



European Association of Zoos and Aquaria statement on the announcement of Bristol Zoo relocating to the Wild Place Project site

Amsterdam, 27 November 2020: Bristol Zoological Society has a long and established history of being at the forefront of zoo science and conservation, driven by the work of dedicated keepers, curators, educators, conservationists, scientists and other zoo professionals. This forward thinking continues as the Society makes the challenging and progressive decision to move the Bristol Zoo to a larger and greener site already familiar to its supporters, the Wild Place Project. This transition over the next few years will ensure a stronger financial future for the Society to allow it to continue its breadth of conservation work both locally and across the globe.

EAZA has over 400 Members throughout Europe, Western Asia and beyond and finds strength in this diversity. Every EAZA zoo and aquarium operates according to EAZA's high Standards for animal care, conservation, conservation education, and research. EAZA is confident that this move will allow Bristol Zoo to continue to deliver inspiring conservation education, connect its visitors to nature, integrate strong and sustainable business practices, and safeguard a future for Bristol Zoo, its animals, and wildlife everywhere.

EAZA will work closely with Bristol Zoo and the EAZA Ex situ Programmes (EEPs) to assure a smooth transition for its animals to the new site or to other EAZA Member facilities.

The European Association of Zoos and Aquaria (EAZA) is the membership organisation of the most progressive zoos and aquariums in Europe and Western Asia. The Association comprises over 400 Members in 48 countries, including zoological institutions and their partners in conservation, education, animal welfare and research. EAZA administers the EEP (EAZA Ex situ Programmes), a state-of-the-art population management structure that provides scientifically-led ex situ support to holistic efforts to save and protect animal species worldwide.

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