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Dear Christophe,

We are writing to express our sincere thanks for Urodèles Forum's contribution of US \$81.00 to support the global coordination of the Amphibian Ark. Amphibians are a critical part of a healthy natural world and your contribution will help us save those in danger of extinction. We are very grateful for your support.

The Amphibian Ark is a joint effort between the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums, the IUCN/SSC Conservation Breeding Specialist Group, and the IUCN/SSC Amphibian Specialist Group. The Amphibian Ark is facilitating the response of the *ex situ* zoo & aquarium community to the current amphibian extinction crisis in which more than a third of amphibian species are threatened, with many facing imminent extinction if no actions are taken. For those amphibian species that cannot be saved in nature, the Amphibian Ark is coordinating with zoos, aquariums, and other institutions around the world to place these animals in biosecure facilities for safekeeping and breeding until the threats to the wild population can be controlled.

The Amphibian Ark is helping to provide the needed coordination of these efforts, along with training, technical assistance, and publicity that will help all organizations to conduct effective and efficient amphibian conservation programs. Workshops and training courses have been held in 16 countries and 25% of global species (50% of threatened species) have been evaluated. We are currently tracking 95 priority amphibian species in captivity. Our ultimate vision is *the world's amphibians safe in nature*.

You will find the latest information about our work and, if you have not already done so, can become a member of the Amphibian Ark and subscribe to our free quarterly on-line newsletter at www.amphibianark.org.

We have been able to respond appropriately and quickly to this high profile conservation need because we have support from concerned people such as you. With your help and commitment, the Amphibian Ark will help the *ex situ* community use their considerable expertise to successfully respond to the amphibian crisis. Thank you again for your valued contribution.

Most sincerely,

Lena M. Lindén, CBSG
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