



## Inspection Report

Us Government Smithsonian Institution  
Po Box 37012/Mrc 5508  
Washington, DC 20013

Customer ID: 20133

Certificate: 10-F-0010

Site: 001

NATIONAL ZOOLOGICAL PARK

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION

Date: 03-APR-2017

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#### FACILITIES, GENERAL.

\*\*\*One of three bobcats escaped from the enclosure some time between the morning check and the morning feeding on January 30, 2017. On February 1, 2017, the bobcat was captured on property in a live animal trap that was placed by facility staff. The bobcat was unharmed.

As part of an internal review of the escape, a hole was noticed in the netting that covers the top of the enclosure. On closer examination, it was noted that certain portions of the netting was frayed or worn, which may have allowed the cat to easily create a hole large enough to pass through.

Primary enclosures should be maintained in a manner to ensure the integrity of the enclosure and contain the animals within. The cover of the bobcat enclosure must be replaced. Additionally, an appropriate schedule for maintaining the structural strength of the the enclosure must be established and followed. Correct before placing bobcats or any other exotic cat in the enclosure.

NOTE: An appropriate corrective action plan has been developed in response to the escape. The bobcats are temporarily housed in another enclosure until the primary enclosure can be appropriately modified.

This is a focused inspection to evaluate the animal care program for small exotic cats.  
This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the facility representatives.

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20133	10-F-0010	001	US GOVERNMENT SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION	03-APR-17

Count	Species
000002	CARACAL
000003	BOBCAT
<b>000005</b>	<b>Total</b>