



## **ZSL Prince Philip Zoological Library & Archives**

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Welcome to the Zoological Society of London Library & Archives, containing a unique resource of books and journals about animals and their conservation.

We use our collections to inspire, inform and empower people to stop wild animals going extinct.

### **Subject Scope**

ZSL Library general concentrates on collecting and retaining material on animal conservation, biodiversity and zoology.

- Conservation and biodiversity with emphasis on animals, including:
  - Climate and environmental change
  - Conservation techniques including population management and genetics
  - Habitat and species conservation (concentrating on areas of CP and Zoos' activity)
  - Wildlife trade

- Wild animal management *in situ* and *ex situ*, including:
  - Husbandry and welfare
  - Population biology
  - Relevant veterinary science
  - Wildlife disease
- Zoo management, including history, design and ethics
- History of zoology (particularly of ZSL)
- History of zoologists (particularly ZSL Fellows and former Fellows)
- Taxonomy & systematic zoology
- Descriptive zoology
- Regional & distributional zoology concentrating on areas of CP's activity
- Ecology
- Animal behaviour
- Evolution (in relation to biodiversity and conservation)

There is an overlap and interlinking with these subject headings but broadly they can be considered as core subjects (main headings) and associated subjects (sub-headings). Within the core subjects, essential and selected works only are acquired and ZSL Library does not attempt to cover comprehensively every aspect. The acquisition of associated subjects is even more selective.

Foreign language material is collected on a selective basis with the concentration on material which is not available in English.

ZSL Library tries to reflect the diversity of the animal kingdom, though the emphasis must be on non-domestic animals.

Both popular and academic relevant material is collected and retained.

## **Donations**

ZSL Library welcomes donations of material particularly if they fall within our subject scope or are of historical importance. ZSL Library will not necessarily retain donated material particularly if it duplicates existing holdings and may dispose or sell. If sold, funds raised will be used to purchase new materials for the Library.

Photographs of animals in the collections dating from the 1940s and 1950s are particularly welcome as long as ZSL is permitted to use the images.

Potential donations are carefully assessed by the Library Team as donations impact on the work of the team, housing of the items and have implications on storage.

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