

Role of the Modern Zoo

Learning Outcomes

- ✓ Describe some ways in which zoos have changed over time
- ✓ Identify aspects of the zoo which contribute to the health and wellbeing of zoo animals
- ✓ Explain and critically evaluate why Auckland Zoo keeps animals in captivity
- ✓ Identify and discuss some of the ways Auckland Zoo is involved with conservation, education and research today

Session Outline:

How is Auckland Zoo helping to protect animals in its care and in the wild? Students will be comparing the actions of zoos in the past with the role of a modern zoo today. The modern zoo is now a place of conservation, education and research rather than entertainment. With a Zoo educator students will discover how Auckland Zoo meets the needs of animals in captivity by gaining an understanding of enclosure design, behaviour enrichment and expert care. Examples of conservation projects, both in New Zealand and overseas, will also illustrate how Auckland Zoo is helping to fight extinction and preserve biodiversity.

Auckland Zoo Conservation Actions: Protect what's precious; Choose wisely; Get involved



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