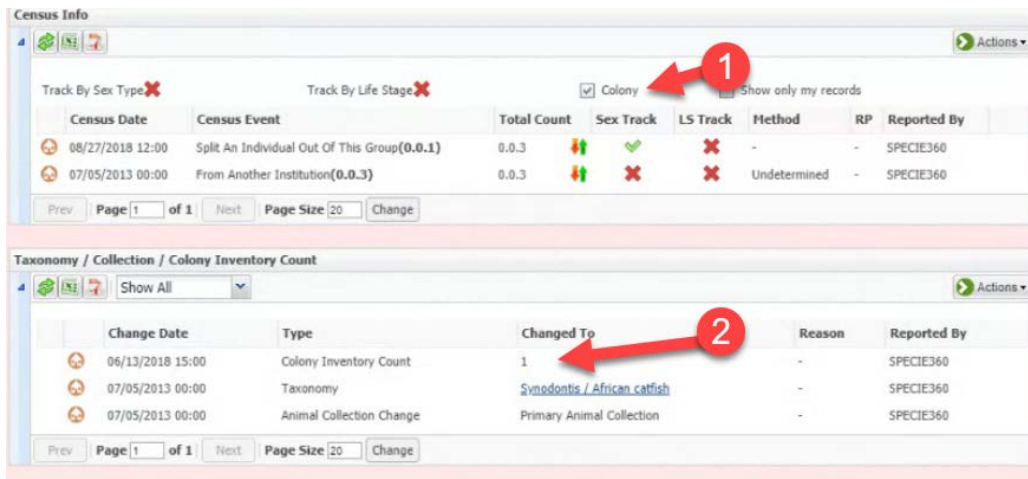


## Colony Inventory Count vs Track By Colony

Census history colony counts vs colony inventory count used in ZIMS reports.

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- 1) In ZIMS you can track changes in group/colony dynamics with the census feature.
- 2) When choosing to track by colony, you are also allowed to define a Colony Inventory Count that will be used in reports.



The screenshot shows two panels from the Species360 interface. The top panel, titled 'Census Info', contains a table with columns: Census Date, Census Event, Total Count, Sex Track, LS Track, Method, RP, and Reported By. A red arrow labeled '1' points to the 'Colony' checkbox, which is checked. The bottom panel, titled 'Taxonomy / Collection / Colony Inventory Count', contains a table with columns: Change Date, Type, Changed To, Reason, and Reported By. A red arrow labeled '2' points to the 'Colony Inventory Count' value of '1' in the first row.

The colony designation is either on or off for a group; ZIMS does not track the history of whether a group has been tracked as a colony. If a user wishes to track this history, best practice would be to add a note on the date of colony tracking change, including the reason for the change in tracking method.

For larger colonies, users may choose to set a Colony Inventory Count number. This number will display, instead of the group count, on the Taxon Report, Inventory Reports, and in animal search results. For example, a colony of group count 500 bees may have a Colony Inventory Count of 1, meaning 1 colony of 500 bees. This colony will display as 1 instead of 500 on Taxon Report, Inventory Reports, and in animal search results.

For inventory purposes manually update the Colony Inventory Count in the grid marked Taxonomy / Collection / Colony Inventory Count to change the number displayed on reports.

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