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## Sydney Zoo

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## CONSERVATION POLICY

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### Purpose

This policy outlines Sydney Zoo's commitment to conservation and the key parameters by which we will ensure we support conservation in all areas of the zoo.

#### *Definition - Conservation:*

1. *preservation, protection, efficient use or restoration of the natural environment and of wildlife.*
2. *Official supervision of rivers, forests and other natural resources in order to preserve and protect them through prudent management.*
3. *The protection of endangered species and their habitats.*

### Other related Policies

This policy should be read in conjunction with the following animal management related policies:

- Captive Management Policy
- Acquisition and Disposition of Animals Policy
- Animal Health Policy
- Quarantine Policy
- Veterinary Services Policy

### Policy details

Sydney Zoo remains committed to the management of nature and Earth's biodiversity with the aim of protecting wildlife, habitats and ecosystems from external pressures.

The Leadership Team will ensure that our animal breeding, interpretation and education programs support ethical conservation and the Life Sciences Team follows best practice in husbandry and welfare for every animal on site.



Sydney Zoo will maintain a philosophy of providing a lower number of high quality habitats which ensures more space for the animals. We will use clever design principles to hide barriers.

Sydney Zoo Management team will:

- Support both ex-situ and in-situ conservation programs
- Wherever possible educate the public on the plight of wildlife and their habitats through the use of interpretive signage and keeper talks.
- Promote the sale of retail products that support in situ conservation programs which result in real and measurable benefits to species in the wild.
- Remain committed to supporting the Zoo and Aquarium Association endorsed species management and breeding programs.

### **Responsibility**

It is the responsibility of the Managing Director to ensure that:

- all managers understand and are committed to the principles of conservation.
- the organisation has a workplace culture that encourages conservation and protection of endangered species and their habitats.

It is the responsibility of all employees, contractors and volunteers to ensure that they comply with this policy and advocate for the

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