



Royal Zoological Society of Scotland

Environmental Policy

The Royal Zoological Society of Scotland (RZSS) is a conservation organisation and charity which runs Edinburgh Zoo and Highland Wildlife Park. RZSS aims to have a positive impact on people, communities and the environment. Any person who visits, collaborates with, or is employed by RZSS will understand our continual commitment to minimising the negative and maximising the positive environmental impacts of our operations and prevention of pollution to safeguard the protection of the environment. RZSS shall achieve this wherever possible through an Environmental Management System (EMS), which meets the requirements of International Standard ISO14001, and by ensuring that sustainable policies and conservation efforts are considered within strategic planning and embedded within all departmental plans and operations.

Mission Statement:

"To connect people with nature and safeguard threatened species."


Environmental Goal:

"Strive for environmental sustainability in all our activities and ensure resource efficiency."

RZSS will achieve continual improvement in environmental performance through the annual setting and review of environmental objectives and targets, specifically in the following areas;

- Ensuring the efficient use of energy, water and other resources and reducing emissions arising from energy and transport needs, using renewable resources where feasible.
- Continue to minimise waste, prioritising re-using over recycling wherever possible.
- Ensuring continued legislative environmental compliance.
- Communicate and inform staff, visitors, volunteers and other stakeholders on relevant environmental issues, enhancing their understanding and encouraging responsible behaviours.
- Actively manage the biodiversity of all sites and mitigate negative impacts of any future developments.
- Improving sustainable procurement practices throughout the society, encouraging suppliers and contractors to demonstrate similar responsibilities.

Through close cooperation with our employees, visitors, suppliers and sub-contractors, we aim to be a role model and to set a new standard in environmental management within our field. This will result not only in improved business operations, but contribute to safer, cleaner cities within a more sustainable Scotland.


Chief Executive Officer: David Field

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