

Pla Buk (*Pangasianodon gigas*) Academic Research Committee

Guidelines for Establishment (Tentative)

Article 1. [Committee Objectives]

The Pla Buk *Pangasianodon gigas* (hereinafter referred to as the Pla Buk) has been declared to be in serious danger of extinction under the Washington Convention (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora or CITES). Gifu Prefecture will keep six examples of the Pla Buk species in captivity and exhibit them at the Gifu Freshwater Aquarium, however there is still much that is not known about the ecology of the Pla Buk. The objective of the Pla Buk (*Pangasianodon gigas*) Academic Research Committee (hereinafter referred to as the “Committee”) will be to research the ecology of this species and contribute to its preservation.

Article 2. [Organizational Details]

1. The Committee shall be composed of the members noted in the Appendix.
2. It shall be possible to admit special members to the committee.

Article 3. [Committee Activities]

The Committee shall undertake the following activities:

- i) Conduct research into the aquaculture biology, ecology and physiology of the Pla Buk with an aim to preserve the Pla Buk species.
- ii) Publish the results of Committee research
- iii) Undertake any other activities that will assist the Committee in achieving its objectives.

Article 4. [Committee Executives]

1. The Committee shall have a president. The president shall be chosen by members of the Committee.
2. The president shall act as the representative of the Committee and manage Committee affairs.

Article 5. [Committee Secretariat]

1. Urban Parks Division, Urban Parks Development Bureau, Department of Urban Development, Gifu Prefectural Government shall act as the secretariat for the Committee.

Article 6. [Other Matters]

1. Matters not included in these guidelines that are necessary for Committee operations shall be discussed and decided upon by the Committee.

Supplementary Article

These guidelines shall be effective from 26th March 2004.

These guidelines shall be effective from 16th February 2007.

These guidelines shall be effective from 8th February 2013.

These guidelines shall be effective from 13th February 2015.

These guidelines shall be effective from 9th July 2015.

These guidelines shall be effective from 2nd October 2017.

These guidelines shall be effective from 22th February 2019.

Appendix (as referred to in Article 2.)

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