
Overview

This standard covers the planning and management of animal conservation.

This standard is about being able to plan programmes for conservation of animals in your care. This may be to protect native species or to conserve endangered animal species and may include restocking, relocation or a reintroduction programme.

This standard is for those with responsibility for planning and managing animal conservation.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 develop an animal conservation plan with clearly defined targets that meet identified needs
- P2 obtain and interpret relevant information associated with conservation of animals from the appropriate sources
- P3 identify the relevant legal, ethical and welfare requirements and any requirements specific to the country
- P4 communicate the plan to those who will be involved in its implementation
- P5 ensure that everyone involved in the implementation of the plan has the skills and knowledge required to carry out the activities
- P6 ensure facilities, supplies, equipment and any other resources required, including staffing, are available for the successful implementation of the plan
- P7 manage, monitor and evaluate the implementation of the plan, taking appropriate action and making changes to the plan where required
- P8 ensure that risks to the health and safety of yourself, others and animals are identified and minimised

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 how to develop a conservation plan based on the objectives and available resources
- K2 the relationship between animal welfare and conservation
- K3 how to weigh up the costs and benefits of the plan in terms of animal welfare and conservation
- K4 the differences in terms of techniques and success of translocation, reintroduction, restocking and rehabilitation
- K5 the behaviour of animals and species requirements including natural history and husbandry
- K6 international legislation and practice with regard to species conservation and welfare
- K7 the basic reasons for conservation i.e. ecological balance, human/animal responsibility, historical concept
- K8 consequences of failure in terms of animal welfare, conservation programmes and conservation status of the species concerned
- K9 the scientific and environmental aims of conservation
- K10 how conservation projects may be constructed, put in place and maintained
- K11 where and when to obtain professional advice and guidance
- K12 the importance of briefing and maintaining communications with those involved in the implementation of the plan
- K13 the types of problems that may arise and their consideration in the plan
- K14 the importance of reviewing and revising the conservation plan to ensure it continues to meet objectives
- K15 the meaning of ethical conservation
- K16 the purpose of regional and institutional collection and planning within animal conservation
- K17 the involvement of animal collections in the global co-ordination of conservation
- K18 your responsibilities under relevant animal health and welfare and other animal-related legislation and codes of practice

Glossary

Current animal welfare legislation:

- England and Wales, Animal Welfare Act 2006
- Scotland, Animal Health and Welfare Act 2006
- Northern Ireland, Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 2011

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