

2025 Conservation Impact Report

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To: Board of Management of the Toronto Zoo

From: Chief Science Officer

Wards: All

SUMMARY

This report provides an annual summary of the Toronto Zoo's Conservation Science research, community engagement, partnerships, publications, national and international outreach and conservation programs.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chief Science Officer recommends that:

1. The Board of Management of the Toronto Zoo receives and reviews the 2025 Conservation Impact Report for information.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact resulting from this report. The report will be available online as a public document.

DECISION HISTORY

There is no decision history available for this item.

COMMENTS

In 2025, the Toronto Zoo launched its new Strategic Plan, setting a bold direction for the future. The Wildlife Science Branch played a critical role in advancing this vision by supporting the Plan's four areas of focus, Belonging, Nature's Insurance Policy, Wildlife Advocated, and Wow for Good, through an impactful portfolio of conservation science initiatives. These efforts were driven by active research and conservation projects, the highlights of which are captured in this report. Our team strengthened the connection between science and community by delivering engaging science communication and public programming through a range of on-site events. These initiatives created meaningful opportunities for visitors to connect with conservation science in action at the Toronto Zoo. At the same time, on-going and new partnerships with external organizations were fostered to further our conservation objectives and expand our collaborative efforts nationally and internationally.

This report will serve as a public document that aligns with the Strategic mission connecting people, animals, conservation science and traditional knowledge to fight extinction. The Conservation Science team is looking forward to 2026 and furthering our strategic initiatives to support our institution moving from a guest funded zoo with conservation science programs to a community funded conservation science organization operating a world class zoo.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 - 2025 Conservation Impact Report