Ref_1	ABC



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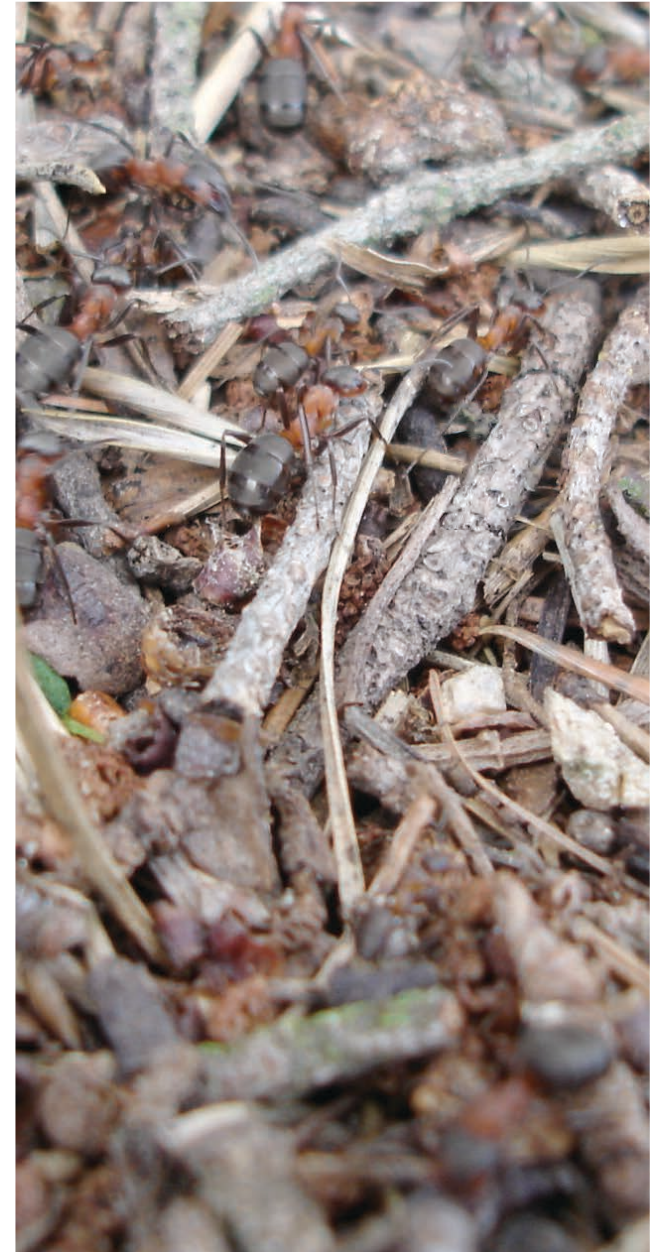
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1	MSW3_ID	Scientific	MSWFamilyLatin	BodyMass-Value	Diet-Inv	Diet-Vend	Diet-Vect	Diet-Vfi
441	443	Cyclopes didactylus	Cyclopedidae	329.5	100	0	0	
442	444	Myrmecophaga tridactyla	Myrmecophagidae	22333.15	100	0	0	
443	445	Tamandua mexicana	Myrmecophagidae	4209.98	100	0	0	
444	446	Tamandua tetradactyla	Myrmecophagidae	5515.06	100	0	0	

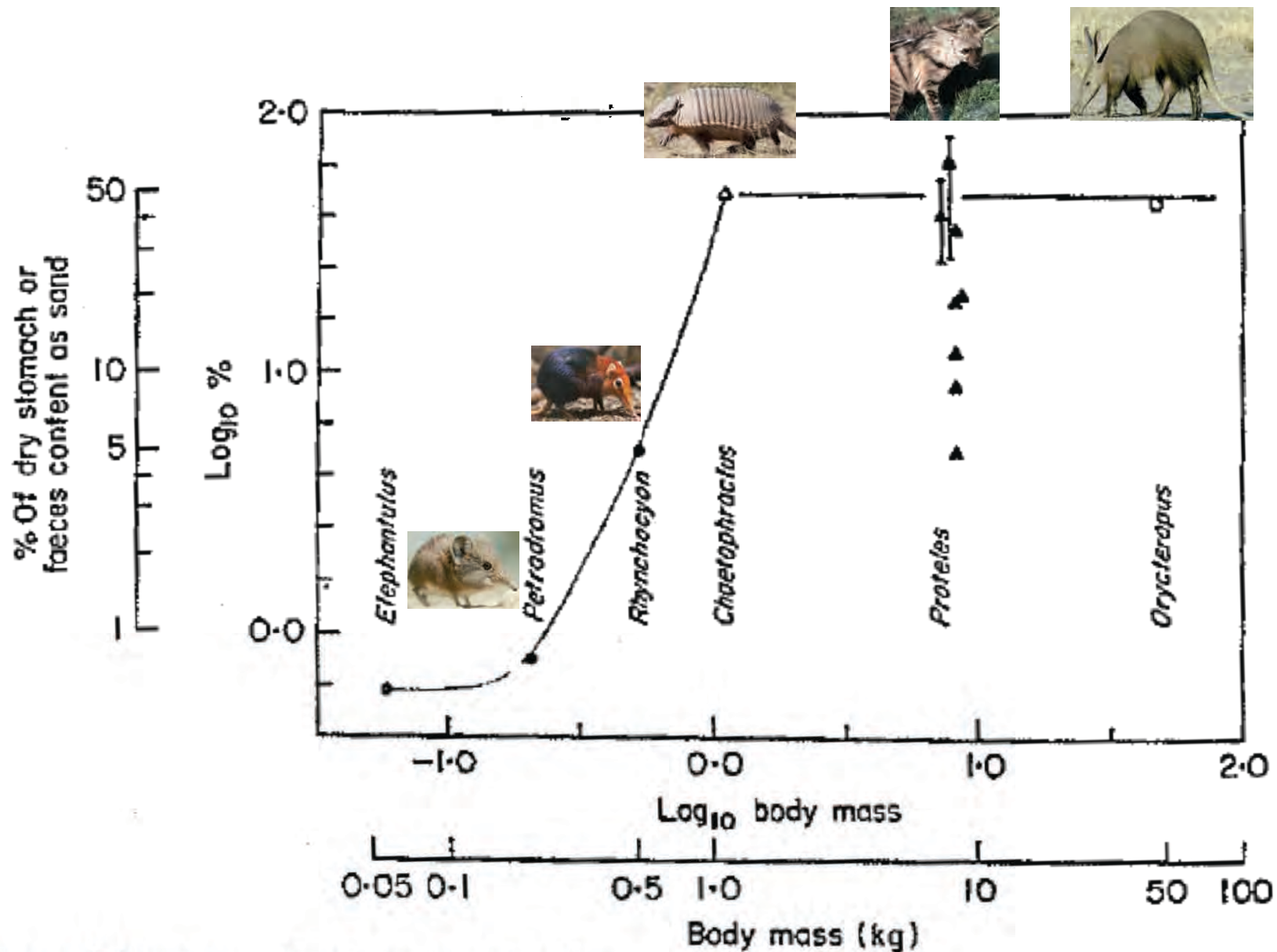


No easy-to-harvest packages of tiny invertebrates





Unavoidable detritus ingestion in myrmacophages





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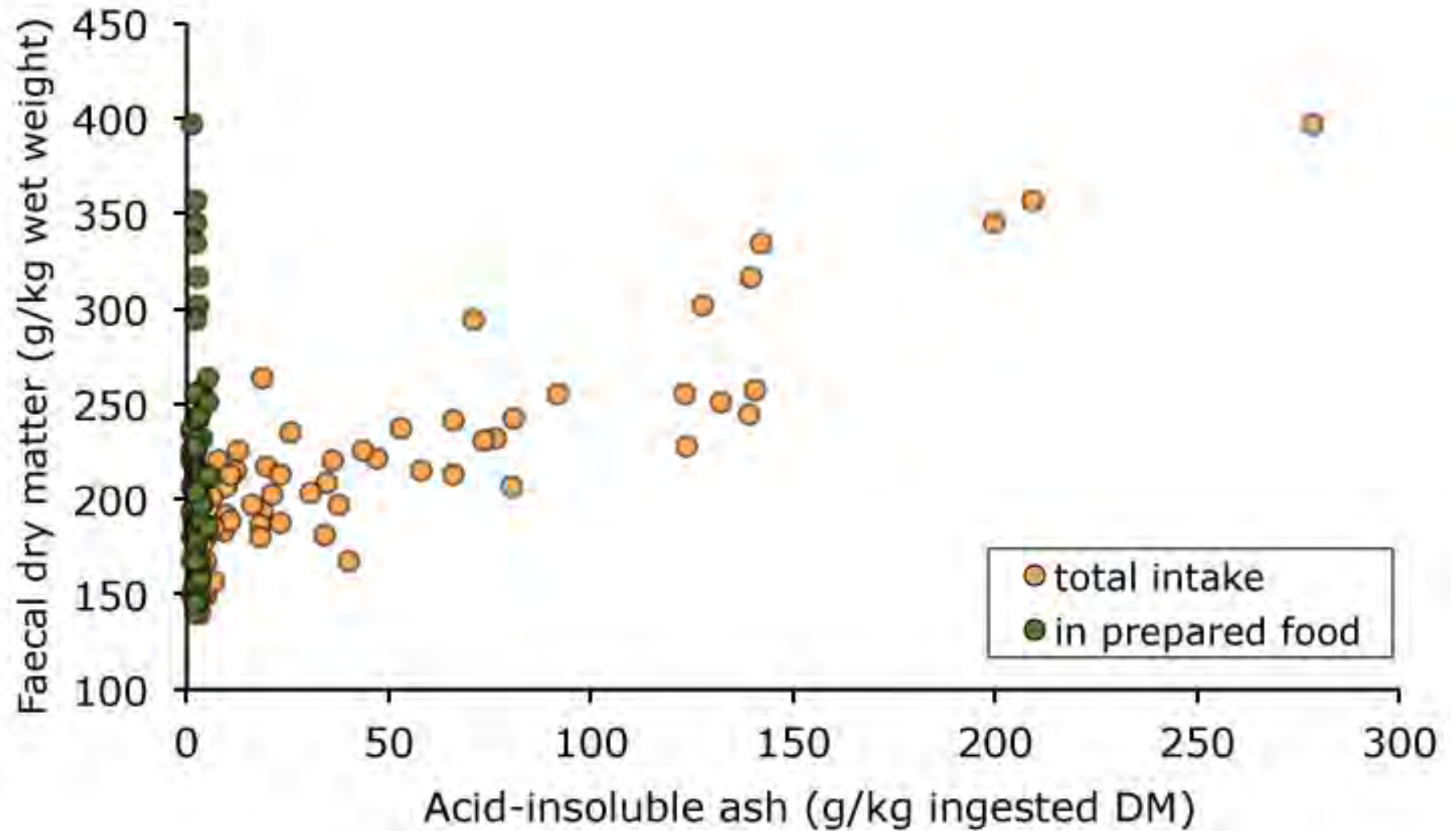
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Gull et al. (2015)



Natural diets

There are no secret, species-specific ingredients!



Formic acid in anteater formulas?



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There is no single source of quantitative natural diet information on mammals.



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Two traditions in imitating natural diets

*Ratcliffe and
Wackernagel*

*a complete feed for
each animal (group)
(pelleted/extruded)*

*atypical physical
structure*

*some nutrients
difficult to limit
behavioural deficits*

Hediger

*'natural' feeds (forages,
fruits/vegetables), that
resemble the natural diet*

selective feeding possible

***available feeds differ from
in nutrient content from
the natural diet***



Frugivores don't eat supermarket fruit


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 AnimalWelfareWeb.nl



Sugars and other nutrients in produce (of fruits and vegetables)

All values expressed as g/kg wet weight, unless otherwise stated.

Fruits												Vegetables											
Banana <i>Musa acuminata</i>  104 gram sugar 												Carrot <i>Daucus carota</i>  45 gram sugar 											
Energy MJ	Dry Matter	NDF	ADF	Crude Protein	Fat	Ca	P	Mg	Fe	Vit. A RE	Vit. E o-TE	Energy MJ	Dry Matter	NDF	ADF	Crude Protein	Fat	Ca	P	Mg	Fe	Vit. A RE	Vit. E o-TE
3.4	234	28.8	8.6	13.3	12.4	0.04	0.27	0.28	0.002	44.2	5.5	1.6	115	11.2	10.2	6.8	4	0.36	0.20	0.12	0.004	9170	5.5
Apple <i>Malus domestica</i>  86 gram sugar 												Sweet potato <i>Ipomoea batatas</i>  32 gram sugar 											
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2.2	143	14.6	8.6	4.3	8.3	0.04	0.17	0.04	0.001	20.8	5.0	3.0	187	39.4	9.7	8.3	11	0.45	0.47	0.15	0.009	3736	-
Orange <i>Citrus x sinensis</i>  56 gram sugar 												Celery <i>Aplium graveolens</i>  14 gram sugar 											
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2.2	130	14.3	9.2	7.8	4.9	0.35	0.22	0.1	0.001	40	5.5	3.0	187	39.4	9.7	8.3	11	0.45	0.47	0.15	0.009	3736	-
Kiwi <i>Actinidia deliciosa</i>  52 gram sugar 												Spinach <i>Spinacia oleracea</i>  1 gram sugar 											
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2.5	156	25.3	19.7	12.9	8.3	0.32	0.33	0.13	0.003	31.4	5.5	1.1	63	16.7	9.7	32.1	6.6	1.29	0.41	0.26	0.05	3490	20
Papaya <i>Carica papaya</i>  27 gram sugar 												Endive <i>Cichorium endivia</i>  0 gram sugar 											
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2.1	135	18.5	16.5	18.4	4.7	0.25	0.1	0.22	0.007	197	-	0.6	62	11	6.9	13	2	0.52	0.28	0.15	0.008	1030	-

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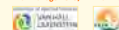
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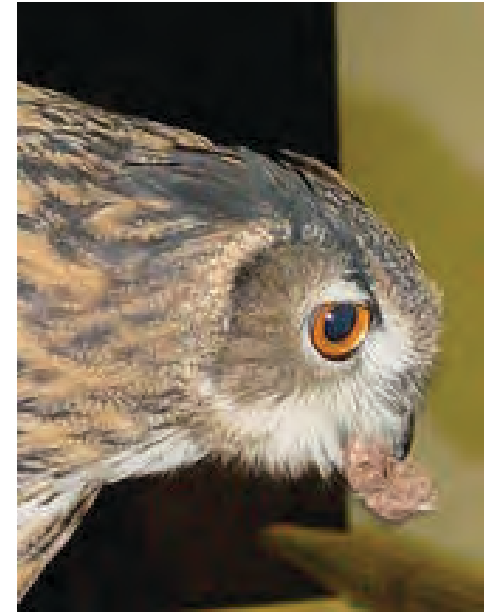


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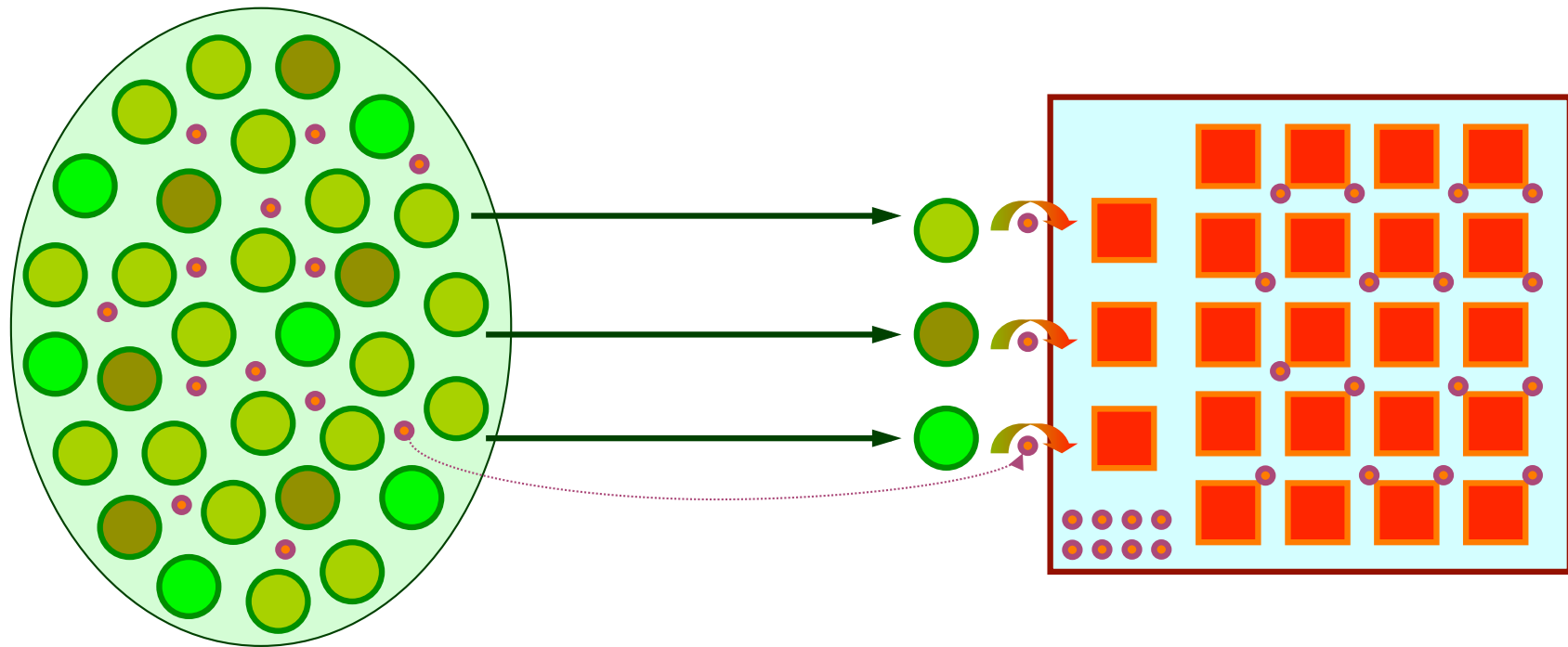
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Food

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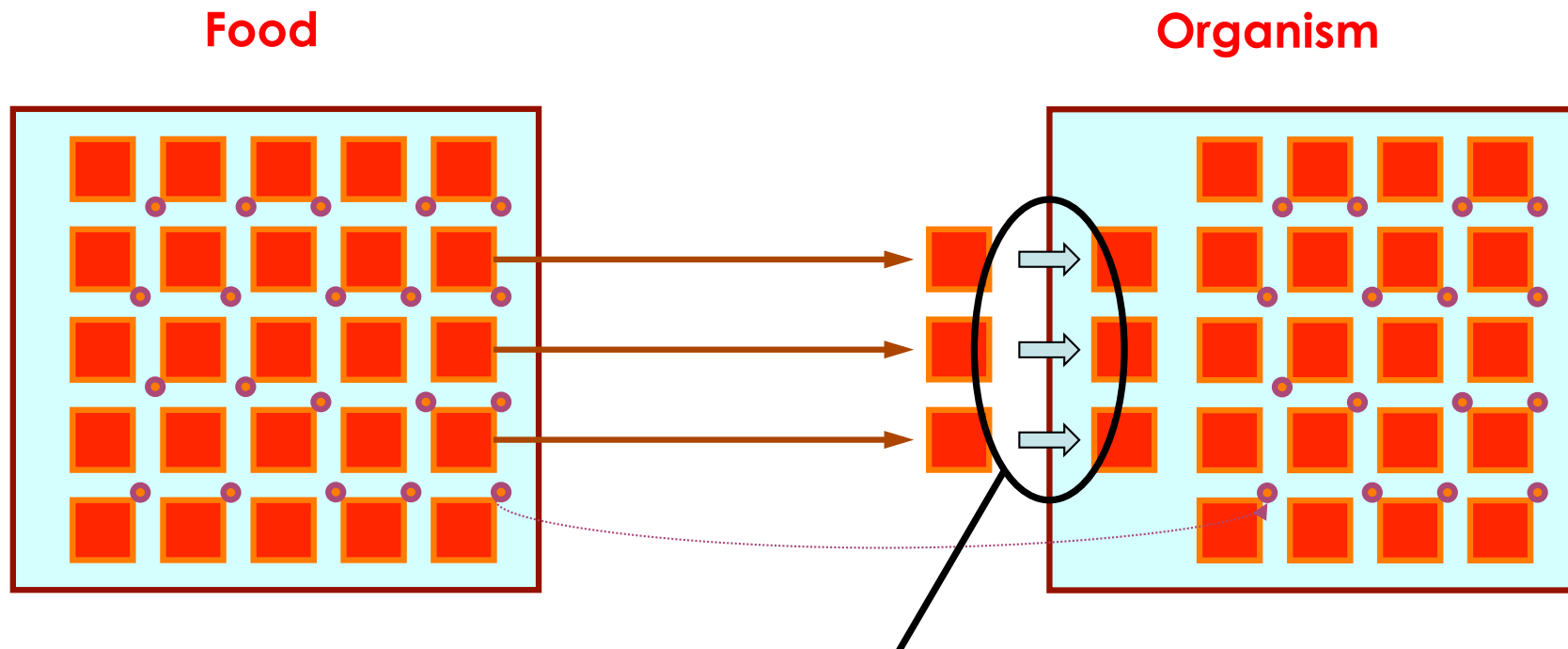
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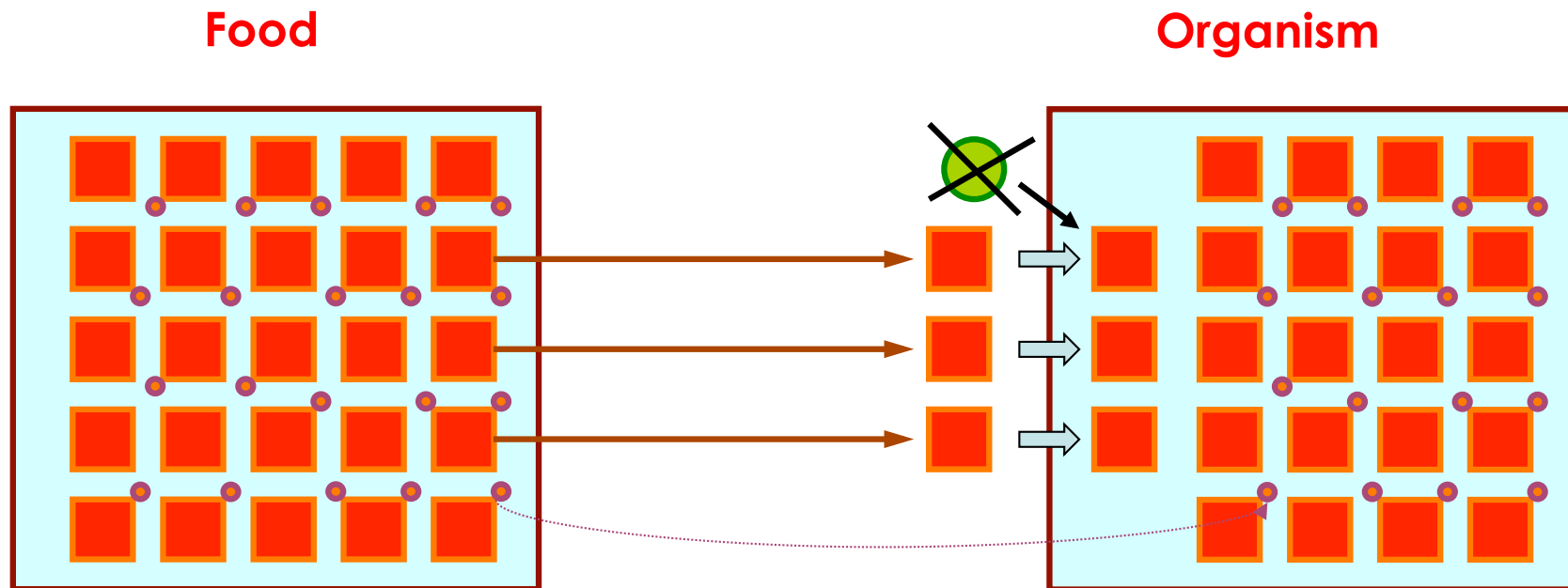


Many enzymes can be spared!



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not essential for dogs



essential nutrients:

- high protein requirement
- amino acids taurine and arginine
- arachidonic acid
- vitamin A (β -carotene useless)
- vitamin D
- niacine





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COPPER DEFICIENCY IN CAPTIVE BLESBOK ANTELOPE (*DAMILISCUS DORCAS PHILLIPSI*)

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“based on studies in zoo animals”

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financially and logistically
challenging, difficulty in
summarizing knowledge



Studies in zoo animals

- Case reports / case series
- Inventories of diets, pathological states, husbandry success
- Differences between free-range and zoo
- Epidemiological / controlled studies



Examples: case studies

DIETARY TAURINE SUPPLEMENTATION AND CARDIAC FUNCTION IN THE GIANT ANTEATER (*Myrmecophaga tridactyla*): PRELIMINARY FINDINGS

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2009 PROCEEDINGS AAZV AAWV JOINT CONFERENCE



TAURINE DEFICIENCY IN MANED WOLVES (*Chrysocyon brachyurus*) MAINTAINED ON TWO DIETS MANUFACTURED FOR PREVENTION OF CYSTINE UROLITHIASIS

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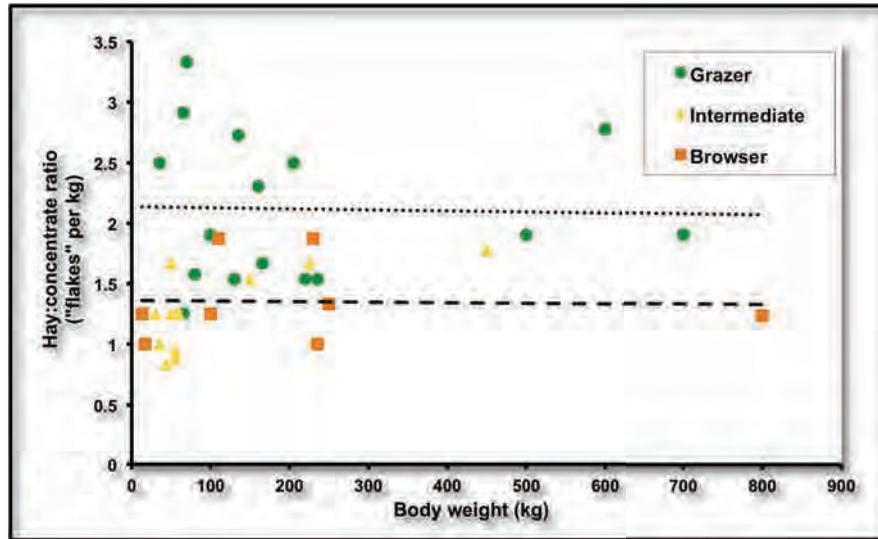


The classic problem repertoire

<i>Carnivore</i>	→ <i>Red meat</i>	→ <i>Calcium deficiency</i>
<i>Primate</i>	→ <i>Fruits & vegetables</i>	→ <i>Calcium deficiency</i>
<i>Fish-Eater</i>	→ <i>Thawed fish</i>	→ <i>Sodium- and vitamin B deficiency</i>
<i>Herbivore</i>	→ <i>Hay & grains</i>	→ <i>Acidosis, vitamin E- and calcium deficiency</i>



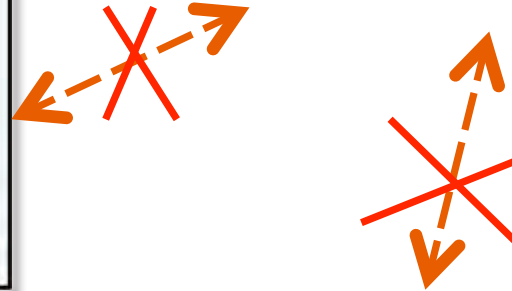
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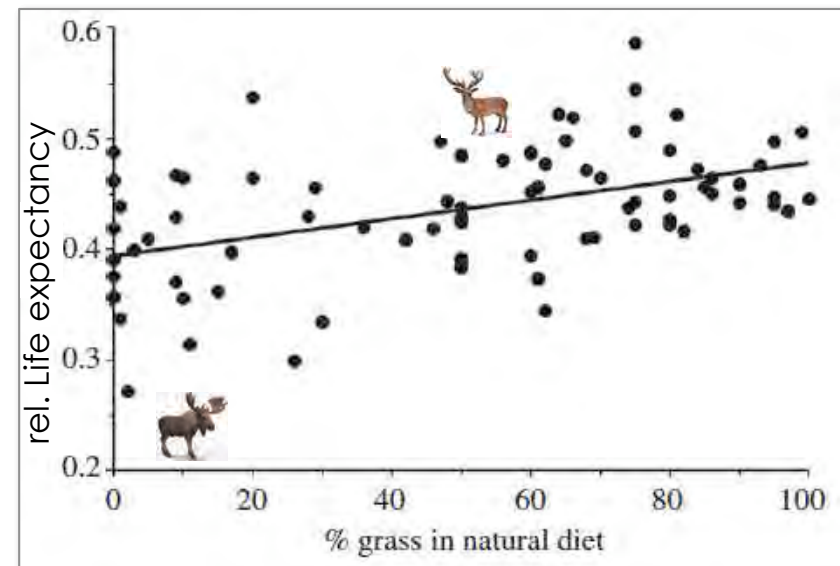
Grisham and Savage (1990)

Feeding type	n	Acidotic changes of the rumen mucosa (%)
Grazer	13	23
Intermediate	30	27
Browser	24	83

Marholdt (1991)



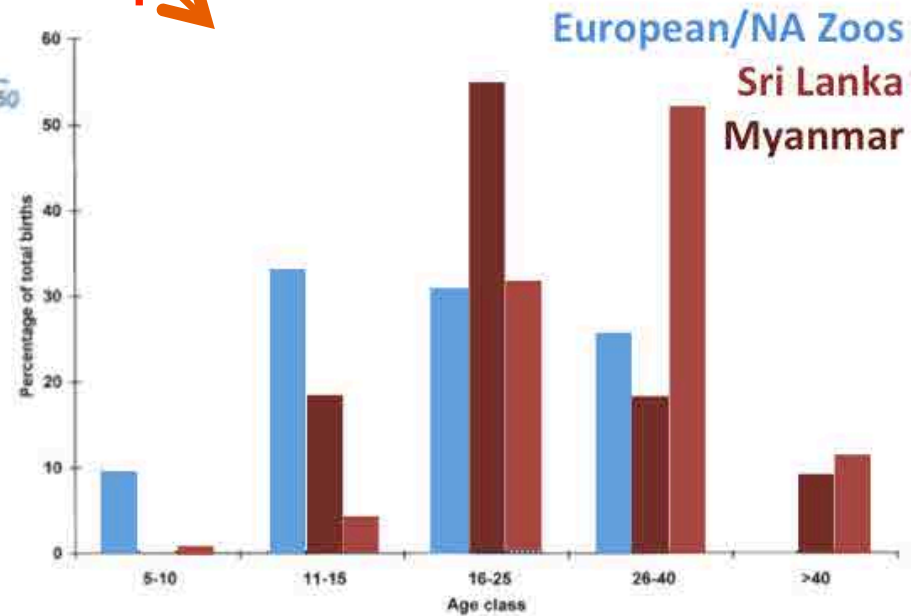
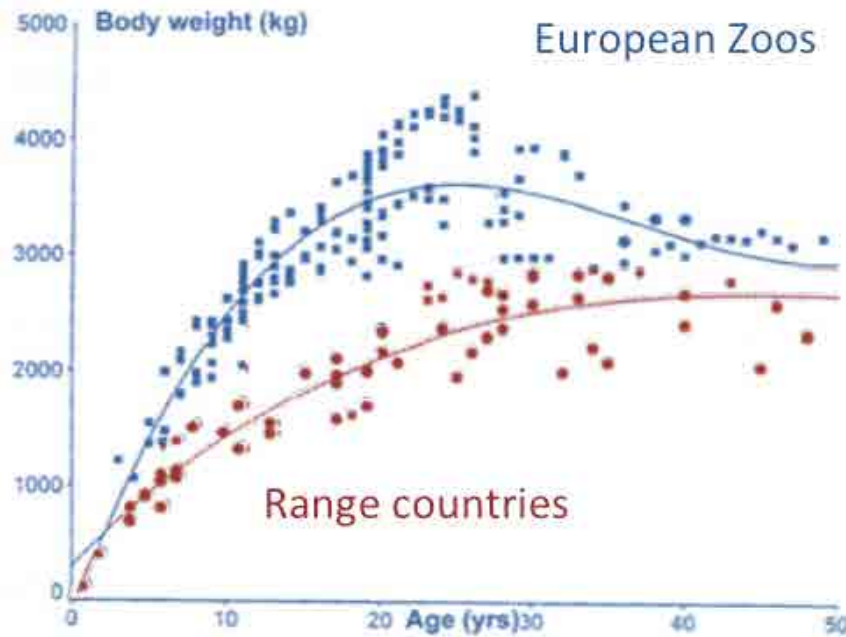
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Müller et al. (2011)



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IRON STORAGE DISORDERS IN CAPTIVE WILD MAMMALS: THE COMPARATIVE EVIDENCE

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Species	Individual case ^{a,b}	Case series ^{a,b}	Epidemiologic survey ^{a,b}	Age dep ^{a,b}	Comparison free-range ^{a,b}
Tapirs					
Malayan tapir (<i>Tapirus indicus</i>)		(+) histo ²	(+) blood ⁷³	(+) blood ⁷³	
Mountain tapir (<i>Tapirus pinchaque</i>)			(+) blood ⁷³	(+) blood ⁷³	
Baird's tapir (<i>Tapirus bairdii</i>)		(+) histo ²	(+) blood ⁷³	(+) blood ⁷³	(+) blood ^{45,73}
Brazilian tapir (<i>Tapirus terrestris</i>)	(+) histo ^{2,58}	(+) histo, blood ⁷⁶			
Rhinos					
Sumatran rhinoceros (<i>Dicerorhinus sumatrensis</i>)		(+) histo ⁷⁸	(+) blood, tissue ^{22,71}		
Asian one-horned rhinoceros (<i>Rhinoceros unicornis</i>)			(-) blood, tissue ^{22,71}		
White rhinoceros (<i>Ceratotherium simum</i>)			(-) blood, tissue ^{22,71,88}	(-) tissue ⁸⁸	(-) blood ²²
Black rhinoceros (<i>Diceros bicornis</i>)	(+) blood ⁴³	(+) histo ⁶⁰	(+) histo, tissue, blood ^{22,71,72,88}	(+) blood, tissue ^{22,88}	(+) histo, blood, tissue ^{22,56,64,71,72}



Examples: differences wild - zoo



+	fibre in herbivore diets	-
-	iron deposits in organs	+
+	unsaturated (n-3) fatty acids in diets and body tissues	-
-	tooth wear (browsers, bears)	+
+	dental calculus	++

e.g. Taylor et al. (2013), Clauss & Paglia (2012), Clauss et al. (2007), Wenker et al. (1999), Kaiser et al. (2009), Taylor et al. (2014), Clarke & Cameron (1998)



Dental calculus

Relationship between diet, dental calculus and periodontal disease in domestic and feral cats in Australia

DE CLARKE^a and A CAMERON^b

Aust Vet J 1998;76:690-693.

Results Dental calculus scores were significantly higher in domestic cats than in feral cats. There was no statistical difference in the prevalence of periodontal disease between the two groups.

Conclusion It can be inferred that diet may play a role in the accumulation of calculus, but a diet based on live prey does not protect cats against periodontal disease.



Figure 1. Calculus on the buccal surface of the upper fourth premolar tooth in a feral cat.



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-	undesired GIT bacteria	+
-	feeding-related dysbehaviour	+

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Great ape R/R

Removing Milk from Captive Gorilla Diets: The Impact on Regurgitation and Reingestion (R/R) and Other Behaviors

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Regurgitation in Gorillas: Possible Model for Human Eating Disorders (Rumination/Bulimia)

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-	obesity	+++

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Examples: **epidemiological**/controlled studies

Social Factors Influence Ovarian Acyclicity in Captive African Elephants (*Loxodonta africana*)



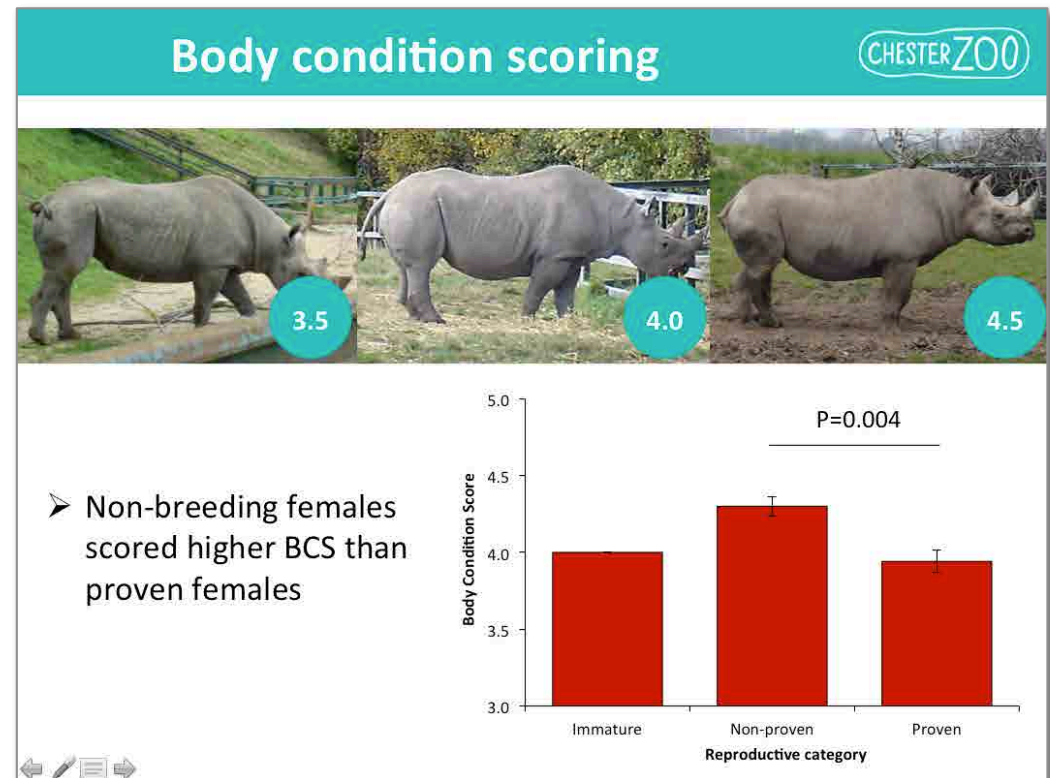
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Zoo Biology 28:1–15 (2009)

Females more likely to be acyclic had a larger body mass index and had resided longer at a facility with the same herdmates. Results suggest that controlling the weight of an elephant might be a first step to helping mitigate estrous cycle problems.



Examples: **epidemiological**/controlled studies



courtesy Christoph Schwitzer



Examples: epidemiological/**controlled** studies

Nutritional Metabolic Bone Disease in Juvenile Veiled Chameleons (*Chamaeleo calyptratus*) and Its Prevention¹⁻³

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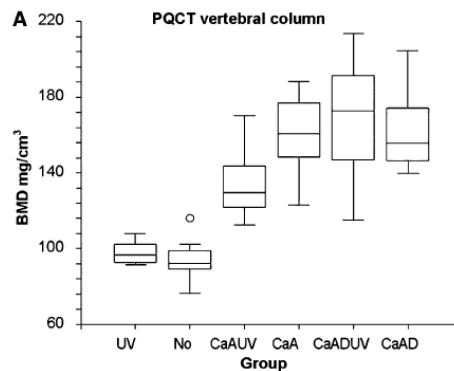
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Group	n	Body dimensions	
		Weight	SVL
		<i>g</i>	<i>mm</i>
UV	10	26.7 (19.2-34.2)	100.1 (90.4-109.8)
No	10	13.5 (11.3-15.7)	74.4 (69.1-79.7)
CaAUV	9	58.2 (47.3-69.2)	144.2 (133.8-154.6)
CaA	9	60.5 (52.1-68.9)	144.2 (133.4-155.1)
CaADUV	9	54.3 (38.1-70.5)	138.2 (117.6-158.8)
CaAD	9	57.9 (38.2-77.6)	136.8 (117.8-156.7)





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Marmoset

Crude Oil	%	7.50
Crude Protein	%	25.40
Crude Fibre	%	3.70
Ash	%	10.50
N.F.E.	%	42.90
Starches	%	27.80
Sugars	%	7.80
Gross Energy	MJ/Kg	15.80
Dig. Energy	MJ/Kg	13.30
Met. Energy	MJ/Kg	12.00
Linoleic Acid	%	2.12
Linolenic Acid	%	0.27
Calcium	%	2.16
Phosphorus	%	1.46
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Sodium	%	0.33
Chlorine	%	0.45
Potassium	%	0.81
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Iron	mg/Kg	358.00
Copper	mg/Kg	18.00
Manganese	mg/Kg	85.00
Zinc	mg/Kg	71.00
Cobalt	µg/Kg	2018.00
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Selenium	µg/Kg	232.00
Fluorine	mg/Kg	54.00
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Vitamin D ₃	IU/Kg	11640.00
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Research in a zoo setting

- lack of risk for zoo animals is usually a prerogative for a zoo study to be allowed
- studies that shall have relevance for **HEALTH** mostly by definition require setups of more and less healthy options/treatments
- typical 'risk-free' nutrition studies in zoos with potential relevance: inventories, epidemiological studies
- typical 'risk-free' nutrition studies in zoos with less potential relevance: measuring digestibility and digesta passage on used diets



Approach to zoo animal nutrition

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“do as we always did”

based on experiences what
has been working

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sometimes ‘experiences’ are
mistakes one has been making
for long time

“imitate the natural diet”

best approach

depends on what you know
about the natural diet, and
what feeds are available

“use a suitable domestic species as model”

‘scientific compromise’
huge amount of knowledge

species-specific peculiarities
are easily overlooked

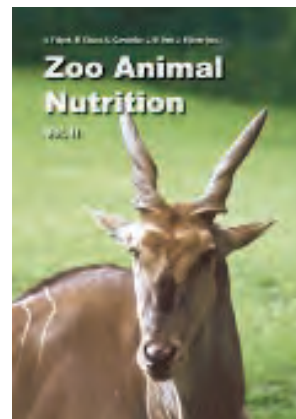
“based on studies in zoo animals”

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financially and logistically
challenging, **difficulty in
summarizing knowledge**

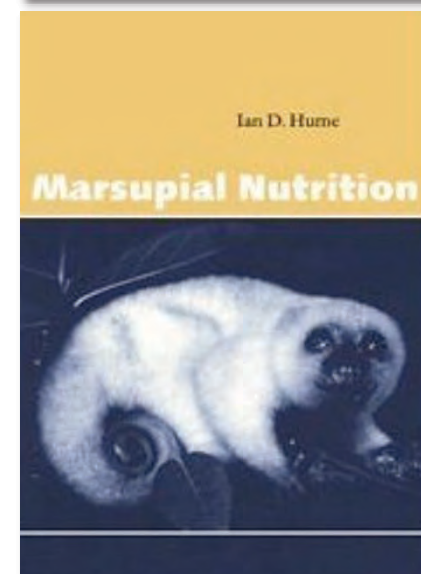
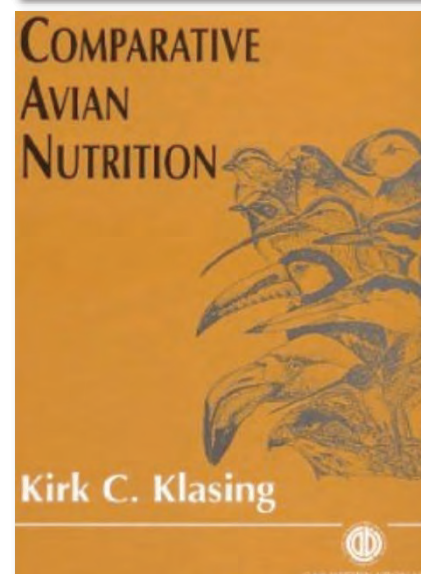
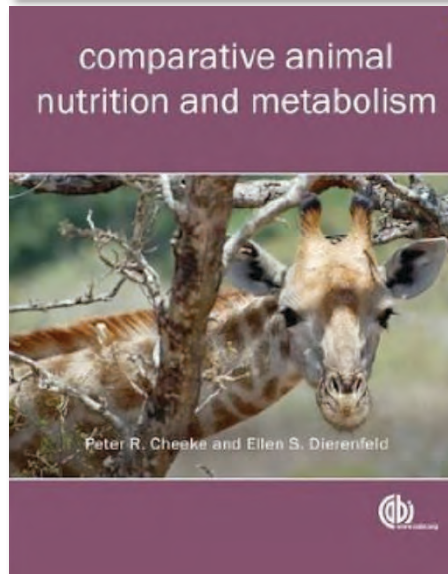
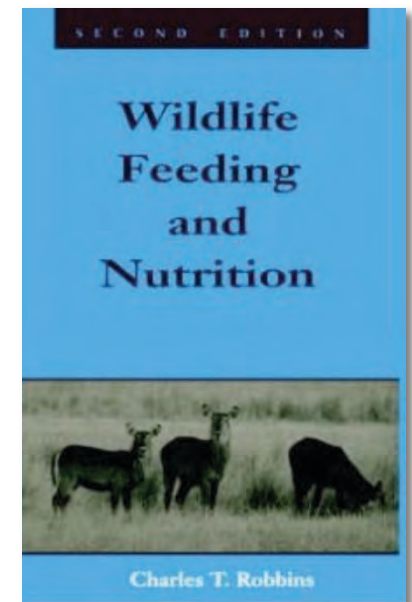
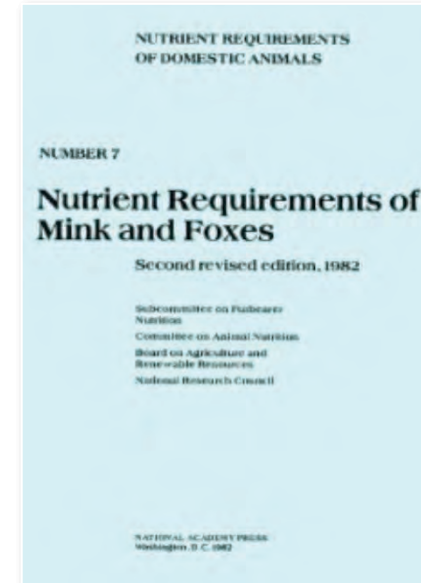
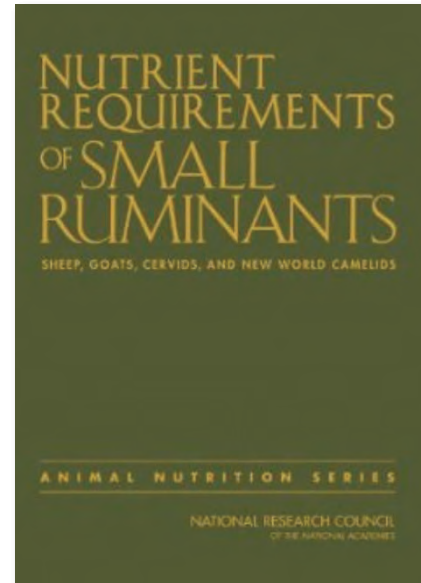
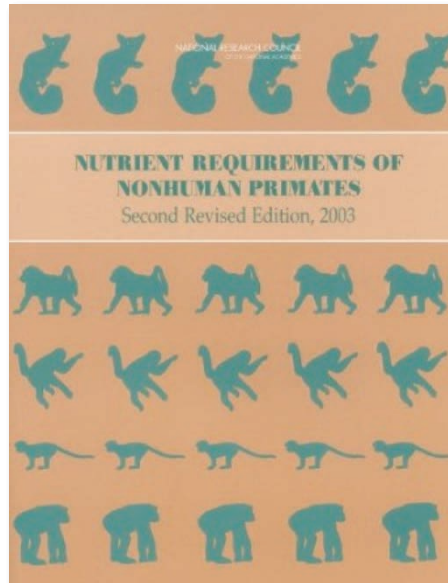


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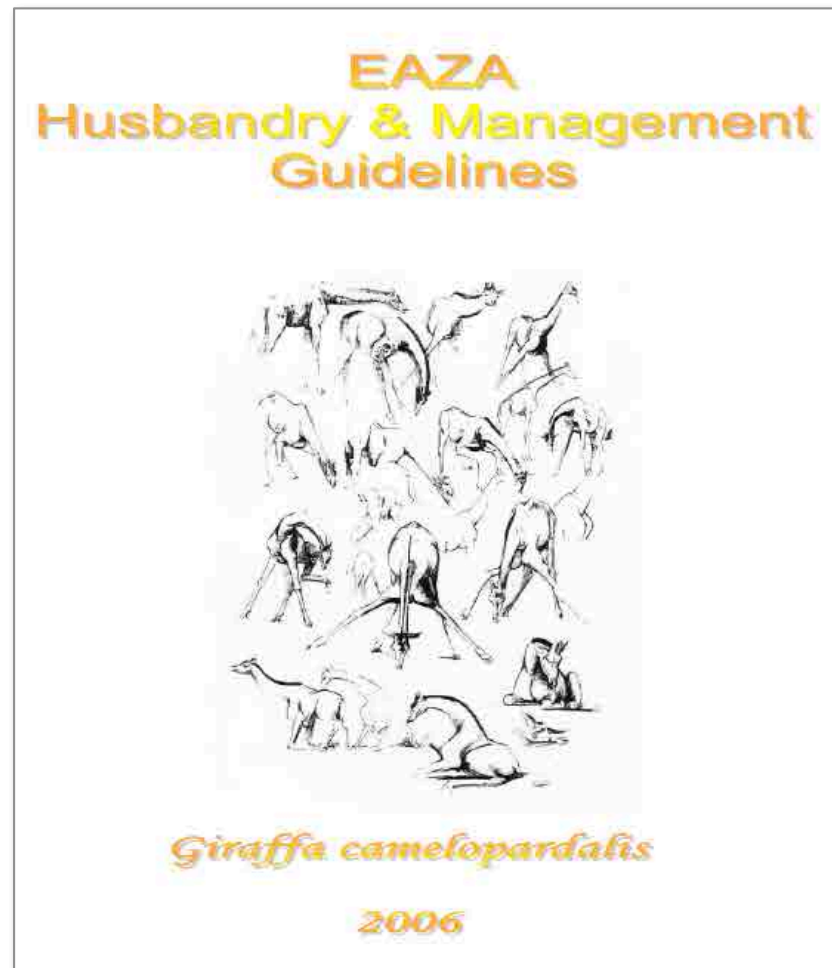
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Item	Description	Amount	Comment
1	High fiber (ADF 25%) herbivore pellet	1300 g	15% CP, 3% Fat, 25 ppm Cu
2	Roots (turnip, carrot, sweet potato)	1000 g	May be reserved to reinforce management behaviors
3	Browse, variable species	1-1m section	Constant portion of this diet but difficult to quantify mass provided
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4	High fiber (ADF 25%) herbivore pellet	2600 g	15% CP, 3% Fat, 25 ppm Cu
5	Roots (turnip, carrot, sweet potato)	1000 g	May be reserved to reinforce management behaviors
6	Greens (dandelion, kale, collard)	350 g	May be reserved to reinforce management behaviors
7	Alfalfa hay	2660 g	> 18% CP, < 32% ADF
Items 4-7 offered PM in holding			
8	Banana, with peel	325 g	May be reserved to reinforce management behaviors
9	Psyllium fiber	60 g	This supplement was added as prophylaxis against sand colic
Items 8-9 mixed together; offer as indicated			
12	Salt block, plain	ad libitum	Offered in a secure manner that prevents overconsumption

*Target bodyweight range = 365–375 kg (805–827 lb).
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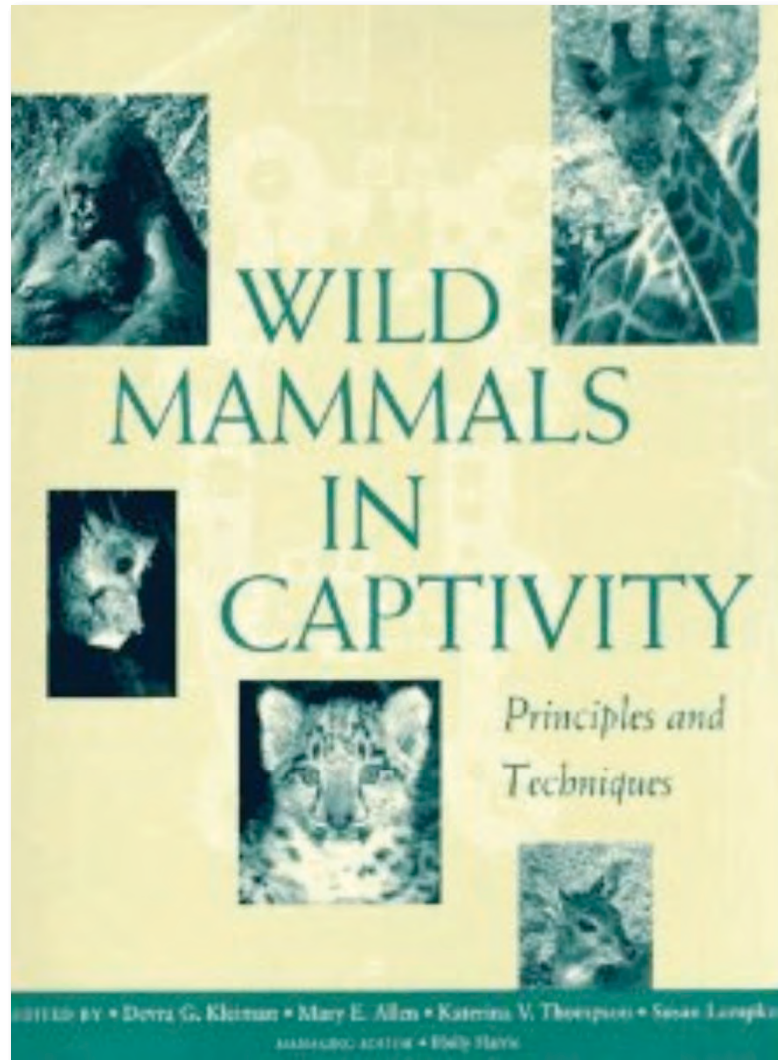


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