Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust (Durrell) is an organisation at the forefront of protecting and supporting some of the world’s most endangered species through extensive global conservation efforts. Our vision is to create a wilder, healthier and more colourful world by connecting more people with nature. We aim to achieve this through the vital work undertaken at our headquarters at Jersey Zoo and wider international conservation projects, managing breeding programmes for release back to the wild, developing the skills and tools to conserve species in the wild, training others in animal husbandry and conservation practice, and communicating these important messages to visitors.

To create a wilder, healthier and more colourful world, we recognise the need to adopt a holistic approach to conservation and sustainable operation. Nature connection and pro-environmental behaviour are inextricably linked. Therefore, our Environmental Policy aims to encourage responsible and pro-environmental behaviour change amongst Jersey Zoo staff, volunteers, visitors and stakeholders with whom we interact. As part of its mission, Jersey Zoo will comply and uphold the best practices for conservation, including relevant legislation and standards.

At Jersey Zoo we are committed to improving environmental performance and embedding sustainability into all our operations. Adhering to this policy will not only mitigate but maximise the environmental outcomes of our operations and conservation work, whilst reducing our associated carbon emissions. This will ensure our mission and values are reflected in the actions we undertake.

This policy forms part of a wider sustainability strategy that is currently under development, which will outline further sustainability-related developments and celebrate successes for Jersey Zoo. As part of this wider sustainability journey, Jersey Zoo will endeavour to implement an Environmental Management System to ensure appropriate environmental commitments are upheld.

Jersey Zoo’s environmental performance will be reviewed on a regular basis. We will strive for continual improvement, by exploring ways we can minimise our impact on the environment and act more sustainably, to achieve targets that will be outlined in Jersey Zoo’s Sustainability Strategy. Continual improvement is a collective responsibility of all staff. Therefore, this policy will be reviewed annually to ensure it is maintained.

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