



INDIANAPOLIS ZOO
2015 Annual Report

A photograph of three giraffes standing close together in a lush, green, outdoor setting. The giraffes are facing towards the camera, with their heads and necks visible. They have characteristic brown spots on their light-colored skin. The background is blurred, showing more greenery and possibly other animals.

The Indianapolis Zoo empowers people and communities, both locally and globally, to advance animal conservation.

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REPORT To The Community

We're largely a social species, we Homo sapiens. From our earliest origins, people have yearned for fellowship, been attracted to others with a common bond, and combined forces to achieve shared goals.

But most of us also have a fairly significant dose of "biophilia." Indianapolis Prize Honorary Chair E.O. Wilson popularized the term in his 1984 book of the same title, suggesting that there is an inherent deep bond between human beings and other living systems. I'm sure that inner drive led Marlin Perkins to invite us into his "Wild Kingdom" every week, caused Sir David Attenborough to be recognized worldwide as the "voice of nature," and motivated Dian Fossey to sacrifice everything to protect gorillas in Rwanda. Individually, passion and purpose mapped their paths; together, they became part of a conservation community that stretches across the continents.

The Indianapolis Zoo's mission – empowering "people and communities, both locally and globally, to advance animal conservation" – certainly leads us to be a part of the international community of wildlife conservationists. But our Hoosier common sense plays a role, too: Our community combines its strengths to prosper and overcome challenges; it shares resources; it endures.

Now your Indianapolis Zoo – rooted in the Hoosier values of holding on to what is valuable while planning, investing, and working for the future – is expanding our definition of community to suit the realities of the 21st Century.

In 2015, the Zoo created connections with more than 1.2 million people who stood before the Simon Skjodt International Orangutan Center, whose Nina Mason Pulliam Beacon of Hope signifies that there is still hope for wild orangutans and that hope shines out from Central Indiana. Many of those 1.2 million Zoo guests then went on to become a part of a new community, one which sent thousands of dollars to reforest parts of Borneo to strengthen wild orangutan habitats.

**THE INDIANAPOLIS ZOO IS A GLOBAL COMMUNITY
WITH THE ABILITY TO *empower sustainable conservation*
efforts in our own backyard and across the globe.**

But our community also grew beyond those who set foot on the Indianapolis Zoo campus. News of our conservation efforts spread worldwide through research and television documentaries. We combined strengths with others to help cheetahs, elephants, gorillas and other species far beyond our borders, while assisting in the stranded sea lion crisis in California and developing an innovative partnership with The Nature Conservancy to support a healthy Gulf of Mexico for wild dolphins.

19th century writer Henrik Ibsen once said, “A community is like a ship; everyone ought to be prepared to take the helm.” Your Indianapolis Zoo is taking its turn at the wheel, and while we certainly face bumpy seas, we are heartened by the conservation community that surrounds us and the Central Indiana community that supports us.

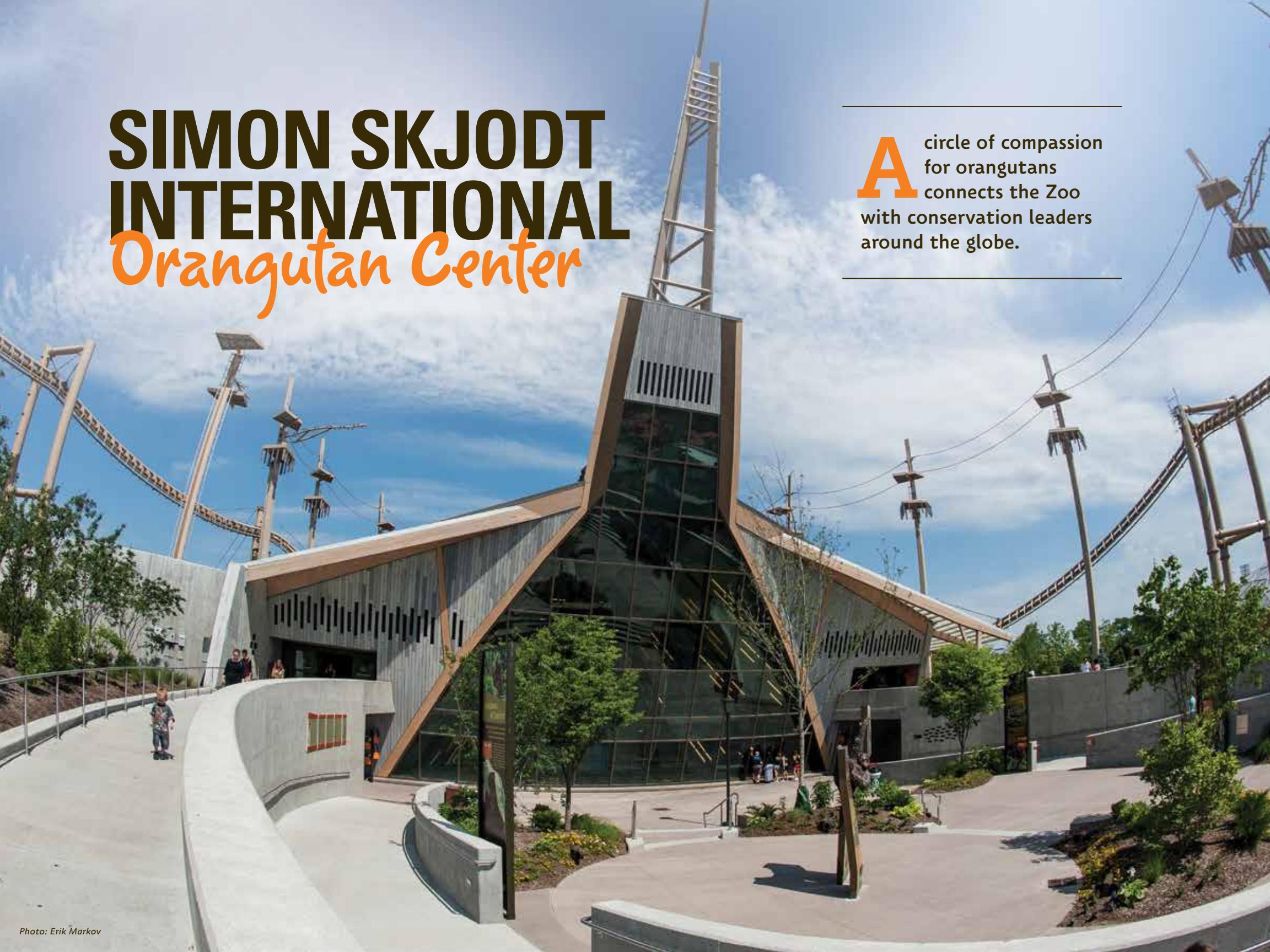
Thank you for joining us on the voyage.

Michael I. Crowther

President and CEO



SIMON SKJODT INTERNATIONAL *Orangutan Center*



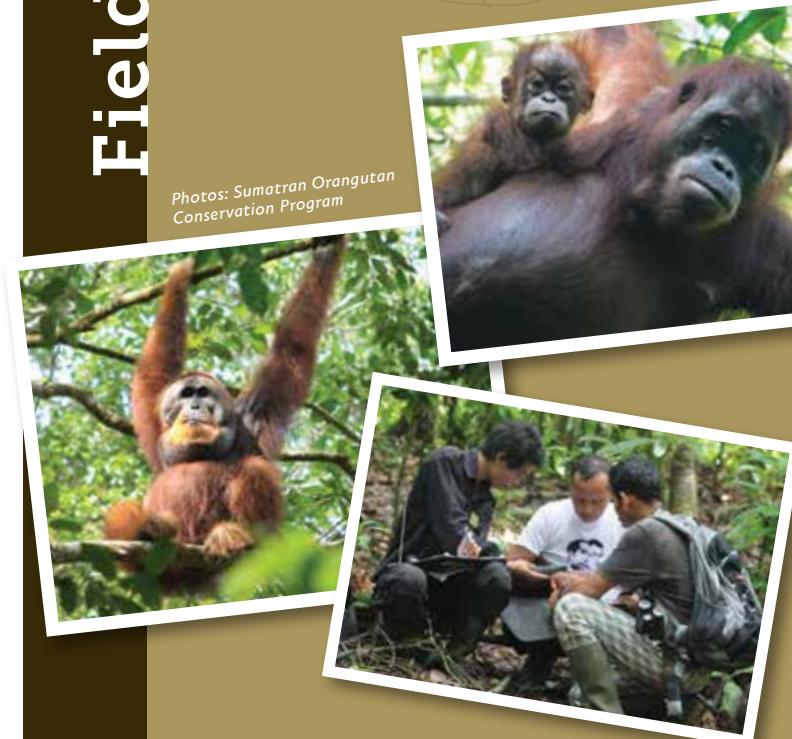
A circle of compassion
for orangutans
connects the Zoo
with conservation leaders
around the globe.

Report from Sumatra, Indonesia: **Sumatran Orangutan Conservation**



Field Report

Photos: Sumatran Orangutan Conservation Program

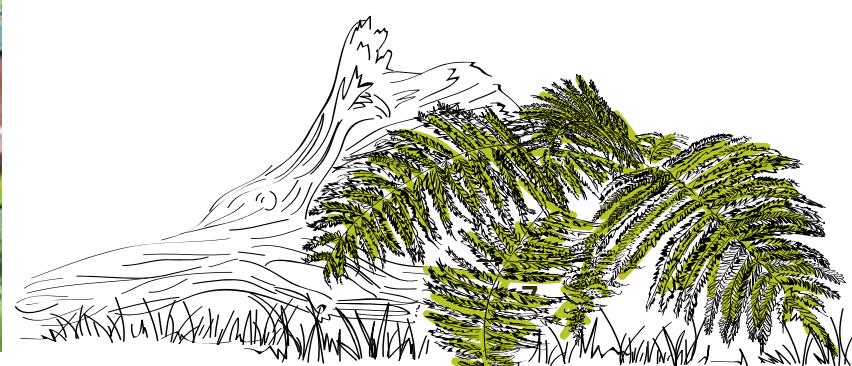


The Zoo's Dr. Rob Shumaker traveled to Kutai National Park in Borneo for a gathering to discuss conservation and research efforts planned for the next five years. The generosity and passion of Zoo guests and members have led to reforestation efforts in Kutai to secure safe and useful habitats for wild orangutans. This visit brought even more hope and excitement to that effort — a seedling planted just two years ago now stands more than 12 feet tall.

In its second year, the Simon Skjodt International Orangutan Center continued to receive worldwide attention. *The New York Times*, the BBC, *Time*, *National Geographic* and more reported on a ground-breaking sleep study conducted at the Zoo. Dr. Rob and Dr. David Samson worked together to study sleep efficiency and positional behavior. Many long nights observing the Zoo's orangutans led to these conclusions: orangutans have deeper and more efficient sleep time and higher next-day cognitive abilities than baboons, and that sleeping positions and postures had an effect on overall quality of sleep.

German television program *Giraffe, Erdmännchen & Co.* made the 4,000 mile trek to the Zoo to film a documentary on the Center's newest orangutan Sirih. She has quite a following in Europe and continues to be well-loved there. She grew up in Germany and lived at the Frankfurt Zoo. The multi-part documentary showed Sirih's new life at the Center, including her relationships with the other orangutans and how she is thriving here. The keeper who raised her in Germany, Carsten Knott, came along to reunite with Sirih, which was heartwarming.

The crew was elated to find out that Sirih was pregnant by first-time father 14-year-old Basan. Both are full Sumatran orangutans, a species listed as critically endangered by the IUCN, with only about 14,613 left in the wild.



The support from the Indianapolis Zoo allowed for expansion of the research and conservation activities that the Sumatran Orangutan Conservation Program, Bournemouth University and Liverpool John Moores University are conducting in the last large remaining lowland forest area where Sumatran orangutans occur. As a result of the funding, the last year saw a large amount of conservation research being conducted in the area that will further help to conserve the forest and the orangutans there.



Photo: Fred Gate



THE NATURE CONSERVANCY *Partnership*

No matter our differences, the blue thread of water connects us all with the common element of life and a universal purpose.

In order to make a measurable difference to effectively execute our mission, it is essential that we partner with embedded conservationists and communities that have a track record of success. One extraordinary partnership met those guidelines. The Zoo joined forces with The Nature Conservancy to help create a cleaner Gulf of Mexico for the people and wild dolphins that call it home.





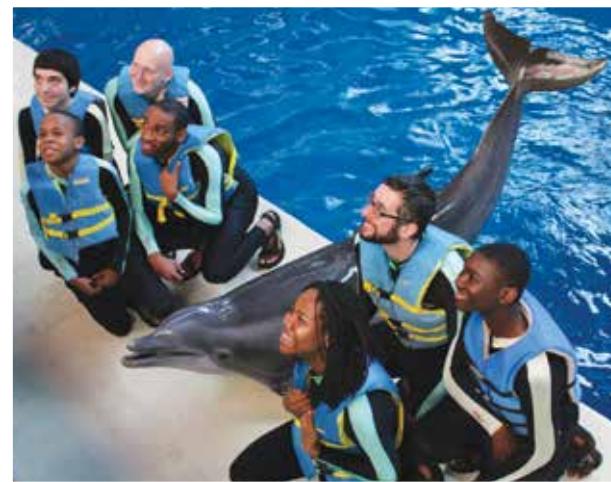
The Gulf has lost nearly 50 percent of its wetlands, 60 percent of its seagrass beds and 85 percent of its oyster reefs. This is due in large part to pollutant nutrient runoff, causing large areas of the Gulf to be uninhabitable for dolphins, oysters and other marine life.

Identified as one of the states contributing the most excess nitrogen (11 percent) to the Gulf, creating oxygen-free dead zones, Indiana plays a huge role in the area's pollution. Changes people make in Indiana can make a difference in the Gulf and for the wild dolphins and other cetaceans living there.

The Indianapolis Zoo and The Nature Conservancy developed and implemented programming for the Atlantic bottlenose dolphin presentation at the Zoo to increase public awareness. Guests can now watch the Gulf dolphin story play out on a digital screen, seamlessly intertwined with the Indianapolis dolphin pod and trainers. The story of Indiana's connection to the Gulf is told by two kindred souls – a farmer from Indiana and a fisherman from Grand Isle, Louisiana. Living off the land and living off the sea, these two people are a true test of the power of nature and the consequences of people.



Photo: Fred Cate



KEY LEARNING

Kids with Dolphins

The Zoo didn't have to go far to form a unique and remarkable partnership with our neighbors at a near-west side school. Scholars at the Indianapolis Public School's Key Learning Community are now wildlife warriors. All of the students, 400 of them from kindergarten to high school, engaged in a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. They took part in up-close, hands-on experiences with the Zoo's dynamic dolphin pod. Apprehension turned to confidence, excitement into awe, as each student learned about, touched and interacted one-on-one with a dolphin.

Key Learning student, Armonie, wrote in a letter to Zoo staff after her visit:

"I know this is a once-in-a-lifetime thing for most people, and I just want to say thank you. I always wanted to be a veterinarian, but I wasn't sure if I wanted to be a wildlife veterinarian. This trip made my option clear."

An executive staff member challenged the Zoo team to create the program. After months of planning it came to life and not only impacted the students but the dolphin trainers as well. The staff enjoyed being a part of such an extraordinary experience.

Report from Indiana: Crawfish frog Project

In 2015, The Indianapolis Zoo partnered with Indiana State University, Indiana University, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and Detroit Zoological Society to captive-rear Crawfish Frog tadpoles. We transported newly hatched tadpoles to the Indianapolis Zoo on April 11 and returned them to their original wetland on June 3 after 54 days of development in the Ocean's building. In mesh holding boxes, these tadpoles completed development in the wetland while being protected from predators. Less than a week after transport, they began metamorphosing, and we started releasing the juveniles in their upland prairie habitat. By July 18, all the frogs were traversing the prairie, looking for crayfish burrows, where they will spend their adult lives. In total, we raised and released 310 juveniles; we estimate at least 10 frogs will survive to breed as adults. Without the Zoo and our collaborators' efforts, very few tadpoles would have survived to metamorphosis this past year. This project is the first step to a future large-scale reintroduction of Crawfish Frogs across their historic range.



ENDANGERED SPECIES (USFWS)

Addra gazelle
Amur tiger
Cabot's tragopan
Cheetah
Grand Cayman blue iguana
Jamaican iguana
Orangutan
Radiated tortoise
Red ruffed lemur
Ring-tailed lemur
White-handed gibbon

THREATENED SPECIES (USFWS)

African elephant
African lion
Banggai cardinalfish
Desert tortoise
Eastern indigo snake
Polar bear
Southern rockhopper penguin
(DPS) Southern white rhinoceros
(S/A) White cockatoo

ENDANGERED SPECIES (IDNR)

Timber rattlesnake
Western cottonmouth

STUDBOOKS HELD AT IZ

Walrus

(DPS=New Zealand/Australian Campbell Plateau and Macquarie Island distinct population segment only)

(S/A=listed due to similarity of appearance to other endangered or threatened species)

SPECIES SURVIVAL PLAN (SSP) SPECIES

(PROGRAMS DESIGNATED AS GREEN OR YELLOW BY AZA)

Addra gazelle
African crested/Cape porcupine
African elephant
African lion
African pancake tortoise
African straw-colored fruit bat
Amur tiger
Asian small-clawed otter
California sea lion
Caribbean/American flamingo
Cheetah
Chilean flamingo
Crested wood partridge
Eastern indigo snake
Eastern massasauga rattlesnake
Eastern white-bearded wildebeest
European white stork
Gentoo penguin
Grand Cayman blue iguana
Grant's/Plains zebra
Greater kudu
Grey-crowned crane
Harbor seal
Hyacinth macaw
Island flying fox
Jamaican iguana
King penguin
Marabou stork
Polar bear
Potbelly/big bellied seahorse
Radiated tortoise
Red panda
Red ruffed lemur
Reticulated giraffe
Ring-tailed lemur
Ruppell's griffon vulture
Slender-tailed meerkat
Southern ground hornbill
Southern rockhopper penguin
Southern white rhinoceros
Speke's gazelle
Sumatran orangutan
Warthog
White-cheeked turaco
White-handed/Lar gibbon

STATUS OF THE Zoological Collection

December 31, 2015

VERTEBRATES	SPECIES	SPECIMEN
Mammals	32	130
Birds	37	568
Reptiles	43	115
Amphibians	0	0
Fishes	65	369
INVERTEBRATES	37	205
TOTALS	214	1,387

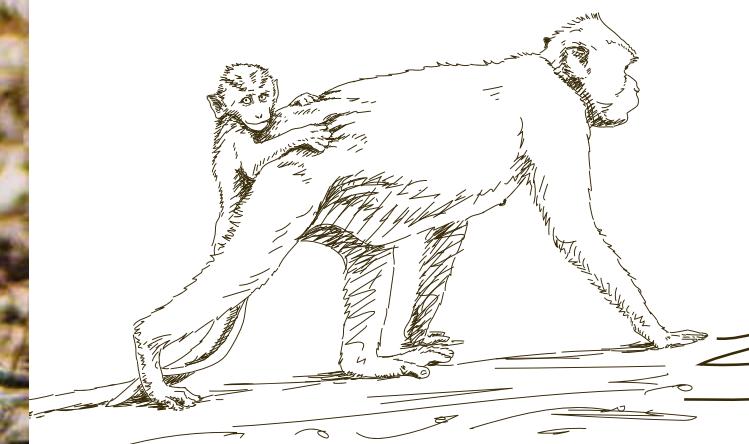
(Animals in on loan are included. Animals out on loan are not included.)





BABY Boom

The beginning of any new life is a fragile time for baby and mom but an exciting one for the whole family and community.





Bringing a new baby into the world – whether it has a dorsal fin, hoofs or fur – is a time for joy, especially if it is part of a species that faces true and severe threats of disappearing from the Earth forever.

The Zoo had the pleasure of releasing several birth announcements as numerous new arrivals made “Baby Boom” headlines.

The first birth of 2015 added a third generation dolphin to the Zoo. Calypso was born in April and bonded quickly with her mother Kalei. You can even see Calypso following mom trying to do everything she does. The matriarch of the dolphin pod is Calypso’s grandmother Nova.



Photo: Fred Cate

A terrific trio took center stage during the baby boom of 2015. African lions Zuri and Nyack became first-time parents to two boys (Mashaka and Enzi) and one girl (Sukari). Don’t let the cute factor fool you, they are full of life, strength and energy and have a very patient and strong mother.

The meerkat mob grew by two as the Zoo welcomed its first babies of this species. The males and the females all joined in to take care of the newborns. The youngsters were named Cato and Cashmere from the movie “The Hunger Games,” which is fitting since their mother is named Rue and her sister is Katniss.

A flamingo named Neville was hatched in June and is now part of the flamboyance, which just means he is a member of the flock.

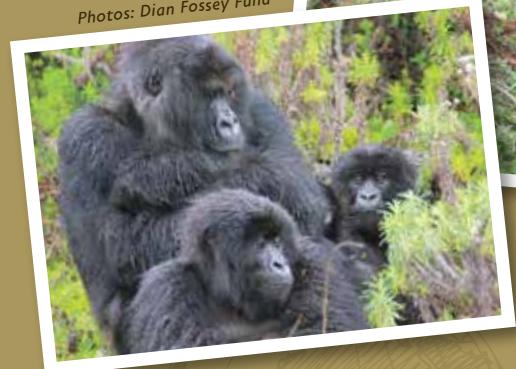
First-time parents Koko and Elliot welcomed baby Kopi into their white-handed gibbon family. The baby’s name is an Indonesian word for “coffee” to match mom’s dark hair.

The herd in Plains grew by two kudu calves. Shani was born in July, and Lulu arrived in September.



Field Report

Photos: Dian Fossey Fund



Report from the Democratic Republic of Congo & Rwanda: *Dian fossey fund*

With the support of important partners like the Indianapolis Zoo, the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund has been able to continue and expand its historic protection and study of gorillas in the wild in Rwanda and Democratic Republic of Congo, in addition to working with local communities and helping to build the next generation of conservationists in Africa. Some highlights from 2015 include:

- » Daily tracking of some 115 mountain gorillas in Rwanda (half the population), through 110,000 person-hours in the field.
- » A 70 percent decrease in snares set in mountain gorilla habitat through expanded anti-poaching efforts.
- » Helping a local community of 20,000 people get their first library and computer access, as well as a new maternity ward at the local clinic.
- » Providing daily protection for Eastern Congo’s Grauer’s gorillas, considered one of the 25 most endangered primates.
- » Delivering conservation education in local schools at all levels, including for every biology student at the University of Rwanda.

INDIANAPOLIS PRIZE

Nominations

More than a decade ago, the Indianapolis Zoo set out to empower proven champions to implement additional conservation action leading to more victories.

This support came in the form of the Indianapolis Prize, the world's leading award for animal conservation. It's an unrestricted cash award.

Every two years, the Indianapolis Zoo invites the global conservation community to offer their thoughts on the heroes who are truly saving the world's endangered wildlife. These remarkable men and women then start their journey toward consideration for the Indianapolis Prize. The vetting process is serious and complex. In August, the Zoo honored 28 of the most courageous conservationists as nominees for the 2016 Indianapolis Prize.

On Oct. 15, 2016, the Winner will receive \$250,000 and the Lilly Medal, which showcases the relationship between people and nature. The iconic animals you see illustrated here are just a few of the awe-inspiring creatures these heroes are working hard to save so future generations will live in a vibrant world full of wondrous wildlife.



COWNOSE RAY:
near threatened



SEAHORSE:
status varies based
on species

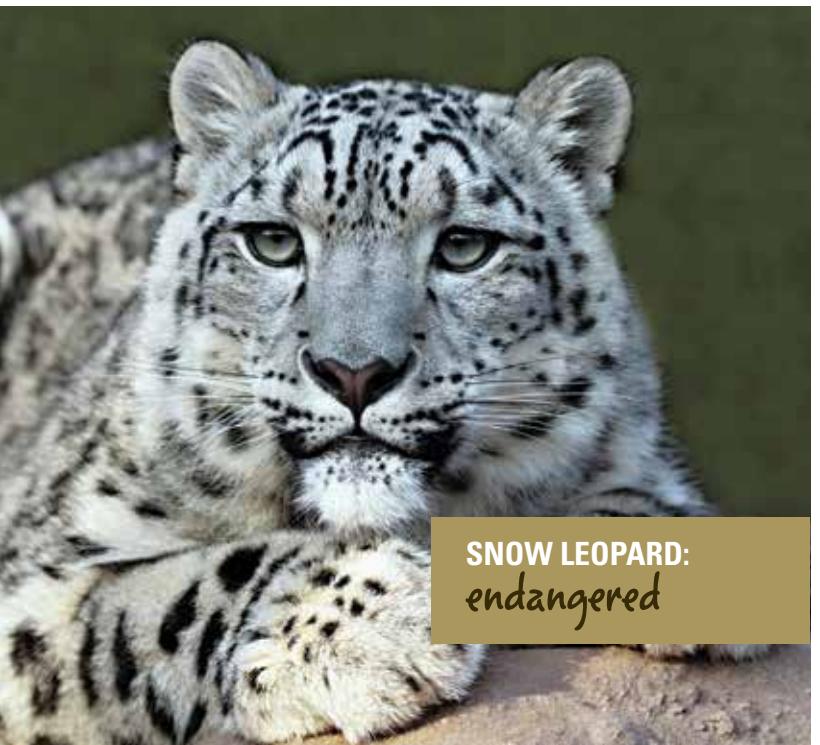


ECHO PARAKEET:
endangered



WHITE RHINOCEROS:
near threatened

Photo: Fred Cate



SNOW LEOPARD:
endangered



MAGELLANIC PENGUINS:
near threatened

Photo: D. Boersma

Field Report

Report from
Northern Congo:
**Goualougo Triangle
Ape Project**



The ongoing goal of the Goualougo Triangle Ape Project (GTAP) is to improve the conservation status of African apes through long-term applied conservation research. Through the support of the Indianapolis Zoo, the GTAP continued to make progress in identifying logging impacts on apes' ecological needs, exploring health threats related to human-ape overlap in forestry concessions, and advancing the professional development of its Congolese staff.



KOALAS & Butterflies



Photo: Fred Cate



Photo: Marine Mammal Care Center

Zoo guests learned a thing or two about a continent and conservation community far, far away and its most iconic animal.

Koalas, native to Australia, took up residence in the Zoo's Forests area. Milo and Thackory munched on eucalyptus and taught guests that yes, koalas really do sleep most of the day and no, they are not bears, rather marsupials, or pouched mammals.

Butterfly Kaleidoscope wowed Zoo visitors with a wash of colors and wings. More than 30 different butterfly species spent their summer in the White River Gardens Conservatory. It was a unique opportunity to watch the transformation of a caterpillar into a butterfly as it emerged from its chrysalis. Butterflies will take flight again in the gardens in the spring of 2017.

FIELD OUTREACH

Stranded Pups

The community of Zoos across North America will quickly jump into action when there is a critical need. The Zoo sent Trainer Alicia Mendez McCarthy to the Marine Mammal Care Center in San Pedro, California, to assist with the large-scale stranding of sea lion pups. McCarthy assisted with the process of rehabilitating multiple species of pinnipeds and then releasing them back into their wild habitat.

Report from the World: International Elephant foundation

Photo: International Elephant Foundation



Because of support from the Indianapolis Zoo and elephant lovers across the globe, in 2015 the International Elephant Foundation was able to safeguard elephants and other wildlife against poachers, expand the forest patrol activities of the elephant Conservation Response Units, alleviate human-elephant conflict, create a genetic insurance policy for big tuskers, fight Elephant Endotheliotropic Herpes Virus, and much more! Together, we are closer than ever to securing a sustainable future for elephants.



2015 Horticulture

31,000 plants and flowers create a lush and inviting welcome to guests in the gardens and throughout the Zoo grounds. The Zoo's horticulture team worked diligently through all four seasons. The staff completed a two-year \$50,000 tree project installing shade trees, completely landscaped the newly renovated lion exhibit, received an Indianapolis Garden Club grant, introduced white morpho butterflies to the conservatory and added mounted orchids to the collection.

EDUCATION**Numbers**

The Zoo's diverse learning community reaches into classrooms and across age groups creating the next generation of scientists and explorers.

74,079 Guests on Field Trips

15,000 Educator eNews subscribers

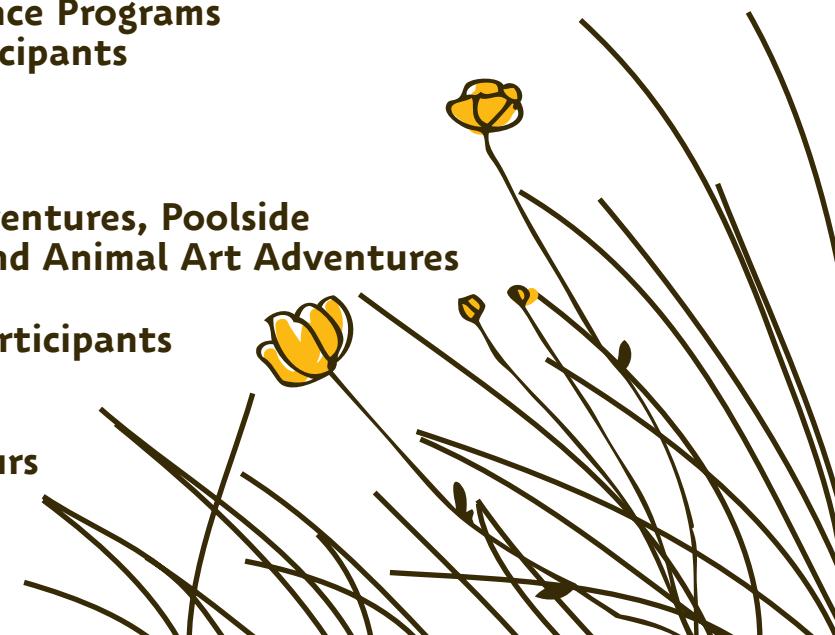
2,586 Campers, Scouts, Science Programs & Student Demo Participants

1,968 Overnight Visitors

1,525 Dolphin In-Water Adventures, Poolside Encounters & Class, and Animal Art Adventures

925 Educator Initiative Participants

400 Guests in Group Behind-the-Scenes Tours



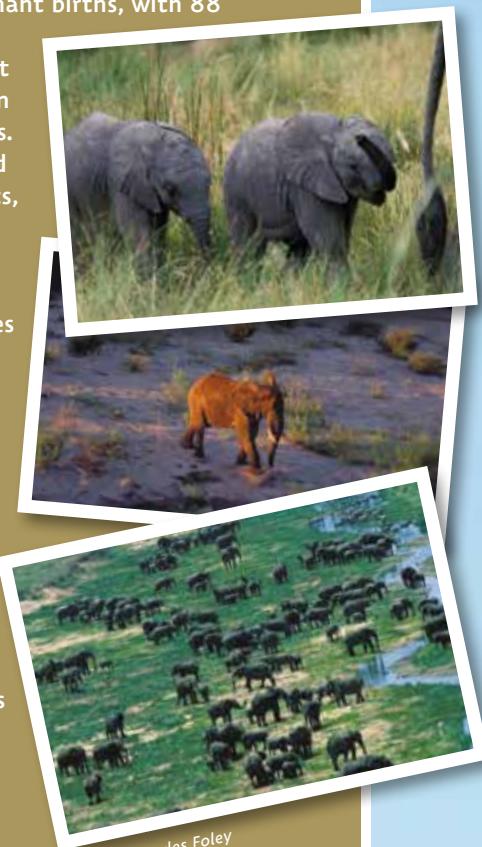
Field Report

Report from Tarangire, Tanzania: **Dr. Charles Foley Elephant Project**

This has been one of our most successful years ever for land conservation in the Tarangire ecosystem. In collaboration with our partners, we were able to protect 420,000 acres of community lands across five different villages. These areas will be used exclusively for livestock grazing and wildlife conservation, and agriculture, settlement and other non-compatible land uses will be prohibited. Conservation of these areas is critical to ensure that the wildlife migration corridors and dispersal areas remain accessible to the wildlife from the National Park.

Despite heavy elephant poaching in other parts of Africa, the Tarangire elephant population continues to thrive. 2015 was a record year for elephant births, with 88 newborns recorded in our study population, which is a testament to the heavy levels of protection afforded the Tarangire elephants. In order to ensure the continued safety of the Tarangire elephants, this year we set up a new rapid response motorbike unit based outside the park, which can respond rapidly to any incidences of poaching.

The Indianapolis Zoo has been a staunch supporter of our project for many years now, and through their generosity we have been able to carry out vital work to protect the Tarangire elephants and their habitat. Tarangire is renowned as one of the best parks in Africa to see large herds of relaxed elephants, and the Indianapolis Zoo can take some of the credit for that.



Photos: Charles Foley





HELPING ENSURE a Cleaner Community

As the first Zoo in the country committed to 100 percent green power, we are continually challenged to find the next innovative way to reduce the Zoo's carbon footprint. The latest project with community partners at Cummins Inc. set a goal to reuse waste and lessen fuel emissions on site. The "Fries to Fuel" project converts oil used in our cafés into biodiesel. That fuel powers some of the vehicles used at the Zoo and creates fewer emissions than traditional petroleum-based fuel.



COMMUNITY Events

The Indianapolis community and the Zoo have a shared common interest and a unified purpose of saving wild things and wild places. Millions of dollars comes into the Zoo through support of community events. This is essential since the Zoo is one of the largest in the country to receive no direct tax dollars. The Zoo would like to thank all the public and private friendships ensuring the success of a record-breaking, fun-making year full of events from Zoobilation, to ZooBoo, to Christmas at the Zoo and many more.

2015 ATTENDANCE: 1,205,400



2015 Volunteers

Those who give graciously of their talents, energy and time are considered an integral part of the Zoo's community and family.

Whether it's the naturalist who sparks the first love of animals in a child's heart or the hundreds of dedicated people who help care for our wildlife, the Zoo's band of animal enthusiasts provided more than 56,000 hours of volunteer service.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES	HOURS	PEOPLE
COLLECTIONS		
Animal Care	28,153	323
Horticulture	1,985	36
Research/Observations	1,043	42
EDUCATION		
Interpretation/Programs	13,978	248
Training/Orientation	956	286
ADMINISTRATIVE/EVENTS		
Organizational Assistants	2,982	50
Guest Services	994	91
Special Events	4,929	682
Character Mascots	549	31
PROFESSIONAL		
Veterinarian	1,248	6
TOTAL	56,817	925
TOTAL VOLUNTEERS WITH SERVICE IN 2015		

AVERAGE HOURS WORKED PER INDIVIDUAL EACH YEAR
61 Hours

FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT
27 Employees



Field Report



Photo: Anne Russon

Report from East Kalimantan, Indonesia: Orangutan Kutai Project

The Indianapolis Zoo's Dr. Rob Shumaker visited both our field sites in August 2015. During his visit, he also met with the head of the Kutai National Park Office to discuss how the Indianapolis Zoo can contribute to conservation in the park. The Zoo has increased its support for our project, from \$25,000 to \$50,000

annually. We are greatly honored, and indeed overwhelmed, with this support. It is one of the main reasons that we are able to support work at two sites within Kutai NP, Bendili and the Prevab. As agreed with the Zoo and the Kutai NP Office, we will be planting 200 trees. We are continuing to wait on planting until weather conditions are suitable. We have a small nursery of saplings for planting, so we should be able to go ahead once conditions are good.



Photo: Anne Russon



Photo: Kerry Best

Report from Costa Rica: The ARA Project

Photo: Stephanie Cope



With the support of the Indianapolis Zoo, we've been able to build eight fantastic new aviaries for our Great-green Macaws in Costa Rica. Three pairs have already been investigating their nest boxes, so we are now eagerly anticipating breeding attempts. Their offspring will be released back

into the wild here in Costa Rica, augmenting the population of this endangered species. We've also built and installed 10 nest barrels for our released population of Scarlet macaws. Using special climbing equipment, we've been able to install these barrels high up in trees and just as with the Great-greens the Scarlet pairs have wasted no time in checking them out. It's an extremely exciting time for us, and we can't wait to see when the birds will lay eggs!



REAL FOOD Certification

Commitment to the quality of food served at the Zoo has earned the Café on the Commons and the Seasonal Farm-to-Table stand an award for healthy, sustainable foods by the U.S. Healthful Food Council. This "Real Certification" is the first time any restaurant in any state or any Zoo has received the honor. Centerplate, the Zoo's exclusive caterer, reaches out to the area community to serve local products, humanely raised meat and seasonal produce whenever possible.

PARTNERSHIPS & Providence Cristo Rey Kids, Clowes fellow & Harlan Vet



Local partnerships ensure the next generation of conservationists is prepared and energized for its future. The Zoo is committed to helping create lifelong impact for students. Meet Alex, Elza and Olivia, students at Providence Cristo Rey High School, who experienced professional development through the Zoo's corporate work study program. Through support of Zoo donors to help with tuition, these students received real-world experience by working in education, human resources and the veterinary hospital.

The Zoo also welcomed its fourth Clowes Fellow, Emma Marston, an IUPUI student pursuing her master's degree. Emma expanded her knowledge and experience during this long-term internship in our education department, while focusing on exhibit development and evaluation.

The Indianapolis Zoo has one of the highest veterinarian to animal ratios of any Zoo in North America. The vet staff is made even stronger with the extraordinary support through the Harlan Family Internship Program. Obtaining the best and brightest in the field, the Zoo's veterinary intern, Dr. Rebekah Riedel, led significant research initiatives, improved species wellness and enhanced animal conservation efforts. The Harlan internship also helps the Zoo stay on top of cutting-edge advancements and gain insight from premier university programs.



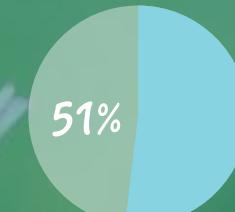
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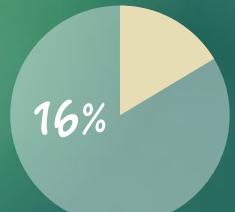
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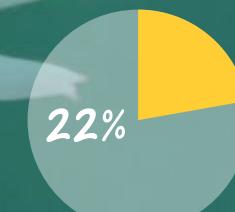
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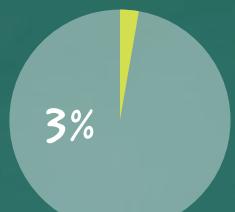
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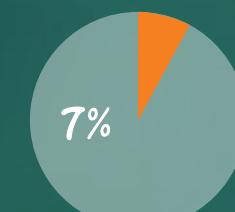
CONTRIBUTIONS



MEMBERSHIP



OTHER



NET ASSETS
RELEASED FROM
RESTRICTIONS



INVESTMENT
INCOME

Field Report

Report from Namibia: Cheetah Conservation fund



Photo: Terence Malloy

In 2015, the Cheetah Conservation Fund (CCF) placed its 650th Livestock Guarding Dog with Namibian farmers, dogs that are specially trained to guard farm animals and deter predators on farmlands. The most effective non-lethal method for controlling predation available, CCF Livestock Guarding Dogs are credited with saving hundreds of cheetah lives since the program began in 1994. The continuing support of the Indianapolis Zoo has helped make it possible for CCF to assist in launching sister Livestock Guarding Dog programs in Botswana, South Africa and Tanzania, as part of a range-wide strategy for ensuring the long-term survival of the cheetah.

2015 also marked the organization's 25th anniversary, making CCF the longest-running and most successful cheetah conservation program in existence. The support of the Indianapolis Zoo is key to CCF's survival, both through grants and its role in educating the public about the cheetah conservation crisis.

SUPPORT & REVENUE

Earned Revenue	\$ 14,880,955
Contributions	\$ 4,780,233
Membership	\$ 6,446,486
Investment Income	\$ 27,818
Other	\$ 850,449
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	\$ 2,121,440
TOTAL SUPPORT & REVENUE	\$ 29,107,381

EXPENSES

Operations	\$ 20,546,528
Management & General	\$ 2,088,444
Membership Development	\$ 724,211
Fundraising	\$ 2,007,528
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 25,366,711



OTHER CHANGES

Loss on Disposal of Fixed Assets	\$ (119,407)
Net realized and Unrealized Gains on Investments	\$ —
Net Assets Released for Capital Projects	\$ 868,804
CHANGE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	\$ (1,113,604)

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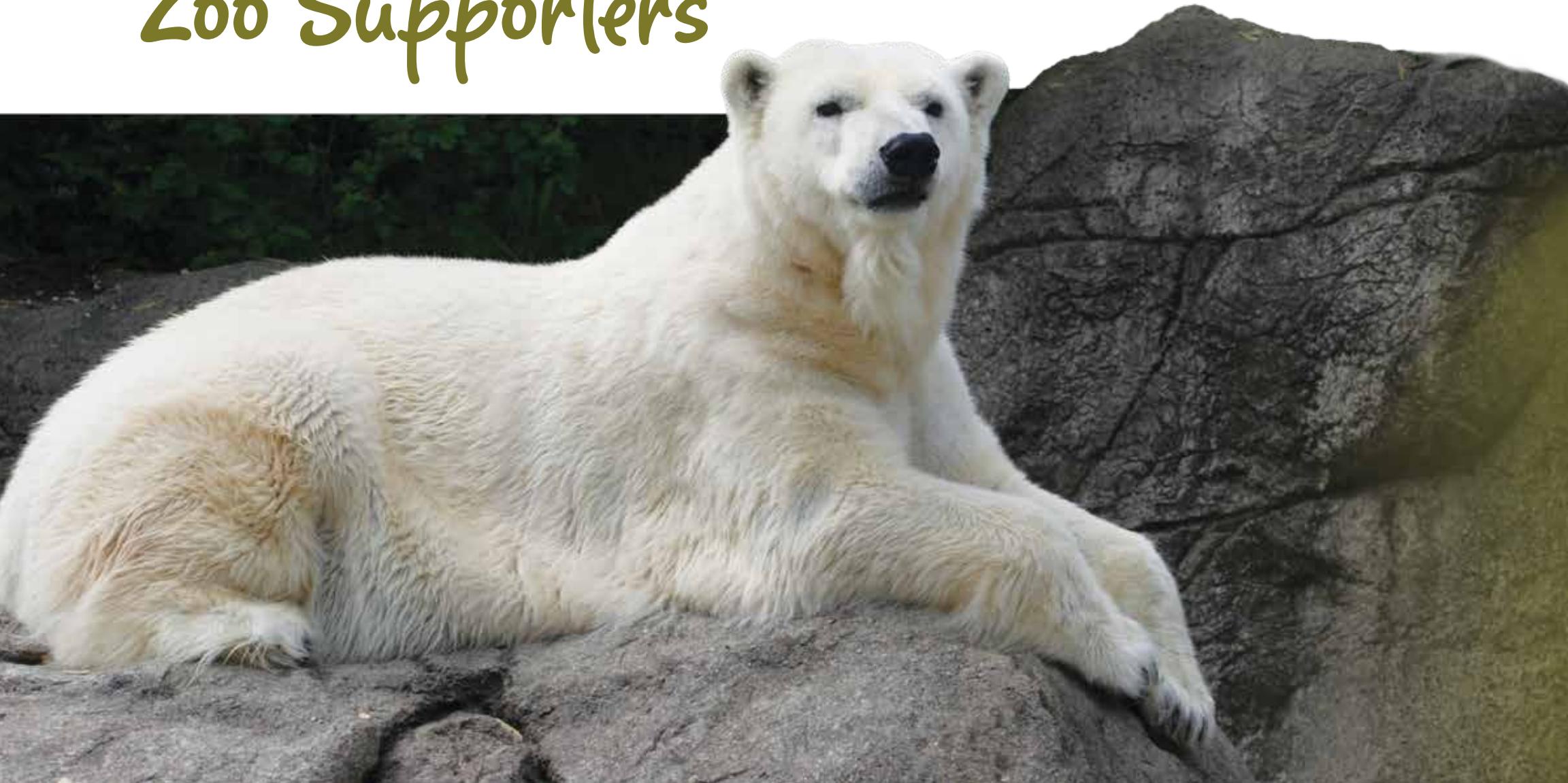
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As we look back on another successful year, I'm reminded of why I was drawn toward being part of the Indianapolis Zoo in the first place. The enthusiasm to the mission was infectious. The fervor to save wild things and wild places clearly drives this team to seek measurable ways to advance animal conservation and effectively execute the mission.

We've heard through this Annual Report from the people who are embedded on the front lines of animal conservation – tracking mountain gorillas in the jungles of Rwanda, securing a sustainable future for elephants in Tanzania or protecting orangutan habitat throughout Indonesia. Their stories of success, based on support from the Indianapolis Zoo, show us that a city tucked away in the heartland of the U.S. can outstretch its arms to the other side of the world and truly make impactful change – make a real difference in animal conservation.

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