



Four-Release Timeline

ZIMS will be released in four stages, each stage adding more functionality. This strategy permits a focused, streamlined process in building and testing, and should allow more rapid training and rollout.

ZIMS 1: Animal Management for Zoos and Aquariums

Release date: March 2010

This release will contain all core animal inventory functionality needed by zoos. This ZIMS release will serve most ISIS members' daily needs. In addition, it includes groups, life support systems and water management for aquariums.

ZIMS Release 2: Veterinary Medicine

Release date: March 2011

This release will include most of the functionality needed by veterinarians, including basic stored sample management. Advanced stored sample features will be in release 4.

ZIMS Release 3: Studbooks

Release date: September 2011

ZIMS Release 4: Advanced Functionality

Release date: March 2012

This release will include plans, protocols, tasks, and requests, giving managers at ISIS member institutions the kind of "workflow" tools that are becoming common in large corporations.