

## Objectives

- Understand the role Wellington Zoo plays in ensuring the long- term conservation of wild life and wild places
- Make a conservation connection.



CONSERVATION  
CONNECTION

**Think of a time when you felt a close connection with an animal or a place.**

Share it with a friend or your teacher.

**Why was it such a memorable experience?**

***At Wellington Zoo we encourage people to make their personal connection with nature***

At Wellington Zoo we care for animals from all over the world. These animals are ambassadors for both their wild cousins and natural habitats. Our Sumatran Tigers are critically endangered in the wild, with habitat loss being a major contributing factor. Wellington Zoo is taking action for Tigers by supporting 21st Century Tiger and encouraging visitors to choose FSC sustainable wood and wood products.

[www.21stcenturytiger.org](http://www.21stcenturytiger.org)



**21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY TIGER**  
giving wild tigers a future



*Sustainable wood and wood products come from trees that are planted by humans for humans!*

Wellington Zoo's Conservation Strategy aligns with that of the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA)

[www.waza.org](http://www.waza.org)

Its aims are to:

- Build community understanding and support for behavioural change and positive action;
- To support conservation projects and use these projects to involve, teach, mentor and share our experiences and knowledge with the community.

Wellington Zoo participates in captive breeding programmes with other zoos and aquariums in our region. The goal of captive breeding is to increase genetic diversity for the conservation of animal species. Find out more on the Wellington Zoo website [www.wellingtonzoo.com](http://www.wellingtonzoo.com)



In New Zealand we have some spectacular flora and fauna. At the Roost - Te Pae Manu Wellington Zoo is making a conservation connection by breeding native Kaka for release.

**What conservation connection can you make with native wild life?**

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*As part of our commitment to conservation Wellington Zoo is on an exciting journey to becoming a Green Zoo. Discover how by exploring the interactive Green Zoo, Green You exhibit.*