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1. Under normal circumstances, all data will be displayed on the web site.

For species that are sensitive to location data being displayed:

2. The burden of proof to justify the case for withholding data from the site lies with the IUCN SSC Red List Authority.
3. In general, the withholding of data policy should apply to Endangered (EN) and Critically Endangered (CR) species that:
 - (a) are listed under criteria C and D (but species assessed as CR under criteria A or B, but qualifying for EN under criteria C or D should also be highlighted);
 - (b) have high economic value;
 - (c) are threatened by trade; and
 - (d) have important sites that are generally not well known (i.e., an internet search engine such as Google cannot find these sites).
4. For species with sensitive sites (e.g., fish, migratory turtles, etc.), maps should be prepared at a minimum size appropriate to that species.

