

## Zoos and Conservation:

### The role of zoos in the 21st Century

Year 7-9

#### Learning Outcomes:

At the end of the session:

- ✓ **All students** will know the roles zoos have and how wildlife is threatened by human activities
- ✓ **Most students** will understand how the roles of zoos are linked to each other and how they allow zoos to support and aid wildlife together and individually
- ✓ **Some students** will be able to objectively understand the roles zoos have in the 21st Century and be able to form opinions based on facts and evidence

#### Session Outline:

The session begins with the history of zoos and their evolving roles, concluding with the four main roles zoos play today: conservation, recreation, research, and education. It discusses the importance of these roles in aiding wildlife, focusing on breeding programs, reintroductions, and zoo-supported charities. The session also addresses threats to animals, such as habitat loss, overuse, and pollution, highlighting examples of species that have gone extinct due to human activities, alongside success stories of species reintroduced with the help of zoos.



#### Curriculum Links

**Science**  
Relationships in an ecosystem

**Citizenship Studies**

**English**  
Spoken language

**COLCHESTER**  
**ZOOLOGICAL**  
**SOCIETY**