

Royal Zoological Society of Scotland Environmental Policy

The Royal Zoological Society of Scotland (RZSS) is a conservation organisation and charity which runs Edinburgh Zoo and Highland Wildlife Park. RZSS aims to have a positive impact on people, communities, and the environment. Any person who visits, collaborates with, or is employed by RZSS will understand our continual commitment to minimising the negative and maximising the positive environmental impacts of our operations, and to the prevention of pollution to safeguard the protection of the environment.

RZSS shall achieve this wherever possible through an Environmental Management System (EMS) which meets the requirements of International Standard ISO14001, and by ensuring that sustainable policies and conservation efforts are considered within strategic planning and embedded within all departmental plans and operations.

our vision:

A world where nature is protected, valued and loved.

Our mission:

To save wildlife and empower people in Scotland and around the world to protect, value and love nature.


Our environmental goal:

To achieve (net) zero carbon zoos and sustainability.

RZSS will achieve continual improvement in environmental performance through the annual setting and review of environmental objectives and targets, specifically in the following areas:

- Ensuring the efficient use of energy, water and other resources and reducing emissions arising from energy and transport needs, using renewable resources where feasible.
- Continuing to minimise waste, prioritising re-using over recycling wherever possible.
- Ensuring continued legislative environmental compliance.
- Communicating and informing staff, visitors, volunteers and other stakeholders on relevant environmental issues, enhancing their understanding and encouraging responsible behaviours.
- Actively managing the biodiversity of all sites and mitigating the negative impacts of any future developments.
- Improving sustainable procurement practices throughout the society and encouraging suppliers and contractors to demonstrate similar responsibilities.

Through close cooperation with our employers, visitors, suppliers and sub-contractors, we aim to be a role model and to set a new standard in environmental management within our field. This will result not only in improved business operations, but contribute to safer, cleaner communities within a more sustainable Scotland.



Chief Executive Officer: David Field

Date:

8 April 2026.