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Dear Parent/Carer

Your child has shown an interest in attending a conference (the biodiversity of Africa), at Edinburgh Zoo on Wednesday 7th December. They will need to bring either a packed lunch, or money to buy their lunch at the Zoo. The students will need to be in sensible clothes, including suitable footwear and waterproof jacket as they will be spending time outside.

We will be leaving the Zoo at approximately 3.30pm, this means we will not be back for the school buses. The minibus will be travelling along the coast road, so it will be possible to drop students off on the way, with your permission.

I have attached the green consent form and information on the day.

This is an excellent opportunity to develop pupils' knowledge of the significance of different aspects of biodiversity and explore other issues, including conservation.

Please complete and return the slip below and the form overleaf by Tuesday 15th November.

Yours sincerely

Joanne Bloomfield

My son/daughter _____ class _____

is able to attend the Global Classroom conference at Edinburgh Zoo on Wednesday 7th December 2015.

I **give/do not** give my permission for my child to be dropped off in _____ on the way back to school. I **do/do not** give permission for Edinburgh Zoo to take photographs.

Signature of parent/carer _____ Date _____

**EAST LoTHIAN COUNCIL
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

PARENTAL CONSENT FORM

Excursion:	Edinburgh Zoo Conference.....	Reg Class	Date of birth
Name of participant		Age	
Home Address			
Telephone number(s) Home		Work	
Alternative for use in emergency			
In the event of an emergency, it is important that the person in charge of the group has the necessary information about any medical condition which could affect the participation or treatment of your child/ward. All information requested will be treated in strict confidence, and will not necessarily prejudice the inclusion of your child in the activity. It is in the interests of your child that full and accurate information be given and that you notify us of any change in circumstances which might affect participation.			
Has your child/ward had recent surgery or been in contact with any infectious or contagious disease?			
Has your child/ward any known allergy (eg to penicillin)?			
If your child/ward is currently undergoing treatment by a Doctor please give details including medication?			
Has your child/ward received a tetanus injection within the last 10 years?			
Has your child/ward any medical condition which a doctor should know about before carrying out treatment (eg Asthma)			
Is there any activity in which your child may not participate?			
Is there any additional information we should have? (Travel sickness, bedwetting, diet, diabetes, etc?)			
Name of Family Doctor		Tel No	
Address			
For water-based activities only			
I certify that my child/ward cannot swim / can swim 50 metres / is confident in cold water wearing a buoyancy aid. (Ring as appropriate)			
Signature		Date	
Insurance Information			
East Lothian Council Public Liability Insurance will meet claims resulting from accidental injury or damage to property if it is proved it was caused as a result of negligence on the part of the Council or a Council employee.			
Participants wishing to obtain cover for personal accident and Third Party Liability are advised to contact an insurance company or broker.			
Declaration			
I have read the information issued concerning the activity and the statement of insurance. I understand the nature of the activity/activities to be undertaken and consider my child/ward fit to take part. He/She does not suffer from any medical condition not stated above. I hereby consent to the submission of the above named to emergency medical or surgical treatment including the administration of anaesthetic or blood transfusion as considered necessary by the medical authorities present.			
Name (Block Capitals)		Parent/Guardian	
Signature		Date	

Global Classroom Conference



Biodiversity of Africa

Workshop Details



09.30: Registration Opens

10.00: Introduction to Day - Blair Cockburn, Education Officer, RZSS

10.15: Keynote Speech - Fred Babweteera, Director Budongo Conservation Field Station, RZSS

10.45: Workshop 1

11.25 Break

11.40: Workshop 2

12.20: Lunch

13.20: Workshop 3

14.00: Workshop 4

14.40: Round-up & Feedback

15.00: End of Day



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Workshop Details

Each pupil will take part in every workshop. Workshops will be designed to encourage students to discover the real world significance of different aspects of biodiversity in the curriculum through investigation of various RZSS conservation projects as case studies.

WORKSHOP A — Species Diversity of Africa:

A rhino horn has been discovered being smuggled into Scotland and it is your student's job to discover where in the world this crime has occurred. Based on RZSS work against wildlife crime conducted by our WildGenes genetics lab at Edinburgh Zoo, the students will look at not just physical evidence but genetic evidence, to distinguish between rhino species to track down where the poached rhino horn originated.

WORKSHOP B — Genetic Diversity of Africa:

Students will investigate the importance of genetic diversity through a case study of captive breeding programmes undertaken by zoos internationally. The workshop will investigate the importance of genetic diversity and how it can be conserved through population management techniques.

WORKSHOP C — Ecosystem Diversity of Africa:

By taking part in an interactive trail around our zoo, students will discover about RZSS conservation programmes in different distinct ecosystems across Africa. For each ecosystem (wetland, grassland, desert and rainforest), students will learn more of ex-situ conservation efforts at Edinburgh Zoo in the form of captive breeding programmes as well as current in-situ conservation programmes in the natural habitat conducted by RZSS.

WORKSHOP D — Threats to Biodiversity in Africa:

Students will have the chance to meet an animal being threatened by human activity in African rainforests, and identify the reasons that this and other species are being driven towards extinction in this interactive workshop.

