

# Environmental Policy

The Whitley Wildlife Conservation Trust is a registered educational and scientific charity dedicated to the conservation of wildlife and the natural environment, and owns significant visitor attractions in the south west of England. The Trust recognises that the conservation of wildlife and that of materials and resources are intrinsically linked and that the daily activities of the organisations it owns create significant environmental impacts, especially in the areas of waste production, water and energy usage.

The Trust is committed to managing existing and new practices at each of its sites so as to minimise the environmental impact of these activities and to support the principles of sustainable development. Each organisation will do this by investigating and using the best available and most cost-effective techniques and will put aside resources in terms of time and money to achieve these goals.

Each member of the WWCT is committed to:



1. Continually improving its environmental performance in relation to its activities, products and services

2. Complying with all current legislation and other standards of relevance to zoos

3. Reviewing all of its activities, products and services to identify, quantify and evaluate their environmental impact



4. Preventing pollution and monitoring and reducing any adverse impact of its operations on the environment and local community

5. Demonstrating efficiency in the use of energy, water and natural resources

6. Minimising waste by re-using and recycling where practicable



7. Purchasing environmentally-preferable goods and services where appropriate and ensuring its suppliers and contractors demonstrate a responsible attitude towards the environment when on site

8. Developing appropriate emergency response plans for potential incidents on its land to minimise their environmental impact

9. Training staff to enhance awareness of relevant environmental issues and ensure effective management of its environmental impacts



10. Developing educational programmes to provide opportunities for visitors to further their understanding of environmental issues and sustainable development

11. Communicating the Environmental Policy to all those who have an interest in the Trust, including staff, visitors, suppliers, contractors, investors, appropriate authorities, local communities and other organisations

12. Actively improving the sites' habitats for the benefit of native species of fauna and flora

In order to meet these commitments, the WWCT has Environmental Management Systems at each of its sites and develops objectives and targets each year in order to achieve continuous improvement in resource management and awareness of environmental matters.

The Environmental Policy has been communicated to all members of staff. It is available on each of the members websites: [www.paigntonzoo.org.uk](http://www.paigntonzoo.org.uk), [www.livingcoasts.org.uk](http://www.livingcoasts.org.uk), [www.newquayzoo.org.uk](http://www.newquayzoo.org.uk).

