



Knowsley Safari Conservation and Research

Research Policy

Mission: To connect communities with the natural world for the benefit of future generations

1. All research must be compatible with the organisations mission statement. Priority will be given to projects in areas of specific interest to Knowsley Safari – available from <http://www.knowsleysafariexperience.co.uk/conservation-research/>
2. The subject of the research must aim to benefit individual animals, species, habitats, and/or the organisation in some way. Approval cannot be given to projects not logistically feasible, not scientifically valid or that require a Home Office License.
3. All research undertaken must be assessed and approved to ensure scientific and ethical validity, to ensure animal welfare is not compromised and that the research complies with relevant UK and EU regulations. In accordance with the Zoo Licensing Act 1981, all research carried out is subject to ethical review.
4. During the application process we reserve the right to offer your project title to another researcher should you not contact us for four consecutive weeks without explanation.
5. KSP reserves the right to terminate a research project if dissatisfied with researchers conduct and may seek to publish any data collected independently.
6. All reports should fully acknowledge the involvement of Knowsley Safari.
7. All research must be reported in full and Knowsley Safari advised in advance of publication plans. Publication in peer-reviewed journals or conference proceedings is encouraged. Copies of any publications acknowledging Knowsley Safari are to be provided upon acceptance.
8. All images, videos, interviews, samples and data collected during a study remain copyright of Knowsley Safari and authorisation should be sought prior to publication.
9. A copy of all raw data appropriately annotated to allow independent interpretation must be provided to the Research and Conservation Officer on completion of the study.
10. Knowsley Safari will be informed, and must approve, prior to the transfer of any samples, research materials or confidential information to a third party for research or any other purpose.
11. Where studies involve human participants, Knowsley Safari requires researchers to consider the ethical implications of their project and ensure that data from such research is processed in accordance with the data protection act 1998.
12. Any PR activities or communication with the media must be managed in consultation with Knowsley Safari. Any behind the scenes photos or images must have the consent of Knowsley Safari before being published.
13. Researchers must ensure they sign in and out with our admissions team for each visit and agree to follow any health and safety guidelines set out for them by staff at Knowsley Safari.
14. Knowsley Safari will not be held responsible for any problems arising from research carried out on site.
15. A supporting letter from the BIAZA Research Group should be submitted for any multi-institutional studies.
16. The researcher must cover all costs relating to the project.
17. It is strongly advised that zoo research guidelines available from <http://www.biaza.org.uk/Research/research-resources/research-guidance/> should be consulted for information on how to conduct research at Knowsley Safari.