

ZOOS VICTORIA FIGHTING EXTINCTION

Zoos Victoria is committed to fighting extinction. As a world leading zoo-based conservation organisation, we are committed to securing a future rich in wildlife.

Zoos Victoria works locally and globally to deliver tangible conservation outcomes. We are committed to the recovery of our most vulnerable native species and to growing the capacity of our international conservation programs that help people and wildlife. We are proud to deliver world leading community conservation programs and in 2012 we became the world's first carbon neutral zoos.

As a not-for-profit zoo-based conservation organisation, all revenue raised goes directly towards our work to fight extinction.



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Our Fighting Extinction watermark was created to help us promote our vision as a zoo-based conservation organisation. The footprints are from an Eastern Barred Bandicoot, an amazing Victorian subspecies that would be extinct if it wasn't for Zoos Victoria's commitment to conservation.



As part of our vision to be the world's leading zoo-based conservation organisation, Zoos Victoria is committed to fighting extinction locally and globally.

LOCAL CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

In south-eastern Australia, many terrestrial vertebrate species are teetering on the brink of extinction. Zoos Victoria is committed to fighting extinction with everything we have got, starting with those on our doorstep. We run and deliver more captive breeding and recovery programs than any other institution within Australia and are focused on working with partners to secure the survival of our priority species before it is too late.

In 2014 we launched our Wildlife Conservation Master Plan 2014-19, a \$30 million dollar plan that aims to secure and progress the recovery of our most vulnerable species. The plan aims to secure funds to activate brave and innovative conservation projects that have the potential to not only prevent species from extinction but recover them in the wild.

INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

Zoos Victoria's international programs have a holistic focus and work with local communities, governments and non-government organisations in the Philippines, Papua New Guinea and Uganda. Importantly, our projects achieve long-term outcomes for people and wildlife by helping local people develop sustainable wildlife-friendly livelihoods through capacity building and education initiatives.

Our sister zoo partnership with Port Moresby Nature Park seeks to build the capacity of this developing zoo in making the transition to becoming a zoo-based conservation organisation. We do this through skill-share and capacity building initiatives across education, animal husbandry, horticulture and interpretation.

As the world's first carbon neutral zoos, we fulfilled our carbon neutrality commitments by purchasing carbon offsets from projects that provide significant benefits to biodiversity and people in countries including Borneo, Peru, Kenya, Zimbabwe and Australia.

Our annual International Conservation Grants build on our longstanding commitment to international conservation partnerships. We recognise that building the capacity of people to save wildlife is not only a significant challenge, but essential to secure sustainable long-term conservation outcomes for wildlife.

COMMUNITY CONSERVATION CAMPAIGNS

Simple choices can make a big difference. Zoos Victoria is fighting extinction from the ground up with our grassroots community conservation campaigns.

We aim to inspire our millions of zoo visitors and the wider community to take simple actions that will help wildlife and wild places all over the world.

Our community conservation campaigns encourage people to:

- + Donate their old mobile phones, so they can be recycled and reduce the need for coltan mining
- + Use recycled toilet paper to protect native forests that support local wildlife
- + Show their support for clearly labelled palm oil that is produced sustainably
- + Promote wildlife-friendly incomes for communities in northern Kenya by buying fair-trade beadwork
- + Protect marine wildlife by keeping waste out of the environment

Simple choices can make a real difference on a big scale. Everyone can do their part to fight extinction.

Take action now: zoo.org.au/takeaction

RESEARCH PROGRAMS

Research plays a big part in helping us fight extinction. Often in collaboration with universities and other partners, Zoos Victoria is involved in a wide range of research projects in the areas of:

- + Conservation breeding and reintroduction of threatened species
- + Animal health and wellbeing
- + Reproductive management
- + Biodiversity assessment and mitigation of key threatening processes
- + Community conservation and visitor engagement

These research activities help us improve animal welfare, better understand key threats to endangered species and improve the success of our conservation breeding and re-introduction programs. They also help improve the efficacy of our community conservation programs and inspire and empower our visitors to fight extinction.

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Alpine She-oak Skink photo: Andrew Griffiths
Baw Baw Frog photo: Rick Hammond
Brush-tailed Rock-wallaby photo: Rick Hammond
Eastern Barred Bandicoot photo: Gerry Gibson
Grassland Earless Dragon photo: Mike Swan
Guthega Skink photo: Andrew Griffiths
Helmeted Honeyeater photo: Danielle Knox
Leadbeater's Possum photo: Dan Harley
Lord Howe Island Stick Insect photo: Jane Satchell
Mountain Pygmy-possum photo: Rick Hammond
New Holland Mouse photo: Max Deliopoulos
Northern Corroboree Frog photo: Michelle Cooper
Orange-bellied Parrot photo: Chris Tzaros
Plains-wanderer photo: Simon Starr
Regent Honeyeater photo: Trent Browning
Smoky Mouse photo: Linda Broome
Southern Bent-wing Bat photo: Steve Bourne
Southern Corroboree Frog photo: Damian Goodall
Spotted Tree Frog photo: Raelene Hobbs
Stuttering Frog photo: Damian Goodall
Tasmanian Devil photo: Trent Browning



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