

WILD WAYS – A fantastic opportunity for conservation communication across cultures.

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Perth Zoo Education is keen to begin a program that creates links between student in Australia and Asia and that raises awareness about conservation in both regions.

Zoo Education staff together with the Art specialist staff from the Education Department of Western Australia has developed a program called **Wild Ways**. This is a two-day youth workshop to develop artwork for an international art exhibition involving zoos in Australia and Asia.

Already in Perth, the Australian inaugural workshop has taken place.

Teachers in schools were invited to select 2 students from their school in the 12 – 15 year old range to be part of **Wild Ways** who were interested in conservation and art

The limit is a group of 30.

Students came to the zoo for two days, receiving information from the zookeepers about the threats facing animals and habitats in Asia and Australia.

Students then participated in an art workshop, to create a passionate piece of art fostering concern and action. The students are challenged to think of ways to contribute to conservation in practical ways through their school and community.

The artworks are now complete and ready to be shared with schools and the general public in your region.

Perth Zoo Education would love to offer Zoos and National Parks in South Asia -- India, Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka -- to be involved in running a **Wild Ways** workshop and exhibition in your region. We have already developed a support kit including student registration procedures, excursion forms, learning resource samples and two-day program that we can provide zoo education staff and art teachers in your region.

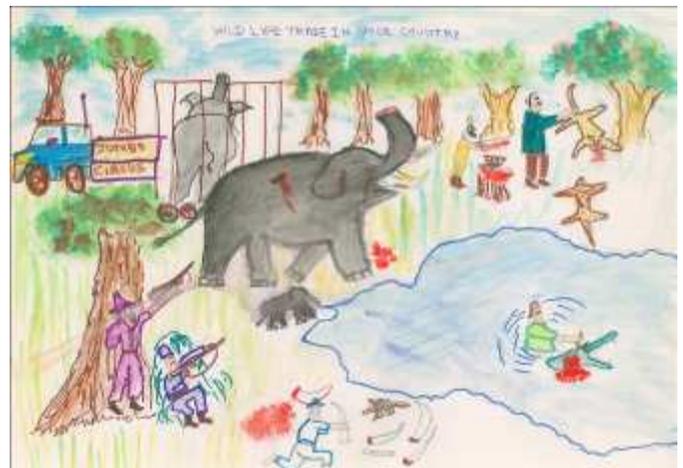
We are ready to put our **Wild Ways** exhibition together. Once your artwork is complete it can be sent to and exhibited at Perth Zoo and then our artwork, together with yours can be sent back to your Zoo for viewing. We are also investigating a website for this project so this artwork can reach more people.

What would your Zoo's involvement be?

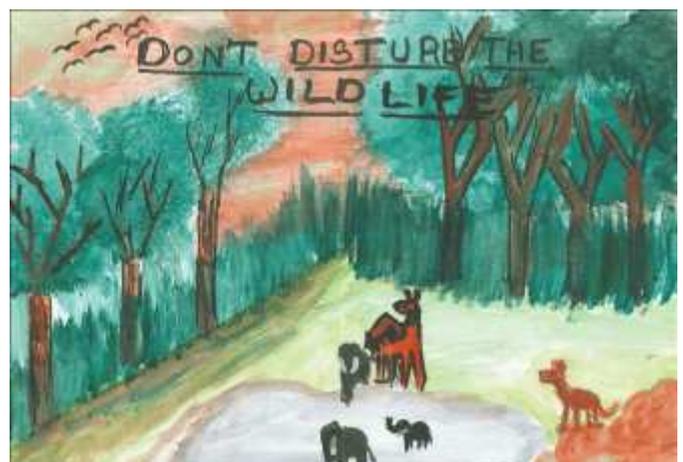
- To indicate your commitment to be involved
- To designate a contact person at your Zoo to liaise with Perth Zoo Education Staff
- To organise and facilitate the workshops by:
 - Send out registration forms to schools
 - To receive registrations from students
 - providing Zoo staff to share their knowledge with students
 - To arrange for an art teacher to run the art component of the workshop

- To collate art works for a display – to be labelled and laminated and sent to Perth Zoo
- To organise a suitable time and place for the exhibition back at your Zoo
- To liaise with Australian **Wild Ways** staff about a collaborative exhibition

We believe that this project will increase global understanding of threats facing endangered species and motivation for greater conservation action. We also believe it could be the beginning of conservation partnerships between students in our regions. I look forward to hearing from interested and committed zoos.



Wildlife Trade in your country
by Jayavel, Student of RVS Matl. School, Sular, Tamilnadu



Don't disturb the Wildlife
by Radesh Krishnan, Student of KV School, Sular, Tamilnadu

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