

## Captive Animals

As part of our commitment to advancing sustainable tourism, we encourage our tourism partners to improve their sustainability performance by providing them with the guidance below.

- ✓ Ensure applicable legal **permits** are in place, including for wildlife breeding & trade
- ✓ Ensure **insurance** for participants & team is in place
- ✓ Identify **health & safety** risks, implement management systems & provide appropriate safety equipment
- ✓ Ensure enough team members are available in case of **emergency**
- ✓ Monitor activity **area conditions** (including weather) in advance & during the activity
- ✓ Be familiar with activity area & ensure that **navigation & communication** tools are in good working order
- ✓ Maximise local **economic benefits** through employment & purchasing
- ✓ Avoid single use & disposable items, provide adequate **waste** collection facilities for safe disposal (or pack out what you take in) & pick up any rubbish found along the way
- ✓ Use **eco-friendly** products, e.g. cleaning products
- ✓ Be **waterwise** & take pro-active measures to use water sparingly
- ✓ Minimise **energy** used in the activity as part of a climate action strategy
- ✓ Provide **information in advance** about your sustainability actions, activity accessibility, what to expect & what to bring
- ✓ Keep detailed **stocklist** of animals, including where & how wildlife were acquired (removal from the wild or from captive breeding prohibited, unless part of a conservation programme) & their destination / death ('canned hunting' / similarly inhumane destinations prohibited)
- ✓ Provide best practice in **animal welfare** – 'Five Freedoms' – freedom from hunger & thirst, discomfort, pain / injury / disease, fear / distress & freedom to express normal behaviour
- ✓ Ensure **caretakers** are suitably equipped, trained & experienced to provide best practice care
- ✓ **Behavioural needs** are provided for, e.g. intra-species socialisation needs & species separation as required (e.g. to prevent predator-prey stress & conflict due to aggression)
- ✓ Animals are not **prematurely separated** from their young
- ✓ Training does not involve **food deprivation**
- ✓ Monitor **physical health** of animals, including checks for lameness & shoe condition (if applicable), providing veterinary advice / care as needed
- ✓ Animals are **not drugged or mutilated**, unless for veterinary / similar care, e.g. safe medical treatment
- ✓ **Contraception**, if deemed appropriate/ necessary, is based on veterinary advice
- ✓ **Euthanasia**, if deemed necessary, is administered humanely, ideally by a veterinarian
- ✓ Do not remove wildlife from **enclosures** unless for welfare purposes, e.g. husbandry, veterinary, enrichment...
- ✓ **Prohibit practices** not aligned with best practice for captive wildlife, e.g. wildlife 'selfies', encouraging unnatural behaviour, walking with predators or elephants, riding elephants or ostriches, swimming with cetaceans, feeding live vertebrate prey & tactile interactions with infant predators, great apes, bears, sloths, cetaceans, crocodiles...
- ✓ Wildlife **release** programmes conform with IUCN / equivalent guidelines
- ✓ **Screen participants** to make sure that the activity is well suited to their fitness & level of ability
- ✓ Manage **group size** to minimise impacts & ensure a safe guide/participant ratio
- ✓ Obtain written confirmation, e.g. via **indemnity**, from participants that they are aware of activity risks
- ✓ **Brief participants** about do's & don'ts, safety (including safe viewing proximity), what to expect, applicable conduct, logistical considerations, hazards to be aware of, not disturbing / removing flora & fauna & rubbish collection & disposal, before the activity starts
- ✓ **Share information** about local nature, culture, relevant species conservation status (if applicable) & relevant authorities responsible for captive animal welfare
- ✓ Share **information** about local nature & culture, as well as social development / conservation projects that participants may want to support
- ✓ Participate in conserving activity area **integrity**; notify authorities of concerns & participate in relevant rehabilitation projects

