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## Maintenance of fencing: escape devices



### INSPECTION TASKS To check

- ❑ Elements are not broken or deformed.
- ❑ Devices are not blocked by sand, rocks or vegetation.
- ❑ Gate closes tightly.



### SPECIFIC MAINTENANCE TASKS To do

- Provide adequate maintenance of materials to ensure that escape gates close tightly. Apply anti-rust coatings and oil to the gate hinges.
- Remove rocks, sand or woody debris which could stop the gate from closing.
- Maintain vegetation or install additional components to guide animals through the exit from the inside. Maintain the exterior free of vegetation or any material that can obstruct the gate.
- Escape ramps require additional maintenance for wood, wire or any other material used in ramp construction.
- Consider removing escape devices if they cannot be maintained appropriately.



### SCHEDULE

- Minimum: once a year, just before seasonal migrations or periods when target species movements are increased.
- More frequent inspection may be required in sections that are repeatedly damaged.
- Additional inspections should be planned following floods, strong winds, snow or other adverse weather events.



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