

## S1. Tiger personality assessment survey

### Part A: about you

1. What zoological institute do you work for?
2. What is your Gender (*please circle*):  
Male  
Female  
I prefer to use my own term (please write below)  
Prefer not to say
3. How long have you worked in the industry?
4. How long have you been working with this tiger?

### Part B: about the tiger

1. Tiger's sub-species (*Please circle*):            Sumatran                            Amur
2. Tiger's name: .....
3. Tigers sex (*Please circle*):    Male                            Female
4. Tiger's age: .....
5. Does this tiger live with company? (*Please circle*):    Yes                            No
6. If yes please specify age, sex and relation of the other individuals living with this tiger:

## Part C: Tiger personality

For the following questions please consider each of the following words and indicate to what degree it describes the tigers personality

(Please rate on a scale of 1 to 7, 1 being not at all, 7 being describes this tiger perfectly).

Trait	Trait definition	Scale						
Active	Moves frequently (e.g., paces, runs, stalks often)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Aggressive to people	Reacts in a hostile way or attempts to attack/threaten people Anxious: Interested but fearful and uneasy; vacillates between approach and withdrawal Calm: Not easily disturbed by changes in the environment	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Cooperative	Is compliant; willingly behaves when asked to do something	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Curious	Seeks out or investigates novel situations	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Depressed	Failure to seek out or respond to social interactions (inactive, unresponsive, asocial)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Eccentric	Shows stereotypic or unusual behaviors	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Excitable	Overreacts to changes in the environment	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Fearful of people	Retreats readily from people	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Friendly to people	Initiates proximity; approaches fence readily and in a friendly manner (e.g. purrs, rubs on fence)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Insecure	Seems scared easily; "jumpy" and fearful in general	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Playful	Initiates and engages in play behavior (seemingly meaningless, but nonaggressive behavior) with objects	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Self-assured	Moves in a seemingly confident, well-coordinated, and relaxed manner	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Smart	Learns quickly to associate certain events, appears to remember for a long time	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Solitary	Spends time alone; avoids company	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Tense	Shows restraint in movement and posture	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Timid/shy	Reluctance to approach other animals, novel objects, or new situations	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Trusting	Not suspicious; approaches easily	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Vigilant	Watchful, observant; spends a lot of time attending to its surroundings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Vocal	Frequently and readily vocalizes	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Do you already modify any husbandry and management protocols which are specifically adapted based on your perception of the tigers personality? If so please describe these.