

# **Council Directive**

**1999/22/EC**

**relating to the keeping of  
wild animals  
in zoos**



# Objectives

- Conservation of wildlife and biodiversity
- Protect wild animal species
- Strengthen the role of zoos in the conservation of biodiversity
- Improve conditions of animals kept in zoos

# Conservation Measures

- Education of the visiting public
- Adequate accommodation of animals
- High standard of animal husbandry
- Training of staff
- Contribute to scientific research
- licensing and inspections

## Article 2 « ZOOS »

- permanent

- permanent establishments where wild animals are kept for exhibition to the public for 7 or more days a year
- exception circuses, pet shops and establishments which Member States may exempt if they do not exhibit a significant number of animals or species

# Article 3 **All zoos shall**

- participating in **research** resulting in conservation benefits for the species, and/or
- training** in relevant conservation skills, and/or
- **exchange of information** relating to species conservation and/or,
- where appropriate, captive breeding, repopulation or reintroduction of species into the wild

# Article 3 **All zoos shall**

promoting **public education** and awareness in relation to the conservation of biodiversity by

providing **information** about the **species** and their natural **habitats**

# Article 3 **All zoos shall**

-accommodate animals under conditions which aim to **satisfy the biological and conservation requirements** of the individual species by providing **species specific enrichment** of the enclosures

-maintain a **high standard of animal husbandry** with a developed programme of preventive and curative veterinary care and nutrition,

## Article 3 **All zoos shall**

- Prevent escape of animals to avoid ecological threats to indigenous species and prevent intrusion of outside
- keep up-to-date records of the zoo's collection appropriate to the species recorded



## Article 4

# Licensing and inspection

- Every zoo shall have a licence within 4 years (2003) after the entry into force of this Directive or, in the case of new zoos, before they are open to the public.
- Each licence shall contain conditions to enforce the conservation measures

## Article 4

# Licensing and inspection

Before granting, refusing, extending or amending a licence, an **inspection** by competent authorities must be carried out

A zoo not meeting the requirements must be closed (max 2 years to comply)

## Article 5

- Licensing requirements can be replaced by an alternative system if a Member State can demonstrate to the Commission that the objectives are met and maintained by a system or regulation and registration
- The system must contain provisions regarding inspection and closure of zoos equivalent to those in Article 4 and 6

# Closure of zoos

In the event of a zoo or part thereof being closed, the competent authority shall ensure that the animals are treated or disposed of under conditions which the Member State deems appropriate and consistent and provisions of this Directive

Member States shall  
designate **competent  
authorities**

MS to determine **penalties**

Deadline for transposition

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