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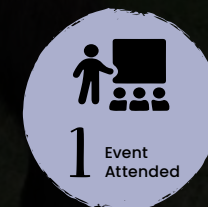


On the 13th August, six pygmy goat kids joined the collection. They are currently off-show in quarantine.

On the 14th August, female Amur leopard, Lena, left the collection for Dartmoor Zoo. She has been housed off-show since the separation from her mother.

On the 19th August, a male African white-backed vulture joined the collection to join our female.

On the 23rd August, a shoal of 25 cardinal tetra joined the collection. They are currently off-show in quarantine.



The Lead Keeper of Giraffe Section attended the ABWAK Hippo Keepers Workshop at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo.

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Three different section inspections were carried out on the Tiger, Sealion, and Reptile sections to ensure continued husbandry and welfare standards are maintained.



In August, our male and female Amur leopards were mixed for breeding.



On the 29th August, our male green anaconda, Bernard, was put to sleep due to a tumour. We hope to welcome another green anaconda to join the male in River's Edge.



Work commenced this month on an off-show habitat to be redeveloped for our Goeldi's monkeys. They will in turn have access to Worlds Apart with the tamandua and titi monkeys. Their vacated habitat will be home to a pair of golden-headed lion tamarins.



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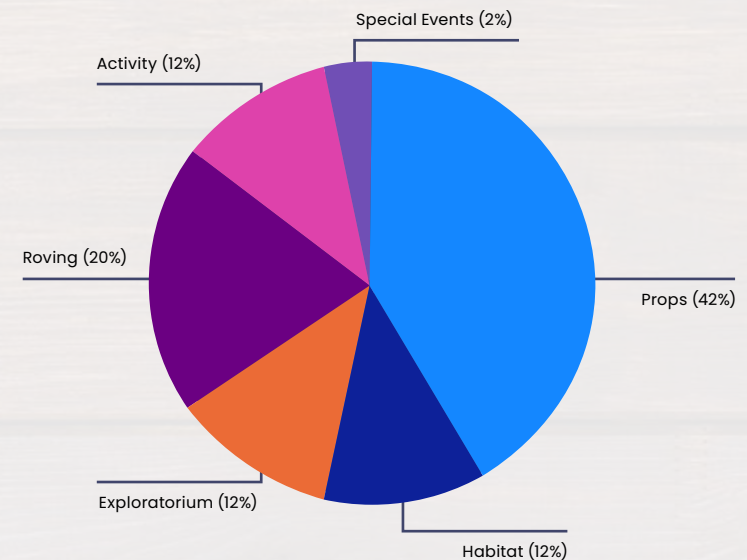
# EDUCATION

The Education Team ran the Exploratorium over the summer with **5,767** participants in August engaging in **3,858** boxes.



# VOLUNTEERS

Up to 4 volunteers attended per day over August, even managing to record a high of **600** visitors engaged in one day, with the following engagement activities:



# UMPHAFA

This month, the maintenance team have been working on the following jobs:

- Raising the height of the boma fencing ready for the cheetah arrival.
- Fixing the water trough in the boma.
- Burning the long grass in the boma as well as around the neighbouring homestead.
- Burning an internal fire-break ready for big block burns.
- Fixing roads.
- Fixing the leaking holes in the intern accommodation on the rondavel and laundry.
- Putting up chicken wire at the lodge to stop the birds nesting there and destroying the roof, air con and decking.
- Moving three solar panels from the old river pump station to the new borehole ready to power the submersible water pump.
- Building gabions with the interns.
- Putting in a new gate at the Elworthy solar gate.
- The team worked to remove a split tree adjacent to the workshop which was damaged in high winds

Two interns left and one remained.

This month the interns undertook the following:

- Learning how to fix punctures – a regular occurrence on the Reserve!
- Cutting down small poplars ready to use at the boma and in the building of the new hide on the rye field.
- Going on night patrols with the rangers.
- Painting the fence.
- Fixing the salt and molasses tubs for the animals to ensure they get adequate nutrients over winter.
- Helping the maintenance team build gabions.
- Mixing cement for the solar panels.
- Setting the new sites for the vegetation surveys.

Following the departure of the remaining intern, a group from the University of Suffolk joined for 10 days and carried out fence patrols, putting out animal salt and molasses into the tubs, brush packing, and game counts.

On the 25th August, 10 Common Reedbuck – 3 males and 7 females – were released onto the reserve.

Over the month, there were 2 poaching incursions with a few animals taken and a piece of fence.

In conjunction with the Cheetah Advisory Committee (CAG) and Ashia, the team are finally moving forward with permits to introduce a collared male and female cheetah donated by Ashia. We have been asked to try and bond this young male with an older male from Thanda Game Reserve in Zululand. As we have an existing bonding boma used for the wild dogs we will use this to bond the cheetah.

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Reedbuck were released onto the reserve



A Group from The University of Suffolk Joined for 10 Days

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Poaching Incidences

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# CONSERVATION



A donation of £6,900 was sent over to Save the Rhino International. This funding will be allocated towards the purchase of rifle safes for the safeguarding of the field rangers' rifles, and to complete emergency repairs and provide replacements for ranger patrol equipment.



**ORANGUTAN  
FOUNDATION**  
A FUTURE FOR ORANGUTANS, FORESTS & PEOPLE

A donation of £7,500 was sent over to the Orangutan Foundation. This funding will go towards a vet's salary, post-release monitoring of the Bornean orangutan population in the Lamandau Wildlife Reserve and veterinary equipment for a wildlife clinic.



This month our  
donation total was  
**£14,400**  
working towards  
animal conservation.

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