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The Management of Zoological Collections in Zoological Gardens and Museums

Message from the Guest Editors

Zoological gardens are public spaces in which animal species from the region, as well as from other parts of the world, are exhibited. Therefore, their main function is to entertain society (according to common sense). The ease of finding many species concentrated in a unique place is ideal for the public who visit, providing moments to enjoy and learn about the importance of ecosystem preservation and involving everyone from children to the elderly. Given the current lack of investment in natural history museums, zoological gardens can be used to create scientific collections, both for research and for exhibiting material to the public, as well as raising environmental awareness regarding the preservation of bio-paleontological material and the material and immaterial heritage of humanity. In this way, zoological gardens could offer a suitable space for establishing scientific collections, fitting into the context of a Natural History Museum exhibiting biological, paleontological, ethnographic, archaeological, mineralogical and artistic collections, for example.

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