
Sharing Data in ZIMS

What data is transacted when sharing (accessioning or dispositioning) a record in ZIMS to another SPECIES360 Member?

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SPECIES360' data sharing rules have remained essentially the same for many years. By default, any SPECIES360 member can see this about any animal you hold:

- the animal's existence
- all its identifiers
- taxonomy and sex type and associated notes
- birth date and location
- all holders and owners
- weights and lengths and associated notes
- contraception and associated notes
- parent information
- rearing
- census information if a group
- SPECIES360-system-generated notes, e.g. a note indicating that this GAN was merged with another (a full list can be downloaded and specific User entered notes and observations [here](#))
- developmental milestones
- event locations
- permits
- management plans

Once I own or hold an animal, I will see all its data EXCEPT data entered by other institutions. In the case of data entered by others, I am limited to seeing what any other SPECIES360 member can see, even if I now own or hold the animal.

Be aware that you can "hide" the existence of an animal by placing it in a local-only feedstock or research collection.

You can enable 'external sharing' of a specific animal or a taxonomic group via the [External Sharing](#) feature in ZIMS.

For a series of downloadable PDF documents of the value of data sharing in the SPECIES360 Community visit our Sharing Is Caring library here. <http://training.Species360.org/share/>

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