



THE ROLE OF THE MODERN ZOO



THE WORKSHOP INFO SHEET aims to let you know what is involved in your chosen activity so that you can prepare your students for the day and help them to get as much out of their visit as possible. Trips and visits away from college or universities are expensive, but if planned carefully, a visit to the Park can provide a basis for a wide range of activities across all aspects of learning. Linking your visit to certain topics will really strengthen the learning experience for the students and will make the most of your visit to Highland Wildlife Park.

PRIOR TO YOUR VISIT lectures can visit the Park free of charge to ascertain the content of the workshop, layout and facilities available at the Park. If you require any help or more information prior to your visit also please contact the Education Officer on hwpeducation@rzss.org.uk or phone on **01540 651981** to arrange your free visit. Remember that a visit to the Highland Wildlife Park can offer a great learning platform for many different subjects and topics. Be flexible and imaginative in your approach to your visit and how you use your visit to develop the key learning outcomes for the course.

DURING YOUR VISIT to the Park your students will have the chance to look at the variety of different animals and their enclosures within the Park. You will be able to assess the husbandry requirements and suitability for the animals. There will be the opportunity to have a guided tour of the drive through and of some of the behind the scenes area i.e. the food prep-areas. There will be the chance to ask the Education Officers questions .

GET THE MOST FROM YOUR VISIT.

Discuss the needs of animals and their relationship to the environment in which they live.
Research and discuss zoos and enclosures of the past, present and future.

- Ask your students to think about Zoos before they come. What are their impressions of Zoos? Where did these impressions come from? Have they been to many Zoos, and if so where? What were the Zoos that they visited like? What would they change about Zoos?
- Why are animals in zoos? What are the threats to animals in the wild?
- What do zoos provide for the general public and the animals?
- Should we have zoos? Are zoos cruel?



Raising the profile of RZSS with the public.



AREAS OF DISCUSSION

Animal welfare and care
The need for zoos
In-situ and ex-situ conservation
Animals at risk
Education

Aims of zoos
Studbooks
Legislation
Conservation
Research

OTHER FURTHER EDUCATION WORKSHOPS

WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST

Animal behaviour
Zoo animal care
RZSS conservation projects



Water vole re-introduction

ZOO ORGANISATIONS

Web Links

<http://www.waza.org/>
<http://www.eaza.net/>
<http://www.biaza.org.uk/>



YOUTUBE

Look on Youtube for videos both positive and negative views about zoos. What your view?

David Attenborough on zoos

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XOGFPaZX9Lk&feature=relmfu>

EAZA– Zoos and conservation

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cT_HgcBINf4&feature=related

WAZA– General information

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kz7tQIV3Jro&feature=related>

FURTHER READING

Title: Wild Mammals in Captivity: Principles and Techniques

Author: Devra G Kleiman

ISBN-10: 226440095

Title: Zoo Animals: Behaviour, Management and Welfare

Authors: Geoff Hosey, Vicky Melfi and Sheila Pankhurst

ISBN-10: 0199233063

Title: Last Animals at the Zoo: How Mass Extinction Can be Stopped

Author: Colin Tudge

ISBN-10: 0192861530

RZSS SITES

Web Links

<http://www.edinburghzoo.org.uk/>
<http://www.highlandwildlifepark.org/>

RZSS CONSERVATION PROJECTS

Web Links

<http://www.edinburghzoo.org.uk/conservation/>

EXAMPLES OF GOOD ZOOLOGICAL COLLECTIONS IN THE UK

Web Links

<http://www.edinburghzoo.org.uk/>
<http://www.bristolzoo.org.uk/>
<http://www.zsl.org/>
<http://www.chesterzoo.org/>



ANIMAL STUDBOOKS:

Web Links

<http://www.biaza.org.uk/public/pages/conservation/studbooks.asp>

IUCN RED DATA LIST

Web Links

<http://www.iucnredlist.org/>



LEGISLATION:

Web Links

http://wildlife1.wildlifeinformation.org/000ADOBES/15_SecState_Standards_Zoos.pdf
<http://archive.defra.gov.uk/wildlife-pets/zoos/licensing-act.htm>
<http://www.biaza.org.uk/public/pages/archive/legislationJul09/index.asp>
http://europa.eu/legislation_summaries/environment/nature_and_biodiversity/l28069_en.htm



Przewalski Horse's.



European Bison