

CELEBRATING 200 YEARS OF WILDLIFE

ZSL (Zoological Society of London) has been building stronger connections to wildlife for 200 years. Established in 1826 for the advancement of zoological science, it opened its first 'Zoological Gardens' to the public in Regent's Park, London in 1828. These gardens are now known as the world-famous London Zoo. ZSL also has one of the largest archives of original animal artworks in the UK. Today, ZSL is a global science-driven conservation charity working to restore wildlife in the UK and around the world by protecting critical species, restoring healthy habitats, training conservationists and creating change for nature.

This puzzle's design draws on zoological illustrations from ZSL's archives, featuring work by artists such as Edward Lear, Georges-Frédéric Cuvier, Mark Catesby and Maria Sibylla Merian. The artwork showcases animal species that ZSL is actively working to protect and restore.

GIBBON CONSERVATION

Gibbons are small, tailless "lesser apes" from the Hylobatidae family, living in the forests of southern and Southeast Asia. Omnivorous and highly vocal, most of the 20 species are endangered due to habitat loss and hunting. ZSL plays a leading role in protecting the Hainan gibbon - the world's rarest primate, with only around 45 individuals remaining, all confined to a single forest patch in Hainan Tropical Rainforest National Park, China.

TIGER CONSERVATION

The tiger is an iconic predator that once ranged across Asia, from Turkey to the Russian Far East. Tiger numbers have fallen by over 90% since the early 1900s because of habitat loss and hunting. ZSL supports tiger recovery through habitat protection, anti-poaching patrols and reducing conflict with local communities, working closely with partners in Nepal and India. These actions have helped Nepal's tiger population nearly triple since 2009. ZSL also cares for Amur and Sumatran tigers at their conservation zoos, London and Whipsnade Zoos, supporting international breeding programmes that maintain vital insurance populations for tigers.



BIRD CONSERVATION

Through its zoos, its field conservation programmes and its world-leading science, ZSL is working to reverse the decline of numerous birds. These range from UK natives, including red kites and corncrakes, to some of the most threatened species worldwide, such as the Socorro dove from Mexico and the sihek from the US territory of Guam.

ZSL conservationists are also defending heavily trafficked birds such as the African grey parrot, by training law-enforcement professionals in how to identify and care for key species. Meanwhile, many rare birds are breeding successfully at ZSL's Zoos, providing a much-needed boost to their populations, including critically endangered Rüppell's griffon vultures, African penguins and blue-crowned laughingthrushes.



BUTTERFLY CONSERVATION

ZSL is actively involved in butterfly conservation, particularly with the Chequered Skipper butterfly. After successfully overseeing the translocation and reintroduction of this species to English woodlands following extinction due to habitat loss, ZSL and partners continue to ensure the health and survival of these butterflies in their new habitats.



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