
relating to the keeping of wild animals in zoos
Article 1

Aim

- Protect wild fauna
- Conserve biodiversity
- Strengthening the role of zoos in the conservation of biodiversity
Article 2

Definition

- permanent establishments where wild animals are kept for exhibition to the public for 7 or more days a year

- exception circuses, pet shops and establishments which Member States may exempt if they do not exhibit a significant number of animals or species
Article 3

All Zoos shall

- Participate in research resulting in conservation benefits for the species
- promote public education and awareness,
- accommodate the animals satisfying biological and conservation requirements (enrichment of the enclosures, high standard of animal husbandry, appropriate nutrition, veterinary care, etc)
- Prevent the escape of animals
- keep up-to-date records of the zoo’s collection
Article 4

Licensing and inspection

- Member States shall adopt measures for licensing and inspecting existing and new zoos to ensure the requirements of Art. 3 are met.
- Each licence shall contain conditions to enforce the conservation measures.
- Before granting, refusing, extending, or significantly amending a license, an inspection is required.
Licensing and inspection

- If the zoo is not licensed according to this Directive, or the licensing conditions are not met, the zoo shall:
  - Comply with the appropriate requirements, or
  - Be closed to the public
Article 5

- Licensing requirements can be replaced by an alternative system if a Member State can demonstrate to the Commission that the objectives are met and maintained by a system or regulation and registration

- The system must contain provisions regarding inspection and closure of zoos equivalent to those in Article 4 and 6
Article 6

Closure of zoos

In the event of a zoo or part thereof being closed, the competent authority shall ensure that the animals are treated or disposed of under conditions which the Member State deems appropriate and consistent and provisions of this Directive.
Articles 7 and 8

- MS shall designate competent authorities
- MS to determine penalties applicable to breaches of the Directive.
- The penalties shall be effective, proportionate, and dissuasive.